

## BY THE WAY . . .

- Recently Bishop Sweeney sent **revised Covid 19 guidelines** to all the parishes of the Paterson Diocese concerning church use and the celebration of the liturgy. These guidelines somewhat mitigate the measures that were put into place across the diocese last March. With regard to Saint Anthony's there are four areas in which we will be making adjustments beginning this week:

- 1 the church will now **be open** for private prayer from 7:15 A.M. until 12:00 Noon each day;
- 2 in addition to the main doors, the **back door and the handicapped entrance** will be open for use on weekends;
- 3 the **restrooms** will now be available for use;
- 4 **altar servers** will once again be employed during the Liturgy; we ask the altar servers (like lectors) to volunteer to serve at any Mass for which they are present.

In addition, we will be **changing the pattern** for the reception of Holy Communion during weekend Masses. There will be one Communion station in the front, and one in the center of the church. Please come to Communion double file and approach the Communion Minister in alternating feed.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the need to **exit the church** *immediately* after the 7:00 and 8:30 A.M. Sunday Masses. Please do not remain in the building for private prayer or conversation. We need everyone to leave the building promptly in order to lock the church and have enough time to properly sanitize the building before re-opening for the next Mass.

- Next Sunday, October 18 we will be hosting an **outdoor coffee and Parish Gathering** in the parking lot behind the school following the 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 Noon Masses. This event, being hosted by the The Feast Committee, is an attempt to create some of the atmosphere of camaraderie which we all missed from the cancellation of this past June's Feast in honor of Saint Anthony, our patron.

- Monday, November 2 is **All Souls Day**, the day when the Church traditionally prays for all the faithful departed. As always, if you write the names of your beloved dead on the envelope in your envelope packet, the names will be included on the altar during the nine-day Novena for the Faithful Departed offered on the first days of November.

In addition to the 7:30 A.M. Mass on All Souls Day, there will also be a **7:00 P.M. Mass in church**. So many of our brothers and sisters did not have a proper Christian burial this year due to the restrictions presented by Covid 19. This All Souls Day Evening Mass will be an opportunity for all of us to come and pray for the eternal repose of their souls. All the names of those who have died since last November 1 will be included in the Liturgy that night.

- The Borough of Hawthorne has graciously provided **street crossing lights** on our corner

for the safety of those trying to cross Diamond Bridge Avenue at the corner by our church. The flashing lights alert oncoming motorists to slow down and be cautious as they approach our corner. For everyone's safety, **please make use of them** when crossing the street.

- One of the benefits of giving to our **Diocesan Ministries Appeal** is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. What better way to “Love Thy Neighbor”? For your convenience you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).

- This past Sunday I mentioned in my homily my involvement with the beatification and canonization cause of **Brother Marinus (Leonard) LaRue, O.S.B.** For more information on this heroic man and his canonization cause, simply google his name on the internet and you will be directed to several sites about the man and the cause.

- **They're coming back** . . . slowly but surely! Last Sunday morning there were 95 people at the 8:30 A.M. Mass. That is the largest single Mass attendance we have had since reopening the Church last June.

In addition, some thirty dogs, cats and guinea pigs were present – with their human friends – for the Blessing of Pets last Sunday afternoon.

- The month of October is devotionally celebrated as the **Month of the Holy Rosary**. Known in early centuries as the *Psalter of Saint Mary*, can trace its roots to the development of monasticism in the early ages of the Church's life, and has continually evolved and grown in popularity over the centuries. The custom of dividing the 150 Hail Marys (in imitation of the 150 psalms) into groups of ten and assigning a “Mystery” of the Lord's life for meditation during each of these decades, can be found as early as 1300. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II, following the lead of a saint from Malta, Saint George Preca (1880-1962), proposed a fourth set of “luminous mysteries.” The mysteries were a way especially used by the Dominicans to teach about the life of Christ to a population that was largely illiterate. You can tell the popularity of the Rosary in our church by the particularly beautiful set of windows we have for each of the original fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

#### **Joyful Mysteries**

1. The Annunciation by Gabriel to Mary
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
3. The Nativity of Christ at Bethlehem
4. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
5. The Finding of Christ in the Temple

#### **Sorrowful Mysteries**

1. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
2. The Scourging of Christ at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Christ with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross by Christ
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Christ

**Luminous Mysteries**

1. The Baptism of Christ by John
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Preaching of Jesus
4. The Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Tabor
5. The First Eucharist at the Last Supper

**Glorious Mysteries**

1. The Resurrection of Christ
2. The Ascension of Christ into Heaven
3. The Sending of the Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Crowning of Mary in Heaven

Pray the Rosary . . . this month and often.

God bless you all,

Father Ray