

On Sunday, March 15, we received permission from the family that Rita Fusco-Jackson, a St. Robert Bellarmine parishioner who died last week, had tested positive for COVID-19. Rita was involved in both the parish choir and our religious education program.

After a review of the last 2 weeks, we have determined that the participation in church activities by members of this family was minimal.

- Rita was a teacher in the Confirmation Program and was in attendance at the Retreat held on February 29th. She was in the 2nd shift of teacher volunteers and was a hall monitor. Her contact with retreat participants was minimal.
- Another family member is a 5th grade teacher at the Tuesday 4:15 session. She has been self-quarantined. She was not in class this week.
- Two students both members of the same family, also attend the Tuesday 4:15 session. They have been self-quarantined and were not in class this week.
- All were a-symptomatic prior to being quarantined.
- We will advise those classes directly affected.

We have an open line of communication with the Freehold Township Department of Health and will continue to monitor the situation keep you apprised.

The Monmouth County Health Department is available to answer questions and assist anyone who believe that they or members of their family had been in close contact with Mrs. Jackson in recent weeks. Please contact them at 732-431-7456.

I ask that every member of the parish please remember the Fusco-Jackson family in their prayers as they deal with the loss of Rita and for all who have been impacted by COVID-19 here in the parish and throughout the nation.

Please note Bishop's statement regarding Confirmations; **"ALL PARISH CONFIRMATIONS ARE TEMPORARILY POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER EASTER. PLEASE INFORM DREs AND PARISHIONERS. WE CAN WORK OUT A REVISED SCHEDULE LATER."** We will keep you apprised.