**SAMPLE EMAIL TO PARISHIONERS**

**Praying for You**

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into the Easter season and continue to work through all of the challenges due to COVID-19, I’m checking in to see how you are doing?

I hope you are well. During times like this it is important to care for one another and keep our focus on the Lord. He is our refuge and will see us through the most difficult times. While we may no longer be able to worship together in person, I continue to pray for you and your loved ones.

I am grateful we have ways to virtually connect through social media. If you haven’t had the opportunity, through our parish <<Facebook page link, website link>> I invite you to join me for Mass. Now more than ever we need prayers for healing, comfort and hope for all those affected by COVID-19.

During a crisis sometimes families come to our parish looking for help with basic needs such as rent, groceries and medications. Your weekly or monthly support of the parish makes it possible for us to care for these families in need and carry out the ministries of our parish.

I am grateful that many of you who regularly give at Mass have begun to mail your check to us or have set up credit card or electronic fund transfers. Some of you have given through <<website>>. Please know how grateful I am for you and your abundant support of our parish.

If you have any questions or are in need of prayers, please call me at <<phone number>> or email me at <<email link>>. I look forward to when we will be able to worship together again in person. Until then, may God bless you and your loved ones abundantly during this Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Name of Pastor