

Rector's Update – May 15th

Greetings to the saints of St. Paul's,

Some have been without receiving the Eucharist since we stopped having regular in-person services on March 15th, and two months is a long time! This week I started distributing consecrated hosts (i.e. the wafers) to those who let me know they'd like to receive them. Each Sunday, I will consecrate extra wafers, and have them distributed to those who let me know that they would like to receive it. During the online service, I'll ask that those who received the hosts to consume it with me during the Eucharist. We'll continue to do this as long as we need to do it. The catch is that you have to let me know that you want to receive the host by the Thursday afternoon prior to the Sunday you'd like to receive the Eucharist. Please let me know the number of people receiving, and how often you'd like to receive. The best way to let me know is via email: fathernickfunk@gmail.com.

Here's St. Paul's news for the week:

- We're continuing to do Sunday services online only. These are broadcast live via YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm, and can be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube page. The recorded sermon may be found on our website as an MP3.
- We're looking forward to having our doors open, and we also expect to continue streaming for some time into the future. At this point, we do not a projected date to return to more normal worship.
- Our parish office is closed until further notice. We'll probably open when Diocesan offices open. We are checking parish voicemails remotely, responding to emails, and meetings will be done via conference calls and videoconferencing.

- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799. This is the same meeting information as I use for all my meetings.
- If you need to get with me for a meeting, I'm available to schedule a phone or video call. My best email is fathernickfunk@gmail.com.
- Pastoral Care is being done via phone and videoconferencing. Face-to-face pastoral calls are only done in dire situations, and by the Rector only. If you have needs for shopping, emergency repairs, etc., please email or call – we can help!
- We are offering Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via a Zoom meeting, and upload it live if Facebook works (right now, it's below 50% success rate).
- Our 'Bible and Breakfast' Bible Study continues at 8:00 on Friday morning (sans the breakfast) via Zoom.
- We have our Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service via a Zoom meeting.

Peace,

Fr. Nick