

PASTOR'S REPORT - JUNE 1, 2021

- 1. Many thanks to the members of the Parish Council who have been attending our meetings in person and on ZOOM and to the members who have continued to work on the different committees. We are all eager to get back to normal and to really START UP THE PARISH with all cylinders in the Fall.**
- 2. During the month of May, First Holy Communion was celebrated by our elementary school with 21 students and by our religious education program with 14 students. Thank you to Sister Patricia, Ms. Christi and their staff members.**
- 3. A successful Blood Drive was held on Mothers' Day, thanks to the Holy Name Members and especially Mr. Jack McCarrick.**
- 4. The Throggs Neck Little League Teams were blessed by me and Father Ricardo at opening day at the field.**
- 5. On Ascension Thursday, the school celebrated two Masses for the elementary school students with masks and social distancing. Only students were present.**
- 6. Fr. Ricardo coordinated a series of FAITH CLASSES in Spanish during May.**
- 7. The ESL Program concluded its classes in May and will have a "graduating" ceremony at Preston High School. The program will return in the Fall.**
- 8. Early Voting will be held in De Chantal Hall from June 12 to June 20. We are grateful to Elizabeth English and to Jim Corbett who have brought this program to the parish. Primary Day is June 22. The parish is blessed with a rental fee.**
- 9. A community day camp will use the school gym and the lower church for a limited program from July 5 until August 20. The parish is the beneficiary of a rental fee.**
- 10. For the month of June, we will continue our parish guidelines: masks, social distancing, sanitizing, no holy water or hymn books, enter by the main doors and exit by the side or main doors. The Archdiocese is suggesting separate sections be created in the church for those wearing masks and those who do not. Our present set-up seems to work and is keeping us in good health. We will review next month.**
- 11. Summer Mass schedule begins on July 4 until September 5 with Mass as usual on Saturdays at 5 pm. On Sundays, Masses will be at 8:30 am and 10 am in English and 11:30 am in Spanish.**
- 12. Short Corpus Christi Services are planned for Sunday after the 11:30 am and the 1 pm Masses. Hopefully next year we can resume our outdoor procession.**
- 13. Renewal of Marriage vows is scheduled for June 27 after the 11:30 am Mass and the 1 pm Mass. Scrolls are being prepared.**
- 14. We look forward to our Fall meeting on September 7 or 14 with nominations and elections and new appointments to the Council. At this point, only 1 member has asked to continue on the Council despite non-attendance and only 1 person has asked to be considered for appointment to the Council.**