

## PASTOR'S REPORT - OCTOBER 6, 2020

1. Weekend Mass attendance has been averaging about 500 people --- about 50% of our usual number. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who clean after each of the Masses. Thanks also to Leo and our new part timer, John.
2. Plans are underway for a COAT DRIVE in early November sponsored by the Sisters of Charity. More information from Marge, Rosemary and the ladies.
3. Our Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE will begin on Nov. 16 with the help of Sr. Patricia, the school and parish donations. The Little Sisters are most grateful to receive our donation of food for the Residence.
4. A group called the ST. BERNARD RESCUE GROUP is forming with names and telephone numbers of parishioners who to be called in case of an emergency closing of the church. These parishioners do not have computers or website access and would need to be called by telephone. Maria Broglio and Sister Mary Ann are organizing this effort.
5. Councilman Mark Gjonaj is organizing a community meeting to discuss a street "diet" plan for Harding Avenue. We would lose one lane, inherit a bike lane and have a dangerous pick-up situation in front of the school in the morning and the afternoon. More details to come.
6. The 2021 SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE seems to be Sundays at 8:30 am, 10 am and Spanish Mass at 11:30. That option had the most votes. The 2021 MASS BOOK will now be open for your intentions.
7. Sponsored by the Divine Compassion Sisters, a program of English as a second language (ESL) will be coming to De Chantal Hall in the near future. The teachers include several sisters and parishioners. Hopefully the program will be held on Mon, Tues, and Wed. from 9 to 11 am.
8. We are celebrating our postponed sacraments for the elementary school and CCD religious education: First Penance, Communion and Confirmation. Pastors have

been given the special permission to confirm and I am delighted to be able to do this. The priests have resumed their teaching duties in the school and in the CCD religious education program. CCD religious education program under the direction of Ms. Christi is held in de Chantal Hall. It is running smoothly but numbers enrolled are disappointing. Thanks to the catechists and the volunteer aides. Several students are on ZOOM!

9. Sun. Oct. 11, we will pray the rosary at 12:30 pm in church. Rosary will be led by 5 parish groups. Thanks to the Spirituality Committee of the Parish Council.
10. De Chantal Hall will be used for EARLY VOTING and the Board of Elections promises all corona related procedures will be in place --- Oct. 22 to Nov. 2. Election Day will also be held in De Chantal Hall on November 3. VOTE, VOTE!
11. Paint Night is almost sold out for Sat, Nov. 17. See Marie Brogli for more information. Thanks to the Social Committee.
12. Rainbow Club, Holy Name Society, Movimiento Matrimonial, Cursillo, Sagrado Corazon, Nocturnal Adoration, English and Spanish Prayer Groups have resumed meeting. Reminders about "classroom" style set-up, masks, no refreshments, social distancing. We do not want to go backwards but we want to try to function as "normal".
13. A Rosary at Locust Point on Oct. 7 and plans for an All Souls Service in Edgewater on Nov. 2. Thanks to our parishioners!
14. The Samaritan Shoebox collection is scheduled for November by Maeve Ryan. Distribution and collection will be done outside this year. More information to come.