

May 31, 2020 – Solemnity of Pentecost - Feast of Saint Petronille – Feast of the Visitation

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

### **Patronal Feast Day – Saint Petronille – May 31**

Today we celebrate Pentecost; however, we also celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Petronille. Let us offer a prayer to her for the welfare and peace of our land, a cure to Covid-19 and all of our parishioners who continue to struggle during these strange times.

O Eternal God,  
who gave us in the person of Saint Petronille,  
a powerful protectress,  
grant that our parish,  
named for the spiritual daughter of your chosen Apostle,  
be immersed in your Grace,  
reflect the light of faith,  
remain a font of hope and  
one day attain the land of beatitude,  
where in concert with her,  
we may praise you and bless you forevermore. Amen.

### **Graduation**

We pray in a special way for all of our parishioners who have graduated at any level during this month of May and the coming month of June. We give thanks to God for the gifts he has given them and pray that they will always use those gifts out of love for Him and His people.

### **Re-opening Update**

We will begin daily Mass this week at 6:15 am and 8 am in the parish church. Please notice that worshippers for Mass must enter through the Parish Life Center doors and not the main church doors. Confessions will be held from 7 am to 7:45 am on Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00-4:45 pm in the Parish Life Center.

#### **The following procedures will need to be followed during weekday Masses:**

1. Enter through the two PLC doors to the left and exit through the main doors.
2. Wear mask at all times except when receiving communion.
3. Communion line will form in the center aisle leaving 6 feet between each communicant.
4. Reception of the communion only in the hand.
5. Use hand sanitizer before receiving communion.
6. Return to seat down side aisle.

Please note: the children's Mass on Thursday at 9 am and the school year closing prayer service will still be exclusively livestreamed and not in person.

Sunday Masses will not resume until the weekend of June 13/14. Please stay tuned for more information.

**The following procedures must be followed for confessions:**

1. Enter through the PLC using the two doors to the right.
2. Wear a mask at all times.
3. Remain six feet from any other penitents waiting outside if you must.
4. When you are the next penitent to confess, remain standing at the stop sign in order to preserve the confidentiality of the penitent confessing.
5. When you approach the priest, there are no confessions face to face are possible. Only confess behind the screen.
6. When you approach the priest stop at the chair where you may sit or kneel. Do not approach closer than six feet.
7. After you have finished confessions exit

**Moving Tabernacle**

We have decided to relocate the tabernacle from the side Marian Chapel to the center behind the main altar in our parish church. Although this was the original location, this placement will allow more people to pray before the Blessed Sacrament now that our church is open. Right now, observing guidelines, less than 6 people can be in the Marian Chapel at a time. Once the project is complete, you will still be able to pray in the Marian Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament, you will simply face the opposite direction.

The new placement is in complete compliance with liturgical guidelines. In fact, it better observes the directive that the tabernacle be in a place of prominence in the church. "In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #314.) We are grateful to the single anonymous donor who paid the entire cost of moving the tabernacle. This project should be completed within two weeks. We are grateful to Tom Mayer, parishioner, for serving as the general contractor on this project.

**Livestream Masses**

Many have asked the question: will Mass continue to be livestreamed after we reopen the church? Yes. We will continue to livestream the 8 am daily Mass, the 5 pm Saturday Mass and the 930 am Sunday Mass. Thank you to our great team of camera-people who donate their time to bring Mass to you. Tom Koch, esq., is our lead cameraman. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Tom or the parish office.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

In Christ,

Fr. Thomas Milota