

Sacred Heart Parish Finance Council Meeting 3/24/2020

Board Members Present: Steve Lewno, Fr. Mark Lichter, Todd Oschner, Edie Mattern, BJ Schaeffbauer, Will Griffith Joe Zikmund (via phone), David Vetch from Aberdeen Catholic Foundation

Fr. Mark Opened with Prayer and recommended Praying to Our Lady of Good Remedy (attached)

Will motion to approve January & February Financial Statement BJ2nd. All were in favor.

Discussion on the effects the Covid-19 Epedemic has caused through suspension of masses and closing of the parish office to visitors. Obviously, collections are down, Letters were sent to parishioners and encouragement of online giving and automatic deposit as well as installing boxes in the entrances of the churches for parishioners to continue to drop off collection envelopes.

At this point we are using a wait and see approach; Staff is doing what they can from a distance and Fr relayed that they will be taken care of.

BJ will stay on top of possible Stimulus Package for Non Profit Businesses. Fr. Mark mentioned many parishioners would be willing to give their stimulus funds to the church, if that does happen, obviously we are hoping that parishioners continue to give even if they are not able to attend mass. Fr. Mark and Staff are doing the best they can to keep parishioners informed with online Masses, prayer groups and talks. Tough part is informing parishioners that do not have or use technology.

Finance Council will possibly meet through teleconference to see how the financials look and keep up with it week to week. May have to analyze expenses that we can cut. There are so many unknowns as with all of this.

All church activities have been suspended, Confirmation, Religious Ed, 1st Communion and different meeting groups. Church is still open during certain hours and the Confessions still being heard but moved to Sacristy and Small Chapel. Food Pantry to continue once a week.

Closed with Prayer

Next Meeting 4/28/2020 at 5:30

Fr. Mark Closed in Prayer

Record by Edie Mattern

Prayer recommended by Fr. Mark

Novena to Our Lady of Good Remedy

O QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, Most Holy Virgin, we venerate thee. Thou art the beloved Daughter of the Most High God, the chosen Mother of the Incarnate Word, the Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and the Sacred Vessel of the Most Holy Trinity.

O Mother of the Divine Redeemer, who under the title of Our Lady of Good Remedy comes to the aid of all who call upon thee, extend thy maternal protection to us. We depend on thee, Dear Mother, as helpless and needy children depend on a tender and caring mother.

Hail, Mary....

O LADY OF GOOD REMEDY, source of unfailing help, grant that we may draw from thy treasury of graces in our time of need.

Touch the hearts of sinners, that they may seek reconciliation and forgiveness. Bring comfort to the afflicted and the lonely; help the poor and the hopeless; aid the sick and the suffering. May they be healed in body and strengthened in spirit to endure their sufferings with patient resignation and Christian fortitude.

Hail, Mary....

DEAR LADY OF GOOD REMEDY, source of unfailing help, thy compassionate heart knows a remedy for every affliction and misery we encounter in life. Help me with thy prayers and intercession to find a remedy for my problems and needs, especially for... (Mention your intentions here).

O loving Mother, on my part, I pledge to adopt a more intensely Christian lifestyle, to a more careful observance of the laws of God, to be more conscientious in fulfilling the obligations of my state in life, and to strive to be a source of healing in this broken world of ours.

Dear Lady of Good Remedy, be ever present to me, and through thy intercession, may I enjoy health of body and peace of mind, and grow stronger in the faith and in the love of thy Son, Jesus.

Hail, Mary.....

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of Good Remedy,

R. That we may deepen our dedication to thy Son, and make the world alive with His Spirit.