

Dear Parishioners,

July 19, 2020

This is our **one-month anniversary** of being back to a more normal parish schedule and, believe me, it has been a real joy to see so many of you at our daily and Sunday Masses. We are very grateful to our head usher, Mark Albert, and his team of men who have been so faithful (and flexible) in serving our Sunday Masses over the past four weeks. Interested in being an **Usher** (official greeter)? Please contact Mark or else speak with me.

We have been working hard to schedule, or re-schedule, our **Baptisms**, and so, if you have been putting it off, now would be a good time to call our office and reserve a date [845-735-7405]. At present, we are scheduling a maximum of just two families on any given date. The **Rite of Christian Burial** has now been fully restored with the availability of wake services, Funeral Masses and Burials.

Now would be a good time to call our office and inquire about **Memorial Masses** for those who passed away during our earlier Covid-19 restrictions. Think of a Memorial Mass as a “funeral mass” with all of the dignity of music and singing. Cremains may be placed in the aisle with a photo of the deceased and some flowers. If desired, a guest sign-in book may be placed in the rear of the Church with prayer cards. If there are no cremains, a table with a photo of the deceased along with flowers may be placed on a table in the main aisle.

**Confessions** continue to be conducted in the parish meeting room in order to provide for safe social distancing. (Our traditional Church Reconciliation Room is inadequate.) *Beginning August 5th*, we will return to our original 4:30 –5:15pm Confession.

Finally, as always, we are very grateful for the ongoing sacrifices from those of you whose personal means allow you to give your financial support to our beautiful parish during these trying times. Financially, we may be down but not out! Please continue to pray for your priests and deacon and for all of our fellow parishioners and their families. You are always in our prayers, every day!

God bless you. Prayerfully in Christ,

Msgr. Emmet Nevin,  
Pastor