

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Friends of the Parish Council and Parishioners of St. Anthony,

I hope you are all fine by the Grace of the Divine.

I am missing all of you a lot and the faithful community of St. Anthony. We must be patient trusting God until all the signs of the pandemic disappear from our community and the country. With the starting of the lockdown, following the guidelines of the Bishop and the government, I had been saying private Masses for the people through May 18. On May 19, the Church was opened for the celebration of Masses strictly adhering to the directions of the Bishop with 50% capacity of accommodation. Although we cannot have any kind of social gatherings and meetings, I would like to let you know that the Church is functioning smoothly with your generosity and goodwill. The Church Office continues to function with reduced open office hours; the Finance Council, the planning board and all committees of the Parish Council are active through communications and interactions. The construction work on the new building is slowly progressing. We are waiting for the Bishop's order for starting CCD classes and other solemn celebrations. I appreciate all those parishioners who continued to donate to St. Anthony Church throughout the shut-down. This has helped the church pay its operating expenses. I pray and encourage parishioners to continue to give during this time of re-opening.

I pray for all of you every day and remember you in my Masses particularly the sick, the vulnerable and the aged.

Hopefully at a later date, the Church will be fully opened for the faithful so that we, as members of a Eucharistic Community can gather together for prayer and worship, and can activate our other activities and gatherings and enjoy our Church life.

With prayerful regards,

Fr. George Panthanickal,
Pastor

For your information:

In the last four years, my cardiologist has been monitoring the bicuspid valve of my heart and it was "good to go" for almost 68 years; but after a catheterization procedure it was found that the valve is fully calcified and must be replaced with a new one. Hence, I will be undergoing an open-heart surgery on June 12, 2020. In my absence, a visiting priest will be covering the Masses, and in my resting period, I will be handling all my legal duties as Pastor with the help of secretary and the officials of the Church. For all your Sacramental and Pastoral requirements, please contact the secretary (433-6525) and I will be in touch with her. Please keep me in your prayers.

Mass Schedule Change with Visiting Priest

Tuesday: Cancelled

Wednesday: 11:00am

Thursday: 9:00am (65+ years of age)

Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 5:30pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:30am (English)