

June 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Saint Petronille,

Thank you!

Thank you to our great team of volunteers and staff who helped with our reopening this last weekend. They made sure everything was setup and ready to go, greeted and counted those coming into Mass and sanitized the entire church and PLC before every Mass. Thank you!!! Special thanks to our team leaders Ray Moen, Christy Collie and Jessica Payne who led our setup team, greeter team and cleaners and to Tom Koch, our executive producer, key-grip and camera coordinator, and all of our camera-people who made sure we were livestreaming at each Mass in the PLC and on-line.

I would also like to thank all those who came to worship following our guidelines and signing up on-line. Your cooperation made our job much easier. We still need volunteers (many hands make light work) for each of our teams. If you would like to help with our setup, greeters or cleaners, please email us at reopen@stpetchurch.org or give the parish office a call at 630-469-0404.

Good job!

For the most part, early reports are positive from this weekend. I hope that everyone felt safe and noticed the efforts we are taking to make you safe here at Saint Petronille.

We debriefed our team on Monday and learned a few things from the weekend and so we will be making a few changes. For example:

1. First, we had enough room for those wanting to attend last weekend. The best attended Mass was the 11:30 on Sunday and the least attended was the 5 pm on Sunday. Since the attendance at the 5 pm Sunday was less than half the capacity of our parish church, we will not be livestreaming that Mass nor opening up the PLC for this Mass. If we find that there is increase demand at that Mass, we can always open it up; however, not showing in the PLC at the 5 pm Sunday Mass will give our volunteers a lighter load on the weekend. So...**our capacity at the 5 pm Sunday will be 70 instead of 145.**
2. We apologize for the technical glitch we had at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday evening in which there was no sound. We had a power outage earlier in the day and it messed with our sound system. We caught the problem and we were back on-line by Sunday morning.
3. We will place a bottle of hand-sanitizer a little further back in the main aisle of the church; however, we also ask those communicating to move up to the next tape on the floor after sanitizing and not stand next to the hand sanitizer. Please notice that there is a station/tape on the floor after sanitizing and before you receive communion. Stepping forward will allow the people behind you to sanitize their hands behind you.

Please notice that you can now watch all Masses (5 pm Saturday; 730, 930, 1130 am Sunday) livestreamed on our YouTube channel. The only Mass that is not livestreamed is the 5 pm on Sunday.

Bishop Conlon this weekend

Bishop Daniel Conlon, retired bishop of Joliet, will be offering the 930 am and 1130 am Masses this weekend. We are privilege to have Bishop Conlon with us as one of the first parishes he has visited after

his retirement. I know you will give him a warm Saint Petronille welcome! Fr. Luke Barder, op, will be offering the 5 pm Mass on Saturday. Fr. Luke is the son of long-time parishioners, Tim and Annie Barder.

Please continue to sign-up

We know it is weird to sign-up for Mass, but this is extremely helpful to us and helps to keep everyone safe. Please sign-up by going to our parish webpage and clicking the sign-up link. If you do not have access to the internet or are having a hard time making it work, please sign-up by phoning Christine Balaty at 630-469-0404. Ext. 2107.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.

In Christ,

Fr. Milota