

Dear Parishioners,

BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND we moved away from using the alphabet for seating to open seating with all the usual precautions taken. **We also returned to our normal Sunday Mass schedule--8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.** Please spread the word. We also ask you to remember that we are still under the guideline of 250 for maximum capacity. This number includes ALL ministers. Remember that both the **North (A6) & South (A1) doors are open for seating 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.** Hospitality ministers must be in place 45 minutes before opening.

I am open to a Saturday late afternoon Mass (4:30 or 5 PM) if we need it. Before this can happen, **we will need more volunteer ministers to serve at that Mass.** This includes: 32 Hospitality ministers, 16 Eucharistic Ministers, 4 Readers and 4 Sacristans. (This is enough for a once a month rotation). Please email jeddy@stmaryalexandria.org if you are willing to be a minister. Training will be necessary. "Training dates will be announced **soon, but** here is another **point; some** volunteers who are now on Sunday may want to switch to Saturday, leaving Sunday in need of help." So, if you would like to volunteer for one of these ministries at a particular Mass, please email or call the office.

This June the Diocese of St Cloud filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy so that it can still function as well as assist the victims of clergy sexual abuse. The plan was approved in court. The plan provides for the care of the victims of clergy sexual abuse. \$22.5 million is to be set aside in a fund to compensate victims of abuse prior to the bankruptcy ruling date. A good portion of that amount (\$14 million) is coming from Diocesan insurance companies. Another portion (\$6.5 million) is coming from the sale of Diocesan property and holdings (such as the Chancery Office, etc). The remainder (\$2 million) will come from parish help. The fund will be administered by a court appointed trustee, not by the diocese. Any victim must file before October 21, 2020 to be part of that settlement. This settlement allows our Diocese to re-organize and begin anew, while at the same time, trying to help those who were victims of abuse. **Here is the announcement from the Diocesan bankruptcy ruling:**

On June 15, 2020, The Diocese of St. Cloud filed a Chapter 11 reorganization case. The reorganization case will allow the diocese to implement a framework for a resolution with survivors of clergy sexual abuse previously agreed upon in May 2020. This will include a consensual plan of reorganization that will provide for a \$22.5 million trust to compensate survivors.

*The diocese is committed to providing broad notice of its reorganization case to the public in order to allow all survivors an opportunity to participate in the case and receive compensation. The court overseeing the reorganization case has set a deadline of **October 21, 2020** for survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file their claims in this case. Please inform your family members and others in the community of this deadline.*

Survivors may file their claims anonymously, and their names and other identifying information will not be revealed in the reorganization case. Anyone who would like more information about filing a claim, or generally about the reorganization case, may visit the diocese's website under the section titled "Reorganization."

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