

## The following update from Fr. Harry appeared in the 7/19 bulletin

### *Communication Info.*

The Parish Office is located at 103 Church Road Imperial, PA 15126. All church envelopes can be mailed to that address. The Parish Office number is 724-695-7325. The fax number is 724-695-9202. Our e-mail address is: [parish@stisidorethefarmer.org](mailto:parish@stisidorethefarmer.org). Our parish website is [www.stisidorethefarmer.org](http://www.stisidorethefarmer.org). Information or ideas for the bulletin can be e-mailed to [bulletin@stisidorethefarmer.org](mailto:bulletin@stisidorethefarmer.org). JoAnne Yukevich is available Monday through Thursday from 9:00am-12noon to schedule Mass Intentions. Joanne is available at 724-926-2984. Please note that this is a different number from the Office Number. The four cemeteries are managed by the Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The email address is: [cpcapgh.org](mailto:cpcapgh.org) Inquiries about Saint Patrick and Saint Columbkille Cemeteries can be made at the Allegheny Regional Office, 1000 Logue Street Pittsburgh PA 1522 (412-256-9370) Inquiries about Saint Michael and Our Lady of Lourdes Cemeteries can be made at South Regional Office P.O. Box 458 Cecil, PA 15321. (412-249- 9211). All of the Church Sacraments Records will be transferred to the Archives and Records Center at 1050 Logue Street Pittsburgh, PA 15220. ( 412-456-3158) or [archives@diopitt.org](mailto:archives@diopitt.org).

### *Finance Council Updates*

There are six members of the Finance Council and thirteen members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We have a committee working on new signage for the outside of each Church building. The committee will follow the rules and guidelines of the townships and boroughs and respect the history of the current signage. Each Church building retains its name. I want to update you on projects. The brick and structural work was just completed at Saint Alphonsus Church. The roof was replaced on the Rectory/Office at Saint Columbkille. A new electronic organ was ordered for Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The organ should arrive in October. Our Finance Council researched these projects and they gave their approval. The Finance Council will visit all properties and they will make recommendations about any future repairs. Our Finance Council count all the envelopes and donations. The bulletin will share three totals each week: 1. Total amount from all ten (10) Masses 2. Total amount from on-line giving and 3. Total amount from envelopes that were either mailed to the office or dropped-off at the office. All checks can be made payable to St. Isidore the Farmer. Each parishioner, next year 2021, can request to receive two (2) contribution statements. You can request to receive a statement for

your 2020 January to June contributions and you can request to receive a second statement for your 2020 July to December contributions to Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish.

## Visiting Priest

Father John Gudewicz will assist our Parish while Father Ben and Father Zach are on vacation. Fr. John will celebrate the 4:00pm Saturday Mass at Saint Alphonsus , the 8:30am Mass at Saint Alphonsus and 10:30am Mass at Saint Patrick on the following weekends: July 25/26, August 1/2 and August 8/9. Father John Gudewicz just celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest in our Diocese. Please congratulate him when you see him or send a card to 346 Finley Street Carnegie, PA 15106-3406.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we cannot gather for a picnic, meetings, socials, dinner and other activities.

## *Faith Formation Update*

First Holy communions have been beautiful celebrations. Over forty young women and men have received Jesus in First Holy Communion. First Communions continue in July and at the beginning of August. Bishop David Zubik has granted all pastors special permission to Confirm. I will confirm students from Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday July 26th at the 12:00 (noon) Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Other Confirmations will be scheduled in the near future. Candidates and parents will receive information. Donna-Lew-Buechel is the Faith Formation Director for Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish. She can be reached at 724- 695-7325 and [dlew-buechel@stisidorethefarmer.org](mailto:dlew-buechel@stisidorethefarmer.org). Donna is awaiting on further information and instruction from the Diocese. Please feel free to contact her.

This week I want to thank and hi-light the Faith Formation programs at Saint Patrick and Saint Ann. I will thank and hi-light the programs at Saint Michael, Saint Columbkille, Saint Alphonsus and Our Lady of Lourdes in future bulletins. Saint Patrick director and volunteer catechists have given close to 100 years of service to teaching the Catholic Faith in Oakdale. Jenn Greenawald. was the Director and she also taught Kindergarten for a year, fourth grade for a year and sixth grade for nine years. Jenn gave week after week her energy and enthusiasm to the program. The students began their sessions weekly with a prayer service in Church. Jenn is also the director for the Vacation Bible School and the Liturgy of the Word with Children. Jenn is currently our Saint Isidore the Farmer bulletin editor. We are very grateful for her service. Jenn was assisted by Lorraine Halloran who taught for 35 years and assisted in many ways with

the program. Shari Coyne taught third grade for fourteen years. Karin Galish taught second grade for five years. Amy Butts taught fifth grade for two years. Katie Heil anchored the Sacrament years for twenty years in which she taught second grade and then eighth grade. Colleen Kartychak taught first and fourth grade for a combined seven years. Thank You and Thank you! Saint Ann catechetical program was directed by Colleen Jastrzebski. Colleen and her team of catechist have given eighty-four years of service at Saint Ann. Colleen directed the program for nine years. Colleen was always organized and she had a great relationship with her teachers, parents and students. Paula Zalaznik taught first grade for twenty-three years. Jessica Krockner taught second grade for fourteen years. Taylor Hans taught third grade for four years. Jane Matchett taught fourth grade for sixteen years. Julia Jastrzebski taught sixth grade for one year. Erik Krockner taught sixth grade for one year. Sandra Campbell taught seventh grade for six years. Margie Hans taught eighth grade for ten years. I am grateful for our directors and their catechists, staff and volunteers. Our children learned a lot this year even though the year was cut short because of the virus. Please look for more information in next week's bulletin.