

Ascension Thursday, May 21, 2020

I'm pleased to announce a few positive changes for the coming week!

**The Opportunity for Confession on Sundays:**

Public availability for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin **Sunday, May 24** in the shrine area of church following guidelines for social distancing and wearing masks. Confession availability will be from 8:30-9:15am and 10:15-11:00am.

This is in anticipation that public Sunday and daily Masses will begin on Saturday, June 6.

This will be the confession schedule until we return to a typical weekend sacramental schedule with public Masses.

Two factors are foremost concerning the start date for public Masses: the first is guidelines from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the second is our ability to clean and sanitize church to the standards needed for multiple gatherings in succession on a single day.

**Office Hours Increased:**

Parish office hours will be increased to five days a week as of May 26. Office hours will be **Monday-Thursday and Sunday from 8:30am-noon**. The office will be closed on Friday and Saturday. Parish staff are typically working from home but are very responsive to email and phone messages for your needs.

**Seminarian Internship**

We are pleased that St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has asked our parish to welcome a seminarian for his summer pastoral assignment. Philip Cheung, a Philadelphia seminarian who has completed three years out of seven for priestly formation, will join us for the summer. His assignment will be from Saturday, June 6 to August 2. We welcome Philip and hope that his internship will be mutually beneficial for the parishioners he serves and his priestly formation and identity. We continue to pray for all seminarians including Philip, Sean Phillips, Ed Town and Henry Graebe, and that our youth may respond to God's call to a religious vocation.

Praying for your intentions and good health. Blessings,

*Fr. Robert McDermott*