

Dear Parish Family,

It is hard to believe that it is August already! The summer went by quickly. I wanted to let you know that Fr. Gow is getting settled nicely in Amboy. I am so glad to have Fr. Reese here with us and know, as many of you have already told me, that he is a great fit for our parish. Over the next few weeks there will be much happening around the Parish including our school 8th Grade Graduation, First Communion, and a special Mass at which our RCIA candidates and catechumens will be brought into full communion with the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

We are also gearing up for the new school year. Our plan is to have St. Catherine of Siena School open for safe face to face instruction for the new school year. We have a comprehensive plan being implemented that follows all state and federal guidelines. Our enrollment for the new school year is great and we do have a few spots still available– if you would like more information about the school, to take a tour, or to register please contact the School Office at (847)426-4808.

Our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs have been organizing plans, as well, and more information will be released in the coming weeks on what these programs will look like. We will continue to do our best, even if virtually at this point, to offer impactful and prayerful catechetical experiences for our parents, youth, young adults, and school age children.

As we continue our phased reopening of the Parish we will begin, August 1, to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as well as more times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here is the new weekly schedule for Reconciliation and Adoration:

Reconciliation:

Tuesday and Thursday: 7:15AM-7:45AM

Wednesday: 5:00PM-6:00PM

Saturday: 8:30AM until all heard

Adoration:

Wednesday: 5:00-7:00PM.

(Adoration will take place in the Chapel – please observe proper social distancing, sit in the rows of chairs not blocked off, and wear a mask)

Also, beginning next week, parishioners will no longer be required to sign-up to attend Daily Mass – you may simply show up and attend Daily Mass, following all safety protocols. We still, however, need our volunteers to sign-up.

Sign-Up for Sunday Masses is still required. We are in need of many more volunteers for Sunday Mass. If you are attending Mass regularly would you consider donating 15 extra minutes of your time either before or after Mass to help out our parish family? It would be greatly appreciated.

May we continue to pray for each other, help each other, support each other, and love each other as Christ commands us to do. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

In Christ,
Fr. DeBlock