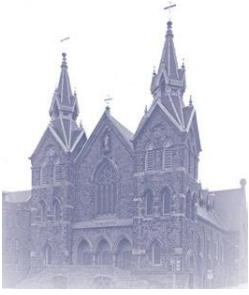


Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Even in the midst of this life of tears and tribulations, what happiness, what great joy it is to realize that we are God’s flock!” (St. Augustine).

Change has become our rule of life. As we look forward in hope to the next phase of reopening, I realize that many families, already poor or strained by lack of work and documentation issues, continue to suffer and face pressing needs.

The food distribution through the Community Center continues every day from 12:00-1:00 for lunch, with a boxed-food distribution Monday and Thursday, from 10-12, provided by the City of Philadelphia. Delivery of boxed food supplies continues through August 31.

The Community Center is also a drop-in center open 24/7, with meals provided and overnight stays. If you need to stay overnight you need to sign-up by 2 pm that day.

Those who had to delay receiving baptism and first communion will be able to do so during a special Mass in July. Candidates for Confirmation will receive the sacrament Sunday, October 25 with the school children when Bishop McIntyre visits.

We are also open now for confessions, baptisms, weddings, Quinceñeras and funerals. Reception of the sacraments is the life-blood of the parish and our Catholic life. Please continue to make sure you are receiving the sacraments frequently as they give us the power of the risen Christ to live joyfully and with purpose, free from sin.

May God continue to bless us, may Pope Francis, Archbishop Pérez and other Church leaders continue to shepherd us, and may we continue to grow in holiness!

In Christ the Most Holy Redeemer,

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