

St. Joseph Catholic Church
PAC Virtual Zoom Meeting
May 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom
Agenda Items:

SJS Update

- 2 weeks until the end of a successful school year dealing with COVID. Staff, teachers, parents and students all did well with no major issues. Even though the Commonwealth of Virginia is “re-opening” May 28, there will be no protocol changes at the school. This is due to the fact that it is close to the end the school year and we want to continue to keep everyone safe. We expect all learning to be in-person for the 2021/2022 school year.
- We are currently planning for in person graduation for 8th grade and kindergarten.
- Acts of Kindness Fundraiser is underway and has raised \$21,000 so far with the goal of \$40,000.

Financial update –

- Finances are same as last month.
- School – enrollment has remained strong and there is a high demand for new enrollment for 2021-2022 school year. Tuition income is covering all school expenses. Parish subsidy has not been required for YTD operations.
- SJC’s 2 accounts in the Diocesan investment account (DIAL) have performed exceptionally well this year.

BLA – SJC has attained 111% of our BLA goal, with pledges from 682 (26%) of our households, totaling \$443,256. Our BLA goal is \$ 400,000. Fr. Tom and the Bishop are pleased with our accomplishments.

Update on Friars – Fr. Tom will remain Pastor at St. Joseph, Fr. David will continue at St. Joseph as Parochial Vicar for another year. Fr. Matt Russick, TOR will be joining us next year and work with the Spanish community. We welcome back Fr. Matt. Fr. Rufino will be moving to Holy Spirit Friary and ministering at Franciscan University of Steubenville. We thank Fr. Rufino for his ministry – he will be missed. Br. Joe will be ordained on Saturday and then he will begin at St. Francis University to study Physical Therapy. Fr. Pat will remain in DC as the Director of Formation and Fr. Vince will be in DC as the Assistant Director of Formation.

PAC Recruitment update – we will be asking for recommendations in the bulletin starting in June. We have been approached by a few individuals already. We will work on this over the summer and select 3 individuals to start in September.

COVID-19 protocols and plans – With VA re-opening, we expect blue tape blocking pews will be removed starting May 28 and we are awaiting additional guidance from the Bishop. CDC has eased guidance for cleaning, so cleaning after masses does not need to be as thorough as it has been. We will continue to clean door handles and bathrooms between masses. Singing will still be limited and hopefully we can go back to full assembly singing in the Fall.

[Note that after this meeting, the Bishop directed that effective May 28 all parishes re-open fully with no social distancing and no mask requirements. Unvaccinated people should continue to wear masks per CDC guidance, but parishes cannot ask nor ban anyone from attending for not wearing a mask. Holy water, full singing, processions, etc. may return immediately but may also be phased in.]

New Mass Schedule/Celebration of Sacraments –

- Normal weekend Mass schedule will resume starting May 23. 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass will continue to be Live-Streamed at this time. The dispensation is still in place from the Bishop for attending mass. [Note: after this meeting, the Bishop announced that the general dispensation for COVID will be terminated starting June 26/27.]
- Confessions will continue to be Wednesday morning but we may move them to Saturday during the summer. We will move confessions to the confessionals where masks will continue to be worn but air purificators will be installed in the confessionals to help with ventilation.
- Weddings and baptisms continue to be celebrated and scheduled. Baptisms still limited to one family which the parishioners enjoy but would like to have more than 10 people attend. We will look into increasing the number of attendees in the near future.

Religious Education – we are currently planning RE to be in person next year on Monday & Tuesday evening, Saturday morning and Spanish RE on Sunday afternoon. Jeanne is in the process of booking these RE classes. Pre-school RE will be moved to Saturday mornings due to the fact that it is easier to find catechists on Saturday rather than Sunday.

Meetings-we will be booking meetings for next year. An email will go out shortly to all Organizational Heads. We will have adult and bible study meetings on Monday all day, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday after 6:00 p.m. Meetings with children will be Wednesday and Thursday before 6:00 p.m. and Friday afternoon and evening. Little Messengers and MOM will meet Monday and Tuesday mornings.

There were no PAC emails received.

Next meeting is June 17, 2021 at 7 PM

Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.