

October 2020

Thank you

As some of you may already know, I have been a bit under the weather since May due to some digestive and other issues. Things got a bit more serious as we began September and I ended up a 'guest' at Elmbrook Hospital last week. I would like to thank you for your prayers, concern, and good wishes. People have been helping me personally and in the parish in several ways as my health improves. We continue to move ahead with our future planning process and working together as we discover new ways to minister under current Covid-19 guidelines. Special thanks to Fr. Dick, Fr. Alan, and Fr. Thomas for their extra help with the mass schedule.

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in being nominated for Pastoral Council and in the process of being nominated as a Parish Trustee.

Dispensation from attending Mass in person

On September 14th Archbishop ListECKI lifted the Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in person. Certain guidelines and best practices remain in force through Archdiocesan directives and the teaching of the Church on our duty to attend Sunday Mass.

+Attendance at any Mass is limited to no more than 25% of the church building occupancy permit.

+To attend Mass in person, you **must** wear a face mask. These are available at the entrances of the churches. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances and communion lines in each church.

+All those defined by the health department as more vulnerable (i.e., 60+ years of age, those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, those caring for a spouse, child or family member of any of the above) are encouraged to stay home.

+Anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms should stay at home.

+Social distancing between people not living in the same household will be followed. Please be respectful of the space of others. Our designated seating in each church is based on this guideline.

+Sunday Mass will continue to be available on our YouTube channel.

Return to School

Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy has returned to school at its new 116th Street location. After making the move in mid-June, many changes have happened. The school offers both in-person and virtual learning. 64% of the families are taking advantage of in-person learning with 36% virtual. All reports have been very positive for both types of learning. Regulations for movement, sanitizing and monitoring the premises and protecting the children have gone very well.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we look to our future filled with hope in the face of all our challenges.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jeff.