**Pulse of the Parish**

**October 2020**

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| **Parish Council Member** | **Summary** |
| **Christina** | * **There are nine new altar servers this month and they are currently being trained. Only thirteen servers are available to cover weekday masses and some servers are serving mass and then coming back with their class. Suggestion that the altar server schedule is looked at to spread it out more evenly.** * **Gabriel Video Streaming group recommends purchasing two mute toggle switches for lav mics. The cost is about $260.** * **Girl Scouts are deciding if they should meet once the weather prevents outdoor activities. The troop went apple picking, held an outside pot luck dinner and is working on tree badge.** * **Third confirmation meeting this coming Monday, October 26 at 7. There is a pre-Halloween party scheduled for October 30 for youth group.** * **GSHC has harvested 2000 lbs of produce from the garden to date and 4 apple trees were planted.** * **Reached out to the Akron Art Gallery about “Inside Out” artwork. Waiting for a call back from the director.** * **Found that you can order stations of cross stencils that could be used on flagstones and placed around grounds. Maybe 3D printing of small plaques. Outdoor, weatherproof statue sets are available from $2000.**   **Development Report:**   * **New Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship is available.** * **New Bookkeeper, Kathleen Campbell, was hired.** * **Beam audio and Hover cams purchased via Hamlin Library Fund.** * **Alumni Arrow Newsletter mailed in October 2020.** * **Chalk the walk fundraiser coming up to support flagstones/sandstone walkways.** * **50th Anniversary Event scheduled for September 16, 2021: Focus on planned giving/legacy giving through bequests, estate plan, etc.** |
| **Jennifer** | * **Terry Tolson would like suggestions on what locations to check into to make sure that the Zwisler Hall rental price is competitive.** * **Someone asked that due to the increase in the Covid19, numbers they don’t understand why other Masses are not following the same requirements as the 4:30?** * **The outdoor movie idea may be cost prohibitive.** |
| **Jack** | * **Nothing new.** |
| **Ed** | **SVDP:**   * **And Could use 3-4 new members due to attrition and aging process Best candidates are newly retired whose kids are out of the house or in college. Contact Bernie Smith with any recruitment ideas. Regular Thursday night meetings held in Byrider with masks and distancing. When vaccine is available, members will resume house calls/visitations.** * **Currently contacting/working with clients by phone and delivering food certificates with social distancing.**   **Respect for Life:**   * **Life Chain was successful with special thanks to Jennifer Sullivan and working with Right To Life NEO.** * **Planning to do the Signature Campaign in January and Carnation Sale in May.** * **All activities planned in concert with diocesan rep Peggy Gerovac.**   **Legion of Mary:**   * **Sunday Nov 1 hosting Eucharistic Procession and Patriotic Rosary followed by Autumn Lights with refreshments per recent bulletin announcements. Combining the events this year to enhance attendance.** |
| **Marcy** | * **Advent organ noon recitals and Christmas concert by the schools are still a go.** * **We will be sending out a plea for more rectory cooks after the first of the year.** |
| **Tracie** | * **Nothing new.** |
| **Ivan** | * **The St Sebastian Prayer Warriors are “hosting” a Rosary Rally.**   **Rosary Coast to Coast - Public Rosary Rally**  **Sunday, October 11, 2020**  **Holy Hour in Church beginning at 3:00**  **Outside, a Rosary Rally beginning at 4:00**  **Rain or shine!**  **The whole country will be praying the Glorious mysteries simultaneously!**  **One announcement has already been in the bulletin.**   * **From: Cathy Mungo** * **Thanks for the holy water dispenser.** |
| **Natalie** | * **School Band: 12 members, practicing to lead the students in the traditional Halloween parade** * **JB: Several students returning to in person schooling. Their PAC (parent action committee) is sponsoring a door decorating contest in the school and the students will be able to collect candy from each room. With the new additions we have completed with the playground, we have enhanced the safety and security around the perimeter of the school. We are coming to the close of a surveillance project that allows for a full 360 degree view of the grounds and entries of JB. This is an upgrade to our existing system which provided limitations to view the activity on JB's property. Student health and safety are always a priority of ours and we are excited for these new advancements.** * **HASA: Read-a-Thon starting Oct 26. Hoping to recoup lost funds from last year’s Walk-a-Thon cancellation.** * **SAC: Looking into pricing for having all student documents converted to being electronic to eliminate filling every year. Trying to build up communication to young families from baptism through preschool age. Making sure to keep them involved during those years and hopefully then segue into preschool. The preschool fills up fast and active parishioners get first preference.** |
| **Jennie** | **Marketing:**   * **Numbers for streaming Sunday Mass are down over the last few months, partly because people are attending, but one stream could represent several people (a family)** * **Parish Handbook is at the designer for layout, for a December ship date. Need to decide on distribution.** * **New online form for new parishioner registrations is up with responses going to church email address** * **Explorer Day will be virtual this year, Friday November 20th, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration is online**   **Finance Council:**   * **Heart of Shephard campaign –– Capital Campaign coming from the Diocese; There are three options for how to participate; Finance council will recommend by year how we should participate.** * **Financial update – Diocese approved the year end financials and the council signed to finalize and officially submit to the Diocese.** * **Savings and funds are in the foundation to cover upcoming building maintenance expenses – more details in November.** * **December 1st – National fundraiser *We give Catholic* – funds raised will be for the sandstone, flag poles and walkway**   **Grounds Crew**   * **2 hour work day this Saturday 24th 9-11am. Pulling up flowers, emptying the pots, general cleanup and the last clean up/work day for the year.** * **Group is hopeful they can get back to normal next spring** |
| **Matt** | * **From Keith Johnson:**    + **Request for PSR help on Sundays from 9:15-10:30. 1 teacher, a few aides, and some substitutes. Curriculum is provided, which walks teacher through the material. Aides assist the teacher. Asking for volunteers or ideas from Council about how/where to recruit.** * **Extraordinary Ministers Committee:**   + **Concern that live streamed Mass has a large number of people not wearing masks, which discourages people from returning to church. Suggested livestreaming a “masking Mass” instead. Asking for other ideas.** |
| **Alex** | * **Bridge Flight trying to find new meeting time.** * **The women of the Sanctuary Society offered this prayer from the Thomas Aquinas online site: “Lord Jesus Christ,You love Your church and those called to share Your priesthood! With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to off his life as an Ambassador of Christ, bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and prayer with us. Amen.”** |
| **Tiffany (if necessary)** | * **Received letter from a parishioner couple in response to the Bishop’s letter about catholic voting. Tiffany summarized the parishioner letter, read related quotes from the Bishop’s letter and the democratic platform on abortion. Tiffany stated concern that a number of other parishoners appear to not be onboard with the church’s position that abortion is an intrisic evil and/or of primary importance when voting.** |