

Priest's Monthly Report, July

4 August 2020

Av. Sun. Att.	2 nd Sun. at 6	Visits	Services
2016 – 21	30	Regular --	5 Holy Eucharist -- 4
2017 – 19	16	Hospital --	1 Private H.E. -- 1
2018 – 20	30	Homebound --	1 Morning Prayer -- 1
2019 – 17	18	Crisis --	0 Angelus -- 8
2020 – 20	--	New --	0 Total -- 14
		Other --	0
		Total --	7

Visits: The hospital visit was with Gary and Susie Wentzel for Gary’s knee repair. I shared Holy Communion with Mary and Vince Schenk on their front porch in the morning shade. While I have not yet visited with Holly Whitaker, there have been a number of phone calls as she has returned to the area and is looking for an apartment.

Worship: After many attempts, Charissa Brady finally got our notice in the Daily Item and the Journal revised to reflect our current worship. Morning Prayer was shared with the Prayer Group. Bruce Johnson presented a fine sermon on the 19th, thank you, Bruce. It is good to see Betty Wertz back among us on Sundays, and we had a visit from Nancy and Paul Williams this month. We also had a visitor from Chicago who was in the area for a family wedding. His parish has not yet resumed in person worship, and appreciated ours. I am missing Second Sunday at Six, but realize that it will not resume until after this pandemic has been resolved. Our Sunday attendance continues to be on par with other years, perhaps because we are all staying home rather than traveling to visit with family and friends.

Service: It is great that Chris Ersham, grandson of Dena Gentner, has joined the Martha’s Table cooking crew. The number of take out suppers continues to slowly grow. This month St. Pius X used our kitchen to prepare the 5th Wednesday of the month supper. David’s Delicious Delights is doing well with increased interest at the Selinsgrove Farmers’ Market. The vestry has approved the replacement of the hallway upright freezer from the Martha’s Table fund. The old one is not sealing properly and is 15 years old. Meals on Wheels is serving a few more people during the pandemic, and Meals for Seals is very much appreciated. We have again called a repairman for the door hardware on the lower level doors as they continue to be heavily used.

Education: The Wednesday morning Bible Study Group concluded this month and will resume meeting in September. They have been meeting in the parish hall where physical distancing is easier. I have continued with the weekly Bishop’s hour-long Zoom meetings. While I have read White Fragility, a book that will be used for Sarah Weedon’s St. Andrew’s, Lewisburg zoom book study. It was interesting, and a flier was placed in our bulletins to encourage members to join in.

Generosity: With the Market Street Fair being cancelled this year, we will not have that income, yet to date we continue to be fine vs. budgeted income. The Finance Committee will begin to develop the 2021 budget this fall and I am suggesting that we increase our fair

share contribution to the diocese by \$1,000.00 rather than our usual \$500.00. This will bring us to \$8,000.00 of the requested \$12,000.00. While we are considering adding a paid financial secretary to manage our bookkeeping, with the ending of priest's pension contributions, we may be able to make this increase. I am also proposing that a brochure be developed to encourage estate giving for the future of All Saints that would include various avenues of need. We also need to find someone to do a financial review for 2019, as well as someone to do a full financial audit of 2020.

Conversation: I am pleased that the Kind Café has reopened for business, as have many other shops. I hope that we are all resuming supporting these local businesses that will be struggling for quite some time as the pandemic continues. I hear that the Selinsgrove Farmers' Market is doing well, as is Monique Mattern's garden fresh stand.

Other: Bruce Johnson arranged for the electrical switches and the outlets in the sacristy to be checked, and some needed to be upgraded. For the fall, we are planning to keep the movement in and out of our facility limited. I will not be recruiting Ministry Associates from Susquehanna University for the fall, and Martha's Table will not be assisted by SUNCOM/ARC, SUN Tech, Susquehanna University or Selinsgrove Area students. This is partly because we are now doing take out only, but also for the safety of the cooking crew. Roger Keister completed the painting of the Market Street red doors and window frames. Charissa Brady has begun photographing parish art and gifts received over the years for an inventory, and will be seeking the origins of the items if known. The records will be placed in the fireproof filing cabinet for future information. The Shaped by Faith team of Dena Gentner, John Ranck, Bruce Johnson and I have resumed our work with the Bishop's office, and will share our input this fall.

Total hours this month – 125; average hours per week – 28

Respectfully submitted,

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