

“CHINESE AUCTION”

Last Sunday we drew the winners for the Basket Raffle and a last minute 50/50 raffle. The raffle started out virtual but by the time we drew the winners we able to have an in-person drawing.

A HUUUUUUUGE thank you to Lillian Draggone. We had no plans for a basket raffle but Lillian called and explained that she spent her time during COVID lockdown making baskets for the church to raffle off. She made 44 baskets. Due to her generosity the parish raised over \$4,000.

Thank you to Lori Marando who not only came up with the idea to do the auction “virtual” but executed the plan “soup to nuts.” She is the perfect example of someone who “brings solutions not problems.”

Thanks to Sal Neglia and Maria Dickes who helped to make the drawing of winners smooth and entertaining. Thank you to our ushers who sold tickets in the back of church for several weekends.

And of course, thank you to all of you who participated.

100% CAPACITY

May it please God to bring our long COVID winter to an end soon. Keep in mind that our churches have not proven to be dangerous places. We all need to be calm and reasonable.

The **dispensation** from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect. We anticipate a future lifting of the dispensation together with the entire New York Province.

However, at this point if you are going out to stores, restaurants, or other gatherings outside your home there is no reason not to return to in-person participation in the Holy Mass and Sacraments.

Please use adult, prudential judgement:

If you are sick – this may not be the time to return!

If you have health issues or age-related concerns – this may not be the time to return!

If you are apprehensive, worried or uncomfortable with any gathering – this may not be the time to return!

Let’s all be patient with one another as we navigate this next chapter. See you in church.

God bless you all,

Fr. Sikorski