

St. Joseph Catholic Church
PAC Virtual Zoom Meeting
January 21, 2021, 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Cheryl Wilson introduced herself to the PAC. Fr. Tom has asked Cheryl to re-join the PAC to replace Marcia Bouchard..

Agenda Items:

SJS Update – the school is doing well, with admissions up for next school year, and a growing wait list. SJS uses a rolling admissions process which starts in September and goes through the school year. Admissions are higher than pre-Covid and catholic schools as a whole are doing well. The Bishop will be coming to St. Joseph on March 5th and will be celebrating the School Mass at 9:30a.m.

BLA –BLA commitment envelopes will have a new pencil inserted in the envelope and the ushers will hand them out when people come in to mass. Once they are done they will put them in a basket and the staff will go through them. We will not be leaving them in the pews this year due to Covid.

SJC Year of St. Joseph – Starting February 1st we will have some information about St. Joseph on the website. There will be a pull down menu with St. Joseph prayers and different St. Joseph virtues. Each week during lent the friars will tailor their homilies to hit on one or two of St. Joseph virtues. Fr. Tom, Fr. David and many other TOR friars will write some articles on St. Joseph which will be available on the website. We will also have banners on the poles going into church with a beautiful icon of St. Joseph and 2 virtues per banner. We will also have 2 banners by the church and school office as well.

Lenten plans – We may provide a few fish fry dinners on Fridays and deliver the meals to the Herndon Police and Firefighters and also the Embry Rucker shelter. We will have Stations of the Cross the first Friday after Ash Wednesday and the following Friday as well in English and Spanish at 7:00p.m. These will be on a trial basis. We may look into moving the Spanish Stations of the Cross to 2:15 before the 3:00p.m. Spanish mass. We will have reservations for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and the masses on Easter Sunday. It will be on the website and in the bulletin and announcements will be made during mass that reservations will be needed for attending Easter masses and Holy Week services. Parishioners are asked to email RSVP@sjcherndon.org and the office will check to make sure they are parishioners. We will have Lenten confessions and run these confessions much like the Advent Confessions. Date to be determined. School and RE 1st Penance are scheduled and we will only allow 4 students in the church at a time so we can social distance and keep everyone safe.

Financial update – Steve reported that offertory is down 16% and participation is down 60% but we can still handle all of our debts. Faith Direct enrollment is up and the mail in and drop off of contributions continue. Capital expenditures that can be deferred are on hold.

Miscellaneous:

- We will not be distributing bulletins at this time until the pandemic is over.
- We will order more Spanish calendars next year.
- We will be distributing another book (I Heard God Laugh) when we get closer to Easter. The book was a gift from a benefactor.

Next meeting is February 18, 2021 at 7 PM

Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.