

St. Joseph Catholic Church
PAC Virtual Zoom Meeting
October 15, 2020, 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Agenda Items:

SJS Update – Denise has reported that the Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Design For Excellence (DFE) accreditation observations and interviews are finishing up this week and has gone very well. This is the first time that the visiting team has done the DFE reviews virtually. They have been very complimentary about the teachers and staff. A standard review is done every 5 years. The school begins a self-study in year 6. All SJS school rooms and SJC meeting rooms are being used for classes.

Financial update – Steve updated after the quarterly Finance Council meeting. Cash flow and balance sheets look good. Income is down, but overall the parish is managing well. Parish expenses and contracts have been scaled back to achieve savings. Weekly donations (envelopes) have gone down but Faith Direct has gone up. The church and school have been able to keep everyone employed during the pandemic.

Update on reintegration at St. Joseph Catholic Church: Masses, attendance, Special Sacraments –

- Mass attendance has been up. There is no plan to add Masses at this time due to cleaning requirements. The Knights of Columbus and ushers have been very helpful with keeping everything running smoothly. Daily Mass will continue to be at 8:00 am for this time.
- Special Sacraments – Confirmation have been celebrated for the majority of the students, First Holy Communion have been celebrated for the majority of the students. Baptisms are celebrated each Saturday for our English and Spanish parishioners. Weddings and funeral continue to be celebrated as scheduled.

Advent/Christmas planning – Fr. Tom is considering using an Advent music, prayer and reflection program, called Ignite Your Parish, that Fr. David Pivonka, TOR is putting together along with the Vigil Project music group. It has a workbook, journal and DVD. It is a weekly program and can also be done in small groups or with your family. A benefactor has contributed to cover the cost of this program. Another benefactor has contributed for the purchase of Dynamic Catholic. Penance services will probably be early in Advent Fr. Tom will be working on Christmas scheduled next week.

Next meeting is November 19, 2020 at 7 PM

Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.