

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

UPDATE

OCTOBER 18, 2020

As ALWAYS if you are feeling ill in any way, cough, sneezing, or temperature, please do not come to church.

Daily Mass is now offered two mornings per week on Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 AM. Masks must be worn.

The Church is open daily Monday – Thursday 8am-2pm. Office hours are Monday –Friday 9-4. There is also a safe and secure drop off box (brown) located on the outside of the office. You may use that to drop off any notes or your budget if you wish.

Our attendance for Masses this past weekend were--at the 4 pm Mass, 129, at the 8 am Mass 126 and at the 10:30 Mass 142. We are grateful for all who have been able to attend Mass, however if you cannot, we will continue to live stream the Sunday 10:30 Mass.

Our Masses are Saturday 4 pm and Sunday at 8am and 10:30am. Masks must be worn during Mass. Communion will be at the end of Mass. After you receive Communion, you should exit the church. Live streaming of Mass is on Sunday at 10:30 through our website at www.stgregorychurchri.com

RCIA INFORMATION!

Have you been Confirmed? Baptized? Received First Communion? If the answer is NO, perhaps the RCIA is for you. (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please call the office at (401) 884-1666 and leave your contact information with Linda Malafrente or Jill Swider. A member of the RCIA team will be in touch.

This years' **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be moved to 9:00 am. This is possible because there is no football game on Thanksgiving Day.

We have to look to future planning, especially for our Christmas celebration. As far as we can tell, there will not be much of a change in restrictions because of COVID-19. Therefore, we will be taking the following steps in regards to Christmas Masses.

- a. There will be six Masses. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4pm upstairs, 4 pm downstairs and 11pm upstairs. Christmas Day Masses will be 7:30 am, 9am and 11 am.
- b. Each Mass is restricted to 220 people, per order of the COVID restrictions.
- c. We will institute a reservation/ticket procedure for each Mass.
- d. Reservations may be made beginning November 6st by calling the office. All tickets will need to be picked up at the office. No admittance without a ticket.

e. All parishioners will be informed by mail with more detailed information by November 1st.

We need to put this process in place because otherwise large numbers of people would show up and there would be no room and people would have to be turned away.

We are truly grateful for your financial generosity to keep our parish afloat. I am overwhelmed by your support to keep us financially secure.

In closing, we pray that everyone keeps safe, listens to the medical community, continues to pray, and is kind and loving to one another.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Alfred Ricci