

from Pastor's Desk

October 2020

Office Staff and General Council of Saint Philip Neri, Fort Mill, SC

St. Philip Neri Maxims

*"Let us learn here below to give God
the confession of praise which we ought to hope
to give Him in heaven above."*

Parish Office

Sister Kathy Adamski directed a morning workshop to the Parish Staff. The workshop was part of the annual formation designated to employees working in Church Offices around the Diocese of Charleston.

Property & Facility Committee reviewed and lined up on hold projects. There are paintings, carpet, exterior and interior doors and knobs hardware to change. Contractors are working on the humidity concerns in specific areas of the church. The Ministry Building had a leak in the past which raised concerns of how the roof was laid. The Church has a leak on the very pick, through the line coming from the Lobby to the Sanctuary. It's a possibility that fixing the caulking and cracked retention screws will solve the problem.

The installation of Fiber optic had a small set back due to ongoing discussion regarding technical issues.

Cleaning hours have increase in all buildings for the benefit of all parishioners and visitors alike. All fabric cushion chairs in the meeting rooms will be replaced by vinyl cushion chairs that are cleaner and more durable.

The Finance Council voted to begin payments of stalls to the Diocesan Bicentennial Fundraising. The total value of the promissory note is \$890k. The Council elected to create a Guidelines for Endowment donations. The first step is to create a check off form listing opportunities for donations to offer to donors. Another important item is to define where to deposit unsolicited donations.

Rich, the resource officer

* Happy Birthday to Mary Harden, Faith Formation Director, on October 26th.

Stewardship & Hospitality

Parish Ministry Leaders Retreat was on the 26th of September. The retreat, led by Lisa Mcardle co-founder of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (SCS), talked about Stewardship as a family call way of life.

Formation & Evangelization

The Virtue for October is KINDNESS.

There are 347 students registered in Religious Education, which is less than half of the 723 registered last year. The Youth Ministry, which includes Confirmation, is down from 180 last year to 152 registered students.

Edge Program now includes grades 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Below is the chart of Religion Education Programs:

367	Elementary Religion Education
0	SPRED Program
108	Edge Middle School Program
160	Confirmation Program
25 to 30	Young Adults

The first meeting of Life Teen Program took place after the 5:30pm on Sunday September 27.

Liturgy & Worship

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Anthony Latronica (80 years old), Alisa Lee Muller (51), Mary Bacik (92) whose funeral will be on November 23rd, and all other family and friends of our Parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Fr. Paul Brenninkmejer presided on two 5:30pm Sunday Masses, while Father Fabio traveled to Immaculate Conception in Goose Creek for Confessions and Mass.

Fr. Antony Benjamine celebrated Mass during the weekend of September 26—27 as a Mission for the Diocese of Charleston Propagation of Faith outreach for a Diocese in India.

Service & Outreach

Knights of Columbus hosted a Blood Drive in the beginning of September. Over 70 people donated 65 units of blood. A written article and pictures were sent to the Diocesan Catholic Miscellany Newspaper. The Knights currently have 227 members.

Catholic Social Teaching Ministry sponsored a webinar on the Environment. Over 100 people from local, national and even other countries attended the program.

Child Development Center (CDC)

The 2-year-old classes have been canceled primarily due to inability to staff the classrooms. That caused a decrease in projected revenue. Hence, planned furnishings and renovations were put on hold.

Catholic School

St. Anne School opened its doors with 336 students, that is 256 in the Lower School in Rock Hill and 80 students in High School here at St. Philip Neri.

Fr. Fabio Refosco, CO

SEPTEMBER 2020



Staff Wedding Party for
Tayler & Andrew



Volunteers
Summer Cleaning



Funeral Reception
Ministry Brunch



Blood Drive hosted by
Knights of Columbus
Jim and Carson



New Advent Wreath Stand
Made by Denny Rodino



Staff Lunch Oktoberfest



Spirituality and Formation
for Ministry - 15 attendees
Sister Kathy Adamski



St. Anne School Band
practicing outside



Parish Stewardship Retreat



Distribution of F.F.
material by Mary Harden,
Janet and Tom



Rose Garden being treated



Italian Festival
new LOGO