

Financial and Wardens' Update – November 15, 2020

After the Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer Service, Chris Crighton, Melissa Keeffe and Steve Koehler gave us a financial and parish update. Highlights of this session are as follows:

Financial Update – Chris Crighton

- Our income year to date is below our planned levels primarily due to significant reduction in loose plate offerings as there have been no in church services since mid-March, fundraising events, and parish hall rentals, all pandemic-related.
- However, expenses are also down driven by the Payroll Protection Plan funds received, lower operating costs and no interim for a number of months
- Our current financial position is solid and we are operating “in the black.”
- Chris also explained how the future solar field will be self supporting and once the loans are paid off will provide additional revenue for the parish.
- Basically, Chris' final message was “We are doing ok - we have kept TOGETHER thru this time.”

Wardens' Updates: Melissa Keeffe and Steve Koehler provided updates as follows:

- Starting next week, our Sunday services will be live streamed and available either through Zoom or the parish's YouTube channel. Information about how this will work will be sent before next week's service.
- 2020 Giving Tree – Melissa reminded everyone that we are going to participate virtually this year. A separate communication was sent out detailing the groups we are working with and how to participate. Sue Sasso also shared that on-line giving is available for donations and instructed members to go to the CHS website “giving” page and follow the instructions.
- Interim Priest In-Charge – a candidate has been identified and we are finalizing the Letter of Agreement and expect this person to start by January 1.

Buildings and Grounds Update:

- The parish owes a big thank you to Dave Blanchett for all the work he has done evaluating our numerous heating and cooling systems and is now overseeing the replacement of the 3 most critically needed replacements.
- Solar Field - The Town of Orleans has provided the required approvals and installation will start November 23rd
- Galley West Restoration work is scheduled to start November 23rd

Stewardship Update:

- Preparation of the 2021 budget is underway. Steve asked for outstanding pledges to be sent.

In-Person Worship

- Due to the up-tick in Covid cases, we will NOT be having in person worship services at the church until Easter. The Vestry's primary concern is to keep everyone safe during the winter and felt this was the right decision at this time.

Rector Search

- A search committee cannot be announced until the Transitional Priest In Charge starts. Melissa has spoken to other parish search committees that have successfully used a virtual process using Zoom. We should assume that will be the method used, at least initially, until Covid restrictions are lifted.

The updates ended with heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been working to keep our parish together during these challenging times.