Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church - Weekly E-Newsletter - June 30, 2020

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Dear Holy Name of Jesus Parishioners:

Our public Mass times have change due to the need created upon Fr. Stephen being called back to his monastery in Missouri. Fr Stephen's service at our parish has been a blessing to us and he will be greatly missed.

Holy Name of Jesus, Trenton - MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday - 6:00 PM Sunday - 12:00 PM (Noon) Monday - No Mass Tuesday - No Mass Wednesday - 8:30 AM Thursday - 8:30 AM Friday - No Mass (The Sacrament of Reconciliation - to be announced)

VBS and CONFIRMATION information from Pam Hurley:

Due to the coronavirus we will not be able to hold an in-person VBS this year. We are offering a weekly program that will allow the children and parents to enjoy and learn more about their faith. The program will start the of July 6 and run for 4 weeks until the week of July 27.

The theme this year is the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are working hard to provide fun activities, craft projects, snack ideas, along with songs and storytelling. We will be putting together packets that can be pickup at church, delivered or mailed when necessary. If you have a child aged 3 to grade 5 who would like to participate, please contact Pam Hurley or the office. <u>p.a.hurley@sbcglobal.net</u> (513)374-0332 office (513)988-6335 There will be nine candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Holy Name this year. The celebration will be held on July 19 at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to complete the sacraments of initiation.

Peace and God bless Pam

NOTE FROM CONNIE SCHENCK:

Over the last few weeks, we have diligently worked on improving the broadcast to the Hall for the overflow seating. We have overcome many obstacles to obtain the equipment, wiring, and proper internet speed to upload the Mass. The broadcast has improved substantially since the first week. If you were in the hall the first few weeks, I apologize. But if you were there last weekend you would have seen a great improvement. It still is in process, but it is improving each week.

We are broadcasting to the Hall through a Zoom Meeting. If you wish to watch live during HNOJ Mass from your home computer or on your smart phone with the "Zoom app", please contact Connie Schenck <u>schenckfam26@gmail.com</u> cell 513-594-0338. She will email you an invite to the Zoom meeting about 15 to 30 minutes prior to the weekend Mass start time.

REMINDERS REGARDING MASS INFORMATION FROM FR. PAUL:

Please remember that the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Thus, those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending a Mass any day of the week. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to join us for a Mass that is live streamed online each Sunday. OLOS still has Mass livestreamed on "YouTube". HNOJ is livestreamed though "Zoom Meeting."

Additionally:

--If you have the Covid-19 virus, have been exposed to it or suspect you

have been,

--If you have or recently had a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea,

--If you feel at all unwell, DO NOT COME TO MASS.

--All are strongly encouraged to check your temperature and your children's temperature before coming to Mass and to wear masks. These precautions protect your fellow parishioners. Taking precautions, wearing a mask and being kind and patient during this difficult time are all acts of Christian charity. As St. Mother Teresa encouraged, we can all do little things such as these with great love.

Archdiocesan, state and federal guidelines all mandate that appropriate social distancing and health regulations must be observed. Holy Name of Jesus Parish will implement these guidelines in the following ways:

--There are a limited number of seats in the church. Overflow seating is available in the Parish Hall.

--Ushers will seat parishioners so that maximum capacities are not exceeded and social distancing is maintained. Please take the seats you are directed to by the ushers.

--Entry doors will be open for you to have a touch-free entry into church or Parish Hall.

--Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Please use it.

--We are asking that everyone who is able, please wear a mask. This is for the protection of everyone around you.

--We are discouraging holding hands at the Our Father (immediate family excluded) and there will be no pause for the exchanging of a Sign of Peace.

--Holy Communion will be in the form of the Body of Christ only.

Communion will be done by sections, please wait for an usher's direction before coming forward. Please stay 6 feet apart as you approach for Communion. The floor makings will help you in this. (A family with small children can approach together.) Eucharistic ministers will do their best to drop the host into your hand without touching. Please instruct younger children to hold their hands still. Hands at rest is the cue the Eucharistic minister will be looking for that says you are ready. Eucharistic ministers will be wearing masks and will sanitize their hands prior to distribution of communion.

--Because choirs and proximity, we are unfortunately disbanding our choir

until the pandemic is past. However, feel free to sing out your joy to the Lord!

--We will not be using servers at Mass. This is because social distancing cannot be maintained.

--Missalettes and hymnals cannot be left in pews. We will use very familiar hymns that you can easily sing from memory or you will be given a missalette that you can keep and bring to church each week. We are looking at how best to address this need.

--We will have only one lector per Mass. This avoids the need to sanitize books and microphones between two different users.

--Our nursery/cry room will not be available during any Mass. We regret this, but these tend to be places where social distancing can't be maintained and the free flow of persons makes sanitizing between users nearly impossible.

--Designated ushers will be handing out bulletins after Mass. They will wear masks and will have sanitized their hands. Bulletins are also available online.

--The church will be sanitized after each Mass so that it is clean and ready for the next Mass.

--Please do not stop to socialize while entering or leaving the building following Mass. This slows the movement of people and impedes social distancing. If you must converse with someone, please move well out of the flow of foot traffic to do so.

During the first weeks of public Masses, we will be observing and adjusting as needed. We may have further changes and will share additional communications on this. The parish staff views our Masses under the cloud of the coronavirus as a work in progress.

Please continue to pray for your parish, your fellow parishioners, your priests and your parish staff. This is a difficult and uncertain time for all of us. I and your parish staff will continue to pray for all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Gebhardt