

Church updates from Father Dietrich,

Parish Council will meet in person on Tuesday evening at 7:40 (after Father Dietrich has finished the evening Mass) in Flynn Hall.

CONFESSIONS: Beginning Thursday, October 1st, confessions will be moved inside the church. Because the upstairs confessions remain too tight of quarters to have people go in and out of without sanitizing in between, we will be hearing confessions in the basement – through the tunnel leading into the rectory, in the classroom to the left of the tunnel. We will have tape on the floor to indicate proper spacing. So that we don't have multiple people using a kneeler with no sanitizing in between, we will ask penitents to stand (although a chair will be available for those who need one). The confessor will, of course, be behind a screen so that confessions remain anonymous. Access to the basement will be through the southeast door (steps lead downstairs) and the service door at the northwest corner, with the ramp that leads into Flynn Hall.

COMMUNION CALLS: Due to the continued spread of the Coronavirus, we have not yet resumed communion calls to people's homes on a regular basis. In fact, I had been thinking about going out the first Friday of September, but thankfully curtailed all my activities and appointments the night before; one more day, and I might very well have visited a number of our most vulnerable parishioners while carrying the virus myself. So, out of caution, I will bring communion to those who are truly homebound and who request it, but only on an as-requested, as-I'm available basis, and will not visit more than 2 households on a given day to minimize the risk of spread. For those who are staying at home solely because of the virus, I think it would be just as safe to come to one of the sparsely-attended evening daily Masses as to have me come to your home (plus the fact that, given the number who are not yet comfortable returning to Sunday Mass, visiting all those homes regularly would be logistically impossible).

--Father Dietrich