

St. Philip Town Hall Meeting
Zoom Meeting
9th September 2020

32 Called into the Meeting

Fr. Sudhir opened the meeting by saying the goal of the call is to brainstorm various parish functions and plan for now and going forward until December.

Faith Formation:

- Begins 20th September
Grades 1-5 will be meeting every 6 weeks with either personal or zoom meetings. Every 5 weeks they will have an online portal for parents & children (including homework to be done), but not to overburden them. Keep it light, however the goal is to stay connected.
- Grades 6-7 and Confirmation will also be Zoom calls.
- When safe it is hoped to begin in person classes.
- Registration is slow. ~40 grades 1-5; ~10 grades 6-7; 22 Confirmation.

Finances:

- We have received a \$20,000 grant which is independent of the We Stand With Christ campaign.
- We also have the ability to apply for a \$62,000 government loan from PPP which we will need to apply for the forgivable loan.
- 60%-70% received from envelopes. 50% online giving/50% envelopes. There will be another push to encourage online giving.
- Presently, we are doing well. Projects included the donations received for the parking lot (sealing and painting lines), repairs to the stonewall and lighting for the Church. We will need to have lights in the parking lot which will be next project.

Funerals: few

Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament:

- Dan said we have 3 candidates. One does not have Zoom capability. Three sessions completed – 9 remain.
- They will have Zoom meetings.
- Father said they can meet in person IF protocols are followed – no more than 10 can attend sessions.

Walking with Purpose: Looking into continuing – No firm plans yet.

How Are YOU doing, Fr. Sudhir:

- Father said he thinks the experience has been wonderful in staying connected. It's been much work with setting up and planning, however, he feels he is very satisfied with the way it's been going. He is grateful to the many volunteers. He also said that we have actually received new parishioners.
- Brent noted that the Governor has said that we will remain in the present stage until February pending the numbers going forward.

- Father Sudhir has “compared notes” with St. Jerome’s and St. Matthew’s parishes. He said that we are all pretty comparable with how it’s going – we may be doing a little better.

Masses:

- We can accommodate 100 in the Church.
- In October we will return to the normal Mass schedule. All Masses will be zoom as well as live in Church. The only Mass outside will be the Noon Mass.
- Father noted that it takes about 20 minutes to sanitize the Church.
- Suggestion is to have a “drive-by” for Communion for those who cannot attend Mass live. Father said he will look into this and perhaps distribute Communion after the Noon Mass for ½ hour.

YAC:

Youth Group has been up/down. Plan is to do one session in person.

Communion Calls:

Father visits 4 people (with his Mask)

Confirmation:

Planned for 27th September. Bishop will not be celebrant. Father Sudhir will be administering the Sacrament.

Hymnals:

Ordered 50 in August. We will be purchasing a license that will enable online access to the hymnals and printing them ourselves.

Singing in Church

- Diocese does not encourage this. 4 Choir members will be singing. (Remind the congregation of hymn numbers.)
- Positive reaction to the screens in Church – apparently not distracting from Sacred Space.

Rosary/Morning Prayer: 10-12 people

- May want to do Bible Study in the future.

Food Pantry:

- ~100 people per week.
- We are buying food thanks to the generous parish donations.
- Also using donations for the Midnight Run (75 bags prepared.)
- Delivered to 2 COVID families.
- Not going to PA any longer because it costs \$3,000 and the food is perishable and could go to waste. It worked well during the critical period.

Closing Prayer at 7:55.