



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

40 North Main Avenue, Albany, New York 12203

### Concerning the Sacred Triduum

*(In the time of COVID-19)*

**March 30, 2020**

As was given in the Timely Instructions of March 21, 2020, Masses should be celebrated by the priest alone and not at a usual time; in other words, all public Masses with the faithful physically present within the worship are suspended. The purpose of this is to ensure that people do not gather, as well as maintaining all other health and governmental directives.

Since all health and governmental directives remain in place, this suspension continues and includes the celebrations of the Sacred Triduum; in other words, **all public liturgies of the Sacred Triduum with the faithful physically present within the worship continue to be suspended (inclusive of Easter Sunday).**

Where possible, when these liturgies are offered by the priest alone, livestreaming may be encouraged, provided that all health and governmental directives are observed. Moreover, the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with Bishop Scharfenberger presiding (the livestream will be available on the diocesan website: [www.rcda.org/livestream](http://www.rcda.org/livestream) and on the diocesan Facebook page). The schedule of liturgies will be published shortly.

**With the express approval of Bishop Scharfenberger, given at the Chancery: March 30, 2020**



*We are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love  
and to bring Christ's healing presence to our world.*