

Council update, 6/9/2020

When will this all end?

We will begin an early morning communion service on July 1 with Dc. Philip Moore. It will be at 6:30 AM for workers.

Finances are still up and we are doing fine. Monies are somewhat down since we opened up; not sure why that is, but we're still doing fine.

Attendance for the first return to Mass was around 330 people (MANY more watching on streamed Mass at 11:00 and 1:00 (Spanish) Masses.) 2<sup>nd</sup> week, up to over 600. Our third week dropped back into the 500's.

We plan on returning to the regular schedule of Masses in July since there doesn't seem to be a great need for 3 morning Masses on Sunday. Return to 8:30, 11:00 1:00 Spanish and 5:00 PM Mass, with of course, the 5:00 Saturday Vigil

Knights are doing a great job of planting, laying down wood chips and preparing to install over 100 pavers in front of the Marian statue on the Rosary walk. Also, preparations are beginning on placing a flagpole in the front of the church. Lighting on the pole will allow for 24 hour flying of the flag.

20 RCIA recipients received into the church on May 31, Pentecost Sunday.

29 First Communicant receivers on June 6, with the remainder receiving on June 20. Both Masses at 2:00 and streamed on the website.

We are splitting the education program up to better address formation. Dc. Philip Moore is the DRE for our Faith Formation through 8<sup>9</sup><sup>th</sup> grade (Confirmation). Dc. CJ is heading up RCIA in a team effort. We will be expanding the RCIA team to include other presenters. Registration for both programs will be available on the website and can be sent in electronically. We will again, have to have two streams of education for our young people. 9:45 and 12:00.

Confirmation is still on hold. The person in charge of scheduling is isolated due to Covid 19. However, it still looks like Sept. before this can happen.

Gina Taddeo is taking on registration, scheduling, procuring teachers, class rosters, and attendance for the Faith Formation.

We continue to grow electronically with Alaina Switzer helping out and Nancy Martinez has taken on providing music information to our new license provider. Music now has to be printed out in the bulletin (requiring a license) since we had to take up books due to Covid 19. Also, music has to be documented that is live streamed (requiring a license). It is an added fee, but not too bad when broken down monthly. When we get back to hymnals, we can eliminate some of the license fees. (I know, it sounds crazy.....I know).

We are looking for individuals to assist with running the camera for live streaming of Masses. It is VERY SIMPLE: push start/push end. Although with a little training you can do more adjustment. This will be a new ministry with a rotating schedule sent out just as we do our lectors and EM's. If you know of anyone, or yourself that can help.....that would help a lot!

We wait to hear from the Diocese as to meetings on church property; hopefully LONG before our education begins.

It looks like a long time before all of this gets over with. Thanks for your patience.

If you know of anyone who needs any kind of help in our family, there is the Helping Hands on the website or call me.

Fr. Jerry

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