

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**September 24, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Tom Pell opened the meeting with prayer. Andrea Kramer led formation during this Season of Creation with reflections on quotations from Pope Francis' *Laudate Si*.

Minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting were considered. Bob Lemieux motioned to approve the minutes as written, Rafael Gil-Figueroa seconded; minutes were approved.

**School:** Kimberly Parker reported the school's enrollment is at 367 students. Classes began August 31 with physical distancing requirements resulting in very limited preschool enrollment, three homerooms for grades Kindergarten and 2, one large homeroom with two teachers for grade 3, two homerooms for every other grade, and in-person instruction alternating days with livestreamed class participation from home for grades 5-8. The school is providing flexibility for students to study in-person or remotely. The school community voted for a 1-to-1 device policy in grades 1-4, so the school ordered Chromebooks for those grades and parents will purchase them. The PTPO purchased laptops for all teachers in K-8 and iPads and tablets for students in the lower grades. CARES Act money was used to purchase more laptops and tablets for the upper grades to ensure a device is dedicated to each student when attending in-person in grades 5-8.

**PTPO:** Jennie Hooker is the new PTPO liaison to the Pastoral Council. She shared that the PTPO leadership is planning different types of goals for this very different type of year, with particular questions about how to do teacher appreciation week and fundraising. There will be no gala this year due to the pandemic. The next Dining for Dollars spirit event is Friday, October 16 from 4-8 pm at Panera (in Vienna), and all are invited to support it.

**Finance:** Andrea Kramer reported that the Finance Council met during the summer to finalize the 2020-21 parish budget; due to greater variability in projecting income and expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the budget will be reviewed quarterly for needed adjustments. The budget is based only on the actual offertory income of last fiscal year, which is down due to 3 months of no public Masses and limited attendance once public liturgies resumed. The 2020-21 budget ends with a \$114,000 loss (expenses exceeding income), which is not desirable but is not unheard of in our parish's history. Staff are praised for continuing to keep expenses down, and donations are increasing back to old monthly levels due to more parishioners signing up for Faith Direct (online giving) and making Qualified Charitable Distributions from retirement accounts. The annual stewardship campaign is coming out soon. The parish is on track for the Paycheck Protection Program loan to be converted to a grant, and we received a first rebate check, in the amount of \$29,430, for the green lighting initiative.

**Commission Reports:**

**Community Service:** Sarah Kirk reported that parishioners continue to be generous in helping support community needs, with donations for our projects being primarily money and going directly to agencies instead.

**Religious Education:** Jean Lupinacci shared that Walter Gawlak has ended his service as the commission rep; she is reporting until the vacancy is filled. Children's RE classes have begun virtually and with a homeschooling option but enrollment is down; she is contacting families of children who have participated in prior years but not yet registered this year.

**Community Growth:** Betsy Zolper reported that some activities in this area have been cancelled but many have successfully moved to meeting virtually over Zoom. Next week, Care for Our Common Home is hosting a 3-evening virtual retreat focused on protecting the Earth's water.

**Worship:** Bob Lemieux reported that the parish is seeking more volunteers to assist with the Communion Service and any change in the Mass schedule to possibly offer more weekend Masses. Interested persons are

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asked to contact Laura Cooman. Crystal Sheehan swiftly addressed a recent concern about mask compliance at Mass by posting more and different signage for parishioners and in the sacristy for liturgical ministers, as well as discussing the concern with the priests.

Youth: Tom Pell reported that youth ministry is focused on reviving and promoting the high school Christian Life Communities (CLCs) for girls and boys, but needs adult leaders. Rafael Gil-Figueroa indicated his interest in helping.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The Pastoral Council's Nominations and Elections Committee needs to meet soon. PC elections are anticipated this year on the weekends of November 14-15 and 21-22. With fewer parishioners coming to in-person worship, this committee needs to consider the logistics of how to recruit candidates and hold voting this Fall. Karen Asta, Marjorie Brown, and Betsy Zolper will serve on the committee. Karen Asta, Amanda Bradley, Andrea Kramer, and Elizabeth Peters have terms ending this November. We all need to consider others we can invite to serve as candidates.

**Eyes and Ears:** Parishioners are requesting a Sunday in-person Mass but also continued livestreaming of Mass. Parishioners are concerned about not wearing out the staff, so how can volunteers be utilized? Bob's update from the Worship Commission helps provide a response to this feedback.

The Pastoral Council meetings remain over Zoom at this time. The parish is not permitting in-person meetings or activities beyond liturgy and St. Mark School classes while the logistics of cleaning and safety are too great for the staff if other use and turnover of facilities were to occur.

Fr. Pat offered a closing prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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## Service Commission Report for September 2020

Blood Drive: No report

CHINS: No report

Christ House: No report

English as a Second Language (ESL): St. Mark ESL Ministry will be ready to start our Fall term with all online classes using Zoom on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting September 29. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who have had to learn a whole new way of teaching classes. We are also grateful to Denise Argote and Mary Ann Dmochowski of the church office who helped us figure out how to do online registration and payment and to Bill Grossman, who facilitated distributing textbooks to teachers and students. We have had to reduce class sizes to accommodate to the new, online approach but are happy that we can continue to serve local immigrant communities and carry out our mission of welcoming the stranger.

Gift of Peace: No report

Giving Tree / Adoption Ministry: Starting to plan out how this will work, this year, as we won't be able to collect gifts in the Activities Center and distribute them to the local organizations. Most likely, we will get information out to our Parishioners on how to give directly to the organizations we support, on line and/or collect gift cards for them.

Hot Meals Team (FACETS) / Hypothermia Shelter Program: FACETS - We still cannot prepare meals at St. Mark. So, we are simply funding FACETS every other month for an amount equivalent to 100+ meals for one night to feed the areas homeless.

Hypothermia - Huge, huge problem for the entire community (and Nation) on this topic. Houses of Worship, at this point, cannot open their doors to the homeless during the cold winter months. We are hoping that the local Governments and organizations like FACETS will find vacant buildings/hotels/etc. to house the homeless, this year. Our role, most likely then, would be to supply food, provide transportation rides, etc. We'll get word out on what volunteers can do as soon as we hear.

Matthew 25: Amazing supply of food continues to be donated in our M25 area from Parishioners. Food is constantly re-distributed to our area organizations in need.

McDowell County:

Sunday Sustenance:

Social Action Linking Together (SALT): SALT is actively advocating for sensible social policies during the Virginia Special Session. We submitted written testimony on our criminal justice issues.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> SALT sponsored & hosted a Criminal Justice virtual conference with Senator Adam Ebbin & Delegates Patrick Hope & Lashareese Arid. All agreed to patron and support SALT proposed legislation to ban & prohibit private prisons in Virginia.

We also had a very productive virtual conference call with Fran Bolin Director of Assisting Families of the Incarcerated about reducing the outrageously expensive Video rates (gouging) by Global Tel.

On September 17 I will be guest speaker on Delegate Kaye Kory's Town Hall speaking on the SALT 2021 legislative priorities.

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## 2021 SALT Criminal Justice Priorities

SALT Priority #1: Eliminating the \$5.00 medical co-pays for inmates in Virginia is a priority. For example, with a rate of pay of \$.48 per hour, that's 11 hours of work to cover a single medical co-pay. Three states have taken action in 2019 to change one of the most harmful policies in prison healthcare. Out-of-reach co-pays in Virginia prisons and jails have two inevitable and dangerous consequences. First, when ailing people avoid the doctor, disease is more likely to spread to others in the facility – and into the community when people are released before being treated. Second, illnesses are likely to worsen as long as people avoid the doctor, which means more aggressive (and expensive) treatment when they can no longer go without it. It's time for Virginia to change this risky and regressive policy.

SALT Priority #2: Pay imprisoned people in Virginia a reasonable wage for their mandated prison labor. Currently, Virginia is one of 14 states in which imprisonment is treated as voluntary unemployment. State prison job pay in Virginia is a median of about 29 cents an hour, meaning that: 1) most incarcerated parents cannot feasibly pay the full amount of child-support obligations and or court fees, ending up tens of thousands of dollars in debt by the time they get out; and 2) imprisoned people are perpetually in debt trying to obtain basic necessities, e.g., it can take a week's wages to buy a box of tampons or to save up to make a phone call to family members. We are essentially destroying chances at successful reintegration without fair wages to help them survive. We propose that Virginia pass legislation that provides reasonable compensation to incarcerated workers.

SALT Priority #3: Limiting and Ending Solitary Confinement. SALT supports the reducing of solitary confinement to an absolute minimum and legislation to amend the data reporting law requiring VADOC to Report Data on Solitary Confinement. This practice is considered torture and fails to meet the “constructive and rehabilitative purpose” of criminal justice as set forth in statements by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2000; the UN Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners; and the US Justice Department.

SALT Priority #4: Official ID for Virginians returning from incarceration is critical. Citizens without an ID are denied access to jobs, their own money, disability and social services, and housing. These people are left without a safety net or opportunity for upward mobility and little assistance in navigating a complex bureaucratic process. Without policy changes, these people are denied a fair chance to rebuild their lives, and many are caught in a cycle of homelessness and incarceration. Every person incarcerated in Virginia should be provided with proof of incarceration upon release that may be exchanged for a state ID card free of charge. This small change will remove a significant barrier to people attempting to reintegrate into society. Ensuring access to ID is critical for success after incarceration.

SALT Priority #5: SALT is working with Del. Aird and Sen. Ebbin regarding the push to end the private prison industry in Virginia. We are hopeful that the coming session will allow us to place a moratorium on further private prison facilities and establish a plan to close Lawrenceville. The maladministration and cruelty of the industry in Virginia are clear and it is past time for the Commonwealth to take a stand against private industry profiting on what should be an inherently governmental function.

SALT Priority #6: The Virginia Video Visitation program by Assisting Families of the Imprisoned (AFOI) has been made possible solely with volunteers, primarily people of faith, and generous individuals coming from various faith communities and non-profits. There is virtually no political constituency and Virginia's public fiscal support is absent. As a result of this deficiency, staffing and programs are stretched past the limits. The faith communities and community volunteers lack the resources to meet the existing needs. In short, it's past time for Virginia to acknowledge its responsibility as churches and charities can't begin to fill the gap by increasing access to existing prison family video visitation programs and expanding to areas of the state currently not covered by the program.

SALT Priority #7: Another much needed 15% TANF Increase. It will take 3 more 15% increases to bring up family support (TANF) benefits up to 50% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

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Thanksgiving Clothing Drive: We are not having our annual, huge Clothing Drive, this year, because of the Pandemic. However, I've put together a list of local organizations that need clothes, along with their location, so that folks can take clothes directly to them, instead of St. Mark being the middle man. The list is available, at the office, if anyone calls us (and they already started), on our website, and it will be taking up ½ page of the bulletin for the entire month of October

Other Random Service Projects:

Direct Assistance: No surprise here. We are helping a lot of folks in financial need through our collections in the St. Mark Poor Box. Parishioners have been very generous in mailing in money to us specifying the Poor Box.

Tithing Allocation Committee: We meet tonight to decide on how much money to distribute to 5 great local organizations who applied for Grant money: FamilyPASS, Stroke Comeback Center, Tanzania Education Fund, The Car Ministry and Centreville Immigration Forum.

PACT: Ministry: we are still not able to visit our homebound due to Covid.

Shed: Big shout out to Brian Summers for completing his Eagle Scout project of completely revamping the big shed on our property. It looks fantastic. Going forward, the Shed will be used to store/redistribute for a variety of items. Right now, we are collecting large baby items for HOPE and will be collecting Medical equipment for Medical Missionaries.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

### SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: we continue to offer Private Baptism

- September: 1
- October: 4 scheduled
- November: 1 scheduled

First Eucharist

- 45 Children have received first Eucharist since July
- 5 scheduled on Sept 26 and Oct 10, 17 and 24 at Saturday Vigil Mass
- Monday, Sept 28 twins receiving at 9:15 daily Mass
- About 15 *ST. MARK* School children waiting until Spring 2021

Confirmation

- We have confirmed 60 Teens since July at 3 Confirmation Masses
- There are 20 Scheduled for 9/29 Confirmation
- There are 22 Scheduled for 10/15
- A handful are waiting until next spring

RCIA

- 2 people actively in Inquiry now: a father and adult son baptized Anglican.

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## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Bible Study- Mark Morneau is assisting me with setting up bible studies.

- 25 Studying Book of *Revelation* now
- 17 will be studying *Ephesians* starting next week.
- December we are offering *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* to people who have completed Alpha people and anyone else who wants to join.

Other Adult Faith Formation: I am planning on scheduling speakers on Zoom in the fall, starting with speakers that were cancelled in the spring.

## **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION – began Sept. 20/21**

1. Parents had choice of independent study (homeschool) using My Catholic Faith Delivered or Catechist led. For Catechist led
  - a. Grades 1-6 using Alive in Christ (Our Sunday Visitor) in conjunction with the Flipgrid educator's platform. Zoom used most classes.
  - b. 7th/8th using Chosen (Ascension Press) confirmation prep. Zoom weekly for 25 sessions. Both curriculum is what we were used in last few years.
2. Classes meet Sunday or Monday. Sunday offers grades 1-8 and Monday offers grades 4, 6, 7, and 8. I attended all virtual classes on Sunday and Monday in lieu of a separate parent meeting.
3. Arlington Diocese DREs have met once a week doe month.
4. Catechists have met with me regularly to figure out the best way to do this.
5. I plan to start an online platform for Catechists to ask questions and to share what works.
6. Needed less Catechists (25) vs. (70) last year because 40% of parents chose My Catholic Faith Delivered self-study and we are missing over 100 students in Grades 1-8. I plan to continue to reach out to families enrolled last year but not returning. Did this for 8th grade last week. Next 2<sup>ND</sup> grade. Then the rest of classes.

## **September 2020 Community Growth Activities Report**

**Always Our Children:** The Always Our Children ministry met two times - once in July and on Sept.14th - on Zoom. Both times we advertised in the bulletin. Our members like the zoom format and are eager to continue our mission i.e. as a welcoming presence at St. Mark for any LGBT folks, their families or friends and to be support to folks as needed.

**Bakers for Funerals:** Cannot have receptions. Will likely recruit when receptions resume.

**Bereavement:** The Bereavement Program started up September 13 for a 7 week program, 3:30 to 5 on Sunday afternoons. The series is a hybrid, in person at Turner Farmhouse, and zooming from the meeting room. We have 10 guests signed up, and 4 moderators, using The New Day Journal by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien. The 1/2 day of recollection will be on October 24, details forthcoming.

**Care for Our Common Home Ministry (CCH)** – Sponsored first Adopt-a-highway clean-up on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Event was well received by the volunteers. Next fall a sign will be placed along the road designating St. Mark Catholic Church as responsible for our section of roadway along Hunter Mill.

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CCH invites you to **join us for a mini-retreat honoring God's gift of water**. From 8 to 9 pm – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. We will gather to educate ourselves and pray. Professionals who have worked with the St. Kateri Conservation Center and Catholic Relief Services will speak. Father Tuck Grinnell, whose life reflects the love and healing power of the Holy Spirit, will participate. Go to Sign-up Genius to reserve a spot and receive Zoom invite for each evening. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EADA72CA0F8C16-thegift>

**Christians in Commerce (CIC):** No June update. The local men's chapter of Christians in Commerce meets every Wednesday morning from 7 to 8 am in the Choir room, for prayer, teaching and small group discussion about living out our Christian faith in the workplace. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts. Access is through the rear door.

**Ecumenical Bereavement Ministry through the Becky Love Foundation (BLF):** The Grief Group remains suspended for COVID, given the demographics of our attendees, and reluctance to spread disease, and difficulty with online meetings in a loosely knit group.

**Evangelist Ministry - Alpha:** With excitement, we must report that there is a fire at St. Mark. It is substantial and all-consuming; it is raging and spreading. It is ongoing and continues even now. It started in the building at the Cassidy Activities Center (CAC) and has now spread out across the entire Vienna area. No not the terrible forest fires of California vintage, but a more benign and favorable variety. Let me try to explain.

What started on a Monday night in September 2019, as a spark around the dinner tables at the CAC with a group of about 130 Alpha program people and lasted for 11 weeks, then was spread to another and another Alpha session like wild fire. All was spread by the Holy Spirit and all was life-changing. We are blessed by that holy fire and have prayed for its return again and again. Let me add some further details

The Alpha program started at St. Mark in September 2019, with dinner, singing, a video, and small group conversations about the basics of the Christian faith. The program was a success and so we ran it again. In January 2020, we ran a second 11-week Alpha Program with an identical format and about 50 attending.

Then the pandemic hit and our plans were disrupted. Unable to continue with face-to-face gatherings, we adopted our basic Alpha program to a video presentation via Zoom and an at-home format. In June 2020, we ran our third Alpha program, via Zoom, spanning 11 weeks with about 30 attending. It too was successfully received.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we began our fourth Alpha program, again via Zoom, with all attending via video connections in the comfort of their homes. About 40 are now attending. The demand continues; the program has spread to other parishes. While most of the attendees are from St. Mark, we do have some from outside parishes, and as far away as California, via the magic of Zoom. We thank Fr. Pat and the Council for their ongoing support for this valuable ministry. We also thank Fr. Tuck for his special support as our weekly Alpha MC. The fire of the Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. Mark.

**Funeral Receptions:** Suspended.

**Knights of Columbus (Santa Maria Council):** No September update.

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**Le Cercle Francais:** Continues to meet via Zoom every Tuesday from 10 to 12 and converse en Francais.

**MOMs Ministry:** No September update.

**Movie Night:** Cancelled.

**Newcomer's Committee:** Fall luncheon cancelled.

**Pastoral Care Team (PACT):** We cannot allow our Eucharistic Ministers to visit with our elderly homebound parishioners until we are cleared by the State/Bishop. Same thing goes for our weekly service/visit with the many folks at Sunrise Retirement Home in Oakton. St. Mark PACT ministers continue with the next best thing – calling to visit via phone.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Requests – We continue to receive many prayer requests that are sent out to our 150+ prayer volunteers. Folks are extremely appreciative of the availability of this form of prayer!

**Peace and Justice Committee (PJC):** No June update.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer Shawls are being made, individually at home. Recently, Barbara Johnson collected lots of new Shawls and brought them to the church. We've distributed many of them using a pick up point near the Admin Office and getting the word out to Parishioners in hopes of getting the Shawls to people who are in need/homebound/sick. Beautiful hand-made baby blankets will be given for the October baby shower with some reserved for those who advocate at the abortion centers.

**Praying College Moms (PCM):** Over the summer we take a break with our monthly parish meetings, however 2 parishes have continued having weekly online meetings with the Rosary, to help keep connectivity and compassion afloat in these challenging times.

1. St. Mark will begin an online monthly meeting on Sept 29, and meet on that same Tuesday, each month. The online response has shown a significant increase of PCMs who wish to attend the monthly meetings virtually. These are people who had come to meetings in the past, but not in the last year, and even parents whose children are finished with their studies and are attempting to launch their careers. The state of Universities, colleges, and training schools has changed; and parents are concerned about the health and future of their college age young adults. The need for sharing, prayer, and connectivity are viable here.

2. In August, We had a virtual meeting for "PCM Parish Leaders". (1) The consensus was to offer virtual PCM monthly meetings at their parishes. (2) There was also a desire to offer quarterly Virtual PCM Seminars with special speakers talking on relevant subjects to Praying College Moms. We are planning the first Seminar now for late October/ early November. On August 22, a virtual PCM Rosary was offered to Our Lady, mentioning the name of over 600 young adults over the 5 decades of the Rosary. The next virtual PCM Rosary will be on Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am.

3. Mary Beth Harper, the author of "...And So We Pray; Guidance for Moms with College-Aged Young Adults", continues to offer a monthly BLOG on timely issues concerning parents, college-aged young adults, and our Catholic Faith. Our monthly newsletter offers a link to her Blog ([www.andsowepray.com](http://www.andsowepray.com)), and it is found on our website [www.prayingcollegemoms.org](http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org).

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**Pro-Life Committee (PLC):** St. Mark Pro-Life Committee will hold a virtual baby shower to benefit A Woman's Choice pregnancy help center in Herndon for the month of October as part of Matthew 25. 40 Days for Life Fall campaign starts September 23 and goes to Nov. 1. We will use the new [PrayForLife.org](http://PrayForLife.org) website for scheduling. We are beginning planning for the March For Life which will be held on January 22, 2020. HOPE, now called Options has moved close to the Falls Church abortion center. Several women have been escorted there and chose life for their babies.

**Remembrance Ministry:** The Remembrance Ministry has continued sending condolence cards to bereaved in our parish. As this is done from home, we have not had difficulty maintaining our connection. Planning for the Mass of Remembrance has begun. The ministry members will meet next week via Zoom for planning. Kathleen Kelmelis and Laura Cooman met by phone to set out the parameters and discuss changes and adaptations that will be necessary during this time.

**Senior Ministry (M&Ms):** During the summer, the M&M group held 3 Zoom meetings. One of our members shared his memories and pictures with us of his recent trip to Brussels. Another time a member gave us a talk and pictures about her trip to Medjugorje. We also had a lady a nurse from Waltonwood Asburn talk to us about vitamins and covid and the importance of exercises. She has offered to talk with us again on health topics, etc. We held a planning meeting to discuss future activities while we are in quarantine. We haven't fully put together our future events but hope to have zoom meetings where we can share our vacations photos, and any other activity we may be able to do either as an outside event or through zoom. Some of our intrepid members might also like to have a luncheon at a nearby restaurant (outside). We are all looking into events and will keep you posted when we start up again.

**Small Communities of Faith:** Several of the Small Communities of Faith have been meeting regularly using ZOOM. We will not be hosting the Annual Fall reception (wine and cheese) this September due to COVID 19. We will not be sponsoring an Advent Morning of Reflection as we have done in past years—again due to COVID 19.

**Soup and Stations:** Paused

**Welcome and Information Desk:** No September update.

## **Worship Commission Report – September 2020**

Worship Commission Ministries. Most of the Worship Commission ministries continue to be on hold. The Altar Guild, Liturgical Art, Lector, and Candle ministries continue to provide support as needed. All others are standing by to serve. Laura and an guitarist provide music for the 5:30 Mass.

Mass and Communion Services. In the short term, the schedule will continue. Changing the schedule to include adding additional Masses will be discussed in the near future particularly as cold weather sets in, making the Communion Service difficult. Laura will discuss options with Fr. Pat. Volunteers are needed to assist with Communion Services as the staff has been managing them since May. Training will be provided.

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Other Sacraments. Baptisms (5:30, individual), 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (4/Mass) and Confirmation Masses (3 complete as of last week). RCIA is delayed and will advise when rescheduled.

Usher/server room. All items removed, cleaned, replaced, and labelled thanks to Laura, Denise, Barbara Saladino. All altar server albs have been cleaned.

New Candlestands. Ron Wilgensbush built new candlestands for the chapel, working on new church candlestands.

## **Youth Ministry Report – September 2020**

### **Junior High Youth Ministry**

- The junior high youth ministry kick off will be this Friday from 6-7:30 Pm in the back parking lot.
- Kevin is looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean-up, food distribution and social distance monitoring. Set up will begin at 4:30 pm.
- The Confirmation retreat will be on October 24th for boys and November 5th for girls. Both will be over Zoom.

### **High School Youth Ministry**

- The high school youth ministry kick off was on Sunday, September 13th. It was outdoor in the back parking lot and featured games, food and fellowship. About twenty youth were in attendance from a variety of different high schools.
- There will be virtual Sunday night meetings twice a month, and we will hopefully have ice skating as an in-person event in December.
- We are hoping to bring back boys' and girls' CLC, once thriving programs of high school ministry.

### **Young Adult Ministry**

- First Fridays have continued with adoration and outdoor fellowship afterwards.
- We have been hosting a virtual Bible Study using a series on the Bible and the Virgin Mary from FORMED.
- The Diocese has resumed some in-person events. The closest one to us is a program featuring art, music and a speaker at Caboose Commons in Fairfax every third Monday night.

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