

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

June 18th, 2020

Miscellaneous News from Fr. Tim

June 10th Storm:

At about 3:00 p.m. On Wednesday June 10th a storm with straight line winds came through Concord. Thankfully there was no damage to any of our buildings. There were many trees that came down on the Kryst Street side of the church, which barricaded the street. There was a large tree that came down on Harmon Avenue as well. A live power line came down and was burning on the west side of the property. We lost power at the rectory and the church. The power was restored to the rectory on Friday and at the church on Saturday afternoon. The area around the church looks like a war zone.

Hall Floors:

In the midst of the storms on Wednesday the floors were being cleaned and polished. The power stayed on long enough for them to complete the work. The floors look great.

Clarence Bowers Estate:

Parishioner, Clarence Bowers, Jr, died on December 31, 2017. In his will Clarence designated that the St. Catherine Women's Guild should receive \$10,000 to use at their discretion. It has taken a lengthy period of time for the estate to be settled. A check for \$500.00 was received about a month ago and another check for \$4,000.00 arrived this past week. The estate attorney has every intention of fulfilling the total amount of the gift. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clarence Bowers.

The Cupola:

On Friday June 12th Deacon Tom and I met with the 2 men who were recommended by the Diocese to hopefully help us to solve the problem of our leaking cupola. They inspected the cupola and discussed their findings with us afterward. The next step is for them to do a water test with a high powered pressure washer. Hopefully they will be able to locate the source of the problem. There is a series of possibilities as to where the water is entering the cupola.

If you were to actually see the cupola area you would understand the problem. The cupola was an afterthought and not part of the original roof design. It is like a square hole was cut into the peak of the roof and the cupola was then set down in the opening. The roof should extend snug to the base of the cupola, but it doesn't, so there is a gap between the roof and the cupola. The cupola windows are set at the base of the cupola. They should have been set up about 18" from the base, which would have made them smaller in size. Because of their location leakage at the base of the windows could be another possibility. I will keep you posted. UGH!

Mass Capacity Enlarged:

Bishop Boyea has given diocesan pastors permission to extend Mass seating in their churches to 30% of their total capacity. Therefore, next Sunday we will increase our number to 90 people being able to attend each Sunday Mass. Please remember that daily Masses are available for you to attend Mass as well.

Mass Attendance Numbers:

June 13: 50

June 14: 72

Other Parish News

Mass Intentions - We have Mass intentions openings for the month of July . See Parish Website. stcatherinelaboureconcord.org

Sacrament of Penance - Fr. Tim is hearing confessions at the regular scheduled time on Saturdays (3:00-4:30 p.m). If you are unable to make the Saturday time you may call Fr. Tim and set up a more convenient time.

Parish Office - Leave messages on the office phone for non emergency items or email stcatherine92@yahoo.com The rectory phone is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

Offertory Collection - (the # of envelopes is **not** the number of people contributing but actual envelopes - some have sent in multiple envelopes in one mailing)

June 14th - \$3,075 (\$4,432 weekly goal) 29 envelopes and 15 online (\$165 was loose cash)
YTD Below Budget \$29,640)

DSA to date numbers -

No new donations to report this week. **\$1,869 is still needed to meet our 2020 Goal.**

Group Meetings - Please do not schedule any group meetings at this time. We have not yet received any directives from the Diocese regarding the resumption of public meetings.

Mass Readers Needed for July

Month of June has been filled:

June 20/21 5 pm Ray Kania 10:30 am Jeff Gray

June 27/28 5 pm Ray Kania 10:30 am David Kemler

Please contact Leslie Reagle if you can help for the month of July. (cell:517-990-4792)

First Friday Devotions: Will resume in September. (September 4th: begins at 11 am with Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration)

Beware: If you receive a text or email that is from Fr. Tim asking for you to purchase gift cards, send \$ etc... it is a **SCAM!!** The staff have received a few as well as one parishioner that we have heard of so far.



