

St. Joseph Catholic Church
PAC Virtual Zoom Meeting
September 17, 2020 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Agenda Items:

SJS Update – Denise has reported that the school year so far has been going remarkably well. They have 131 distant learning students and 370 students in the building. Everyone wears masks including teachers and students and the students stay in pods at recess. Everyone eats lunch in their classrooms. Danny, Damond & Caryn have done a wonderful job with the technology. Teachers teach their class in their classroom and it is livestreamed to the distant learners and to students in overflow classrooms in the school, which are used to maintain social distance in the school building.

Financial update – will be updated in more detail next month after the Finance Council meeting. Collections have been flat but the parish is doing OK financially for now.

Weekly Collection Talk – late October or November the Diocese usually asks us to talk about increased offertory. We have not heard from the Diocese about this yet so we will address it perhaps next month. Faith Direct has been a wonderful help during the pandemic and quite a few parishioners have been mailing in their contributions so that has helped us stay flat and has been a blessing. Perhaps we can put some more information about Faith Direct in October and November in the bulletin so perhaps we can increase contributions.

RE Update – Fr. Tom met with Reyes this week and RE classes will be done using Google Classroom. They are starting this week. Registration is slow but are coming in especially the sacramental grades, 2nd, 7th & 8th grades.

Other Ministries – TMIY started this week, WWP is starting soon via Zoom and Youth Ministry will start in October. They have 15 – 25 children and will meet in person in Hall C with social distancing one week and zoom the next week. TMIY had about 10-15 men Monday night and will also do Zoom meetings and face to face in Hall A with social distancing. Men's society meets via zoom and meets at places where social distancing can be done. Ladies Society is meeting via Zoom and doing great work and sending contributions to numerous organizations to help during the Pandemic. Great American Bible study is doing zoom Bible studies.

Masses – getting busier. Ushers have done a fantastic job at each mass. 3 weeks in a row the 11:00a.m. has been full so we had to put up the At Capacity sign. Also the 3:00p.m. Spanish mass was at capacity and we had to put the At capacity sign up. Fr. Tom has put in the bulletin

that the 8:00a.m. Sunday and 5:00p.m. Saturday and Sunday masses are not full and for people to try to go to those masses.

Special sacraments have continued/resumed – Confirmation for the RE students and SJS were celebrated last weekend. The Spanish RE confirmation will be Friday at 7:00p.m. Baptisms are on Saturday at 11:00a.m. and 2:00p.m. if there are no weddings. Weddings are still being booked and held but most have postponed to later in the year or next year due to COVID. Funerals are on-going and we have had quite a few prayer services at Adams Green. Confessions continue to be on Wednesday morning after 8:00a.m. Mass and by appointment only. Usually have 5 – 10 appointment confessions per week. Anointing of the Sick has been on-going. Friars have resumed going to Reston hospital but have to gown up and be escorted. Br. Joseph will be ordained as a transitional Deacon in October and will help out at St. Joseph every other weekend with baptisms and masses.

PAC emails – none to report

PAC New Parishioners lists – Jeanne will scan to the PAC members so they can call on Monday.

Marcia Bouchard will be moving to New Hampshire so she will not continue on the PAC. She will be missed and we thank her for her service to the parish.

Next meeting is October 15, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.