

From our pastor,

It is hard to believe that the summer months are almost over, September and Labor Day are almost here. How different this year has been, so much has had to change. But there are some things that cannot change, like the 'Ten Commandments' one in particular I want to write about, 'Keep Holy The Lord's Day'.

Back in Mid- March, during the stay home orders of the governor and at the initial outbreak when so little was known regarding the spread of the Covid, the Bishop closed all the churches and took away the opportunity to attend Holy Mass in person. And at the same time the bishops removed the moral obligation to attend Mass and encouraged the Faithful to pray the Mass on line with Live-Stream or a recorded Mass. This dispensing of the obligation to attend Mass did not dispense any one from 'Keeping Holy The Lord's Day'.

We, Catholics know we should give God our best, not our less sacrifice, and so we know that the best way to keep holy the Lord's Day is to attend Mass. Now came a time when it was impossible to attend Mass, so we could not give God our best worship. Praying with the Mass on line, while staying at home was better than nothing, especially while the churches were closed. But not being able to go to church to offer Holy Mass with the priest does not get any one off the hook. Sunday remains a day that belongs to God, to make God the center of the day and to do as much God-Centered activity as possible. Yes, the Second Commandment remains until He comes again in glory.

Starting next Sunday, September 6 we will add one more Mass and change the Mass times, we will have the 4:00p.m. Saturday Vigil, the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00a.m. Sunday Morning Masses. We will see how this works out and how perhaps we might be able to start to move back into the Broadway Church, time will tell. Presently we have about 75 worshippers at the Saturday 4:00 and the Sunday 10:00, a total of about 150 worshippers on a weekend. Hopefully this will allow more people to come back to Mass in person, being able to give to God the very best.

I am so proud of you, as you have been through so much and have done the best you could do to keep God the center of your life and continue to support your parish, God Bless You.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY: Bridget Emery, Residents and Staff at Milton Rehab., Dolores Caicco, Marilyn Vargo, Matt Mousley, Carole Schrader, Emily Myerson, Jane Woodcock, Allen Treibley, Scott Zerrenner, Nathan Young, Mary Ann Carter, David Carter, Kathleen Jones, John Zerrenner, Mike Azinger, Evelyn Young, Tresha Sudol, George Sudol, Ed Arndt, Kirsten Koons, Andrea Rea Young, Mike Walters, Dr. Weisner, Rita Patynski, Anna Lee Fagnano, Abram Koons Jr., James Tomedi, Lisa Ressler, George Baran, Christine Koons, Bernice Yocum, Keith Robenolt, George Sarfine, Abram Koons Sr., Tom Robenolt, Theresa Folk, Rita Prentiss, Aiden Barsis, Connie Buehler, Mason Reeder, Maria Harper, Matthew Rosboschil, Charlotte Farrell and Jackie Rando. **PRAYER IS OUR WAY TO CALL UPON GOD.** . We pray for those who are ill or need special intentions. If you would like to add someone to the Parish Prayer List or Parish Shut-in List, please contact the parish office. Thank You.

CCD will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2020. If you have not returned your child's registration form, please get it into the CCD CRE, Anne Rocktashel as soon as possible. Forms are available on the entry table, near the weekly bulletins and the CCD office, located at the Parish Center.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS NEEDED: We need several more people who are willing to learn how to press the forward button on the slide projector during Mass. Now that sounds silly, but the point is, that is all you need do. We just require that you show up on your scheduled time about 10-15 minutes before Mass begins. We need people for all three weekend Masses, 4pm, 8am and 11am. If we have enough it will be just once per month, lasting until we return to the main church. Please contact Phil Krepps at psk01@ptd.net or 570-898-1074.

Volunteers Needed: The Milton Food Bank at Handup are looking for daytime volunteers on the first and second Wednesday of each Month. This is their distribution day. If interested or would like additional information, please call Patricia Snyder at 570-713-4292.