



June 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul

I wish to begin by thanking everyone once again who took part in or helped plan and prepare for our 50th Anniversary parish Mass and celebration on June 6th. It was a beautiful liturgy and wonderful evening. As Archbishop Aymond shared with us that was only the beginning of a yearlong Golden Jubilee celebration for us. That is exactly the case. We will have other events to celebrate our parish's great history. We also had a beautiful celebration of our RCIA candidates being brought into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday. We give thanks and praise to God for blessing Trey Gornor, Bob Crawford, and Eddie Gornor, and our community for their witness.

It's just about summertime officially, although it already feels like it as usual. Liturgically we have transitioned back into Ordinary Time, which is comforting as we are also seeing a return to normalcy as best as we can hope for during this time. Although we are now officially in Phase II of Covid-19 recovery in our state, with phase three hopefully a few weeks away, the change is not too significant for us in terms of our worship space. Due to the size of our church, and the necessity to continue social distancing, we can still only accommodate around 60 people at a time when we gather in person for Mass and other services in church. I am still asking that we keep wearing masks in church for the time being, and still sign up for Mass online through the link on our website at www.sppcprla.com. Starting in July, however, I am only requesting that you sign up for the weekend Masses. I will be celebrating a Mass in honor of the feast day of our patrons on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul on Monday, June 29th at 9:00 am. Deacon Frank has generously offered to continue to offer Communion Services on Monday mornings. Please see the parish website, the bulletin and calendar as to when they will take place. The next one coming up is June 22nd, at 9:00 am. As we move into July, many more of our prayers & fellowship groups, organizations, and ministries will be meeting and gathering once again. Please see the bulletin, parish calendar, website or contact the office if you would like to know specific details. Mary Kittel, our DRE, has also been making arrangements to reschedule 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, and to prepare our candidates for Confirmation as well in July and beyond.

Speaking of July, beginning next month, we will be returning to our previous Mass schedule as it was in March. I will still continue to livestream Masses, via Facebook Live. The initial reason for the change was due to the stay at home order and directive from Archbishop Aymond that we were no longer to have Mass in public. Since we have shifted back to having a full Mass schedule, we will have it back at times prior to when those requests were made by our leaders.

The annual parish picnic has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 28th, after the 10:00 am Mass. It will be slightly different this year in that not only is it one of our Golden Jubilee events, but we will also be using and utilizing and serving food, such as the fried catfish we were not able to have at the St. Joseph Altar. The St. Joseph altar cookies among other religious items and goods will be available at the picnic for a free will offering and donations for those wish to partake of them and wanted some. This is also a great way to support and give thanks to our St. Joseph Altar members and the Antonians among others who benefit from the St. Joseph Altar. I hope to see you all there!

Peace and blessings, and May God bless America,

Fr. Travis