

May 11, 2020  
Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Dear Parents,

I write to you as we continue in the sadness and separation caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In my last letter to you on April 1<sup>st</sup>, I had announced that we had rescheduled our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students for May 31, 2020. You might recall that the Diocese had cancelled our planned Confirmation in April but had extended to all Pastors the faculty to celebrate this Sacrament within the Easter Season, and so I thought it fitting, if possible, for us to plan for our Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Unfortunately, the shut-down in Lancaster County continues as we remain in the State's defined "Red Phase", and our Parish Church remains "closed".

Earlier this week, Bishop Gainer issued a very detailed Directive, which indicated how each Parish, once their county has been moved into the "Yellow Phase", can once again be opened. As of today, it does not appear that we will be able to be opened on May 31, but even if that "opening" is possible, the restrictions on the number of persons permitted in the Church would make our communal celebration impracticable.

Therefore, we are rescheduling our celebration of Confirmation for Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

Hopefully, there will be no restrictions on the number of persons allowed in our Church by that date but we will, of course, continue to monitor all developments.

We will notify you of the dates of any rehearsals and, if for some reason, you are unable to be present on this date, please contact Sister Dorothy and we will work with you to arrange another date at which either Father Logue or I will be able to celebrate this Sacrament at a regular Sunday Mass.

As we just passed Mother's Day, Father Logue and I send our prayers to all, especially our mothers. May God continue to bless all of us and guide us through this suffering to know more deeply, each day, that new life in Christ, which He won for us through His suffering and in the glory of His resurrection. God bless you.

*Father Hahn*