

Good Shepherd Church

May 6, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Good Shepherd Festival/Fundraising Committee has been meeting through conference phone calls to determine how we can proceed during this difficult time for our community and nation. We are trying our best to reach out safely, while following the "Stay at Home" guidelines, but also let you know we are with you in faith and thoughts.

In March, Father Mike sent out a letter informing us of how to stay connected during this time of isolation. Calls are currently being made to our homebound parishioners and an email list is being compiled so we can keep you informed on the latest news and information from both Good Shepherd Church as well as the Diocese of Scranton. When the time comes, we will use this outreach as a way to inform parishioners of when we can resume in-person Masses and other activities.

That being said and not knowing when it will be safe to gather again, here are some additions and changes to our parish activities:

- The May Rummage Sale has been moved to September. More information will follow.
- The 2020 Summer Festival has been canceled. However, the raffle ticket drawing is still going on as planned. We remind everyone to send in their tickets. We need your support to be able to hold this raffle!
- To replace our in-person Summer Festival, we are holding a '**Silent Festival**.' "What is a '**Silent Festival**?'?" you ask. It's an opportunity for you to still contribute to Good Shepherd Church by considering the amount of money you would have spent at the festival and submit that as a donation. We understand the economy is tough, but whatever you can afford is helpful.
- We hope to have a fall festival/craft fair in October to welcome back our community. More information will follow once we know we may gather.

If you have any questions about the information here or need any guidance or assistance, you can still reach the parish office via phone (570-788-3141) or email (gsch@ptd.net). The most up-to-date news and information is also available online on our website (<https://www.goodshepherd-drums.org/>) or on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdChurchDrums>).

Yours in Christ,



Father Mike

and the Festival Committee