

October 20, 2020

Our Lady of Loretto Parishioners,

Here is this month's update:

Expanded Mass Times. The Marin County Health Dept. has permitted us to worship inside the church. In order to allow more people the opportunity to attend weekend Masses with the mandated limit of 100 per Mass we have expanded the Mass times to the following: Saturday 5pm (English), 7pm (Spanish), Sunday 8am, 10am (English), Noon, 2pm (Spanish). Confessions are still offered 30 minutes before each Mass. Daily Mass times remain the same: Monday-Saturday 9am (English), Tuesday, Wednesday, 7pm (Spanish). All Masses are livestreamed.

New Pastor Selection Process. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has informed me about the process for selecting a new pastor for Our Lady of Loretto. The opportunity to apply for pastor was opened to all the priests of the Archdiocese with a deadline of September 30. Then hopefully sometime in November, December members of the Priest Personnel Board will come to OLL to interview individuals and groups within the parish as to its needs in terms of a pastor. Thereafter, they will make their selection, possibly by the beginning of the year. I entered my application for pastor for OLL.

Names of Deceased for Banner. Each November the Catholic Church honors the deceased for the past year. Here at OLL, Sister Jeanette Lombardi, always makes a banner with the names of all parishioners who have died and it is hung in the church. She will continue that practice this year. If a deceased loved one who was a member of the parish passed away between October 2019 and September 2020 please submit their name to the rectory office along with your contact info. The deadline for submitting names is October 25. There will be special All-Soul Masses on Monday, November 2 at 6pm (English) and 7:30pm (Spanish).

School. In late September OLL school received permission to open up gradually for in-class learning with safety protocols. Over the course of 3 weeks all the grades TK through 8 came back on campus on a half-day basis. Starting October 13 the students will be here all day. The majority of students are at the school but some parents have elected to have their child remain at home and attend class through computer distance learning.

Catholic Daughters of America. I would like to acknowledge and honor the CDA Court of Our Lady of the Miracle #1707 for 65 years of outstanding service to OLL parish! In that time, they have supported numerous charities, prayed for vocations, done service works for the community and given scholarships to 8th graders going to Catholic High School. May God continue to bless you.

Knights of Columbus Curbside Crab Feed. Each Fall the K of C have a crab feed fundraiser held in the parish hall. Because of Covid-19 that wasn't possible this year. But they didn't let it stop them. Thinking outside the box they decided to do a drive-by crab feed where persons pick up their crab and other goodies in the parking lot and eat them at home. This was done on October 11th and was a big success as they sold more than 325 meals! All monies collected go for their expenses and to local charities including the parish and school.

Blessings in Jesus,
Father Tony Vallecillo, Administrator