

October 8, 2020

My Dear Parishioners:

This coming Monday is Thanksgiving and I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving. We are in unprecedented times these days with COVID-19, however, there is still much we can be thankful for in our lives. In the Living with Christ daily readings there is always a quote at the end of the mass that during these times I thought was so appropriate. "Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to him quietly and simply." (St. Francis de Sales)

The Diocesan Annual Appeal has started and you should be receiving a letter soon in the mail. This year's theme for the appeal is *Horizons of Hope*. If you look at the diocesan website there is Bishop Gary's video of introducing this year's appeal. The parish project that we have for our parish as mentioned, is building a Marian Grotto. The location has been chosen the design and estimated cost still to be determined. Regarding the grotto...as a parishioner, would you be interested in helping to make this a reality. I really need parishioners who could spear-head this project. Including, its design, the material for its construction, and estimated cost of the grotto; based upon volunteer labour. I say with volunteer labour, for the cost would be lower than with hired labour. Let me know if you would be willing to help with this project and to be part of a committee. I hope you will consider a donation to the appeal; for the diocesan projects and our own of the grotto.

One of the homeless who comes for a shower is in need of a back pack. If you have one that could be donated it would be greatly appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal tickets are online this year. The letter from Dennis Beliveau the Grand Knight explains where the funds raised through the ticket sales goes towards. The letter has the link to the online sales and once you click on the page the procedure to purchase the tickets come up. If you are having trouble moving forward you might have to use a different browser than your default.

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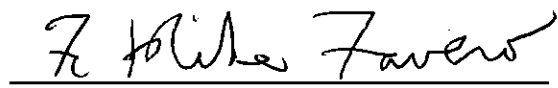
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This year we will not be having a flu shot clinic in the parish. I have heard that the appointments for the shot are filling up if you want to have one.

Next week, Rosemary will be taking a few days of vacation. The office will close at noon on Tuesday, October 13th; regular office hours will resume on Monday, October 19th.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Mike Favero". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Fr. Mike