

## **Temporary Inconvenience-Permanent Improvement**

Dear Friends,

What a great thought to hold on to as we begin needed renovations at St. Paul Church (Stone Harbor) of our Parish.

From October 2, 2023 until possibly Holy Week (maybe sooner—God willing) of 2024, *St. Paul Church* will be *temporarily closed* due to several projects that will happen, namely, some new roofing on certain sections, a new handicapped ramp with the special doors needed for entrance/exit, and the renovation of the foyer of the church which includes new ADA compliant bathrooms and leveling out the floor for the entire foyer.

There are many details involved in these projects and it is a liability for us to hold any services in the church while all this is happening.

I ask for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as these projects ensue, and as we hold all Masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms at Maris Stella and Sacred Heart Churches of our Parish. Actually, Sacred Heart will be used for the Baptisms and Weddings already scheduled there. Everything else will be at Maris Stella as it has the greatest capacity.

Some have asked if we could have Mass in Quinn Hall in Stone Harbor and the answer to that, given by the Bishop, is that we have two other churches in the parish, so having Mass in the Hall is out of the question.

We are also planning for a few renovations at Maris Stella in late 2024 or beginning of 2025, so the same scenario will happen at that time...all Masses (services) will be at Saint Paul and Sacred Heart.

All of our parish projects/renovations are funded by YOUR GENEROSITY! Thank you so very much! We, as a parish, are better because of YOU!

## Our Regular Weekday and Weekend Mass Schedule from October 2, 2023 until further notice will be:

- Weekday Mass—Monday to Saturday—8 AM at Maris Stella Church (Confessions after Saturday AM Mass.)
- Weekend Masses—Vigil, Saturday, 4:30 PM at Maris Stella Church. Confessions from 3:30-4:00 PM.
- Sunday, 7:30 AM (Quiet Mass,) 9:00 AM (Livestream,) and 10:30 AM, Maris Stella Church.

Mass intentions already scheduled for St. Paul Church during this temporary halting of services, will now be scheduled for the nearest Mass time occurring at Maris Stella Church.

Thank you again, in advance, for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. I look forward to seeing the beautiful renovations of St. Paul Church of our Parish and I look forward to you seeing them as well. Please remember: Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement.

Blessings, prayers, and love

~Fr. Bill Kelly, Pastor

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