

Great News and Upcoming Dates

I want to share with you, the Parish Family of Saint Helen, some great news! We were closed for public masses on March 17, 2020 and were not able to open up until May 3, 2020. We opened up with three masses each weekend with a maximum capacity of 25%, which is 350 people in our sanctuary. We are so excited because within a few weeks we added a fourth mass to accommodate the numbers and now we are adding a fifth mass for the same reason.....our crowds are growing in number! That is great news! Therefore we would like you to know that beginning on September 20th we will be adding a Sunday morning mass at 7:30am. This is in response to several people saying they would like to have an earlier mass and also to help alleviate the crowd at the 9:00am mass, which has reached capacity!!! We are so excited to make this addition to our weekend schedule....we hope to see you and your loved ones join us at the Eucharistic Table! A couple of other important dates to share with you.

September 4th - 8:00am School mass resumes....all parents and adults are asked to sit in the choir section so that we do not contaminate the “pods” we have set up at the school.

September 9th - 8:00am Special Awards ceremony in the Church to honor Dr. Phyliss Coleman for the award she received from the Archdiocese for her outstanding leadership.

September 9th - 7:00pm **Special Pandemic Mass** - to pray for all those affected the by **Pandemic**. This is a special mass as prescribed by the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

September 11th - 6:00pm First group of Confirmation candidates by Cardinal DiNardo, invitation only

September 12th - 10:00am Second group of Confirmation candidates, invitation only

September 12th - 1:00pm Third group of Confirmation candidates, invitation only

September 15th - 21st - Fr. Jim on Vacation....**invitation only**

We may be in the midst of a pandemic but we will continue to function as fully as allowed by the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the CDC. If you have not yet visited our web page www.sthelenchurch.org please do so. Also, go to our YouTube channel (sthelen church) and watch the new disinfecting fog procedure that we are now using in our church. Notice also the “no touch” automatic hand sanitizers located at all the doors of the church. I am so excited and giving thanks to God that our Sunday attendance is growing and I pray that during this difficult time that we all continue to grow closer in our relationship with the Lord and we walk ever closer to Him. Welcome back all those who have returned, and for those who have not returned, we keep you in our prayers and we hope and pray for the day when we will see your smiling faces again in our sanctuary. May God bless and keep you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jim