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ST. PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Warden, Olen Taylor

Greetings Saint Patrick's, I pray that all of you are safe and well. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak

havoc on our communities, our nation and the world. So many persons, including some we know and love, have been stricken. As of this writing, Florida is now a "hot zone". Please pray for our local, state and national leaders in their decision making and for healing of those suffering from the virus.

As many of you probably know, on June 27th, Bishop Eaton extended the church closure until at least July 31st. Since then, conditions have worsened. So, we surely remain in "Season 1". The Re-Entry Committee continues to work on developing St. Patrick's Re-Entry Plan - the operation plan for when St. Patrick's re-opens for in-person worship. Results of the congregational Re-Gathering Survey will become a major part of the plan. The results are included in the this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. You may recall that the plan will cover how our parish buildings and grounds will be sanitized, our service schedule, all aspects of how we worship in-person, church office operation, non-worship activities and technology enhancements.

The Re-Entry Committee along with the Junior Warden, Sammie Belk, have been busy! Plans have been completed for cleaning, disinfecting and regular weekly sanitizing of the church, administrative office and bathrooms. Note that the Parish Hall will be closed. Supplies have been purchased or are being ordered/purchased: Disinfectant, face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray/cleaning solutions, wipes, etc.

The committee is currently very focused on providing a virtual/online stay-at-home worship service that is conducted by St. Patrick's. Included in this effort is finding a viewing solution for parishioners who currently do not have access to a device or internet service.

Hopefully, the plan will be completed soon and shared with you.

Some Good News

Remember our partnership with the West Palm Beach Community Redevelopment Agency to sell our Air Rights and use the proceeds to renovate the church? Well, renovation has begun!! Work on the stained glass windows has started, the bell has been sent for repair and restoration and kitchen renovation is underway. More information to come.

A Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or paying their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, whose arms of love embrace us all. Amen.

Cameron Wiggins Bellm (alt.)

Re-Entry Survey Results

We conducted an 8-question survey. 40 surveys were mailed and 65 email requests were sent making a total of 105 surveys. A total of 64 responses were received. Thirteen (13) responses were received by mail (33% of those mailed) and fifty-one (51) responses were submitted online (78% of those who were sent an email).

Returning to In-church Worship

The majority of persons (49) would return at the 1st opportunity. Comments indicate that everyone would do so only if the church is sanitized and there is a plan to keep everyone safe during worship and our Eucharist rituals.

Limits for Social Distancing

The majority of persons would be willing to change attendance from their usual worship service time to allow adequate social distancing.

Worship: In-Person vs Online

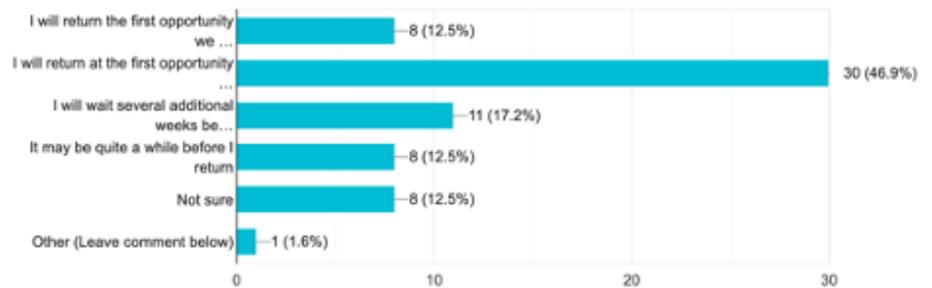
The majority of persons want to resume in-person worship, if and only when it is completely safe for everyone. Comments indicate that until that time, St. Patrick's should offer its own online services and meetings as other churches do.

Children

5 families have children who typically attend church.

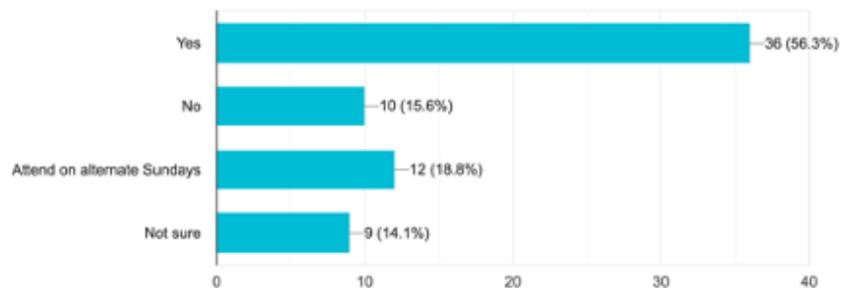
Which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church?

64 responses



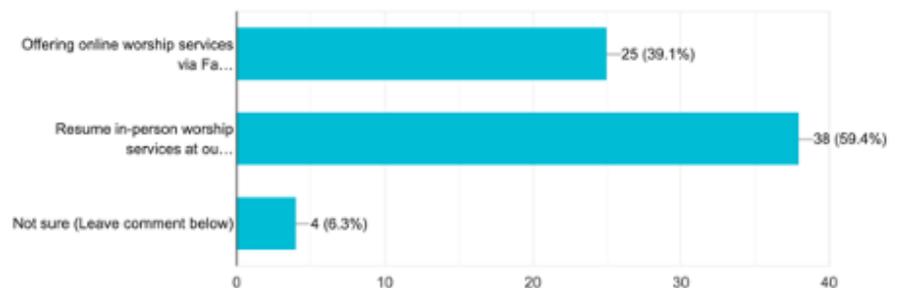
Would you be willing to attend worship service at a different time than you typically attend to allow people to be more spread out? (Please note that 9:00AM service will remain.)

64 responses



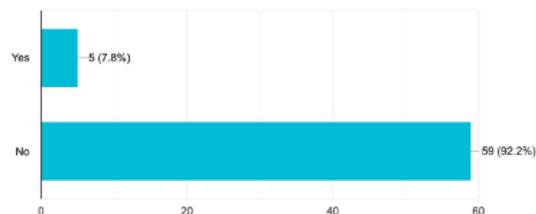
Which of the following would you prefer for our church?

64 responses



Do you have children 18 years or younger who live with you and typically attend church with you?

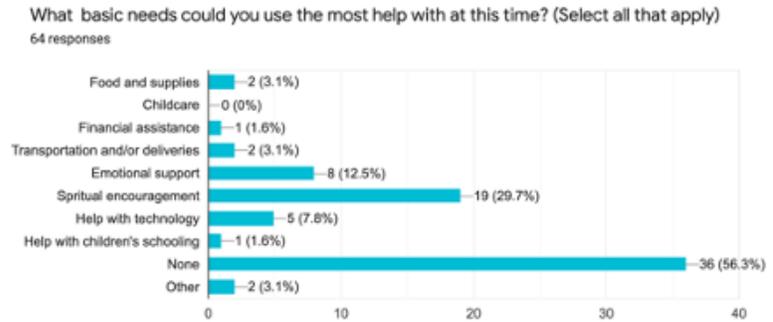
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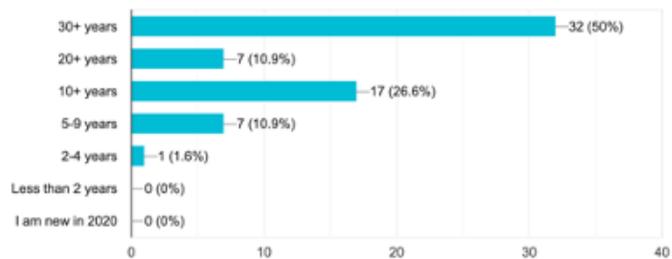
Basic Needs

It is not surprising that during these unparalleled times, 42% (27 persons) are in need of emotional support and or spiritual encouragement. The majority of persons have no needs. Each need expressed in the survey will be addressed.



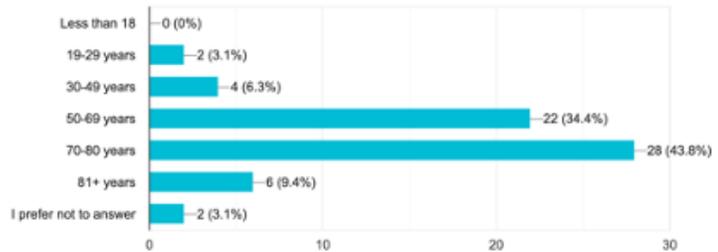
Years Attending Church Services

How long have you been attending church services?
64 responses



Age Demographics

Please check your age range
64 responses



What Else Should be Done?

Is there anything that you would like to see our Parish do that isn't being done during this period that we're apart?

- Online worship, Bible Study and organization meetings
- Drive-thru communion
- Establish a phone chain to contact elderly, sick, shut-in; provide spiritual & emotional support; keep in touch with parishioners
- Visit the sick more often and keep in touch with the sick
- Continue serving the needy and homeless in the Parish Hall
- Maintain the Senior Activity Center
- Fine tune our worship service and administrative procedures
- Consider having church outside during early, cool hour.

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Wishing a Blessed and Happy Birthday to July Birthdays

Karnesha Jordan	7/2
Klemie Christie	7/2
Maurice V. Holland	7/3
Hubert Earl Threets	7/4
Aubyn Jones	7/5
Kailee J. K. Wilkinson	7/6
Blanche Belk	7/9
Rachel Bagby	7/11
Samuel S. Bunch, III	7/12
Elisabeth Christie	7/13
Gloria Greenidge	7/16
Mary A. Lopez	7/19
Ronald Romear	7/20
Kathleen Adolphin	7/24
Errol E. Farmer	7/24
Antonio Belk	7/28

Please pray for the Sick and Shut-In

Hospitalized
Steven Chang

In rehabilitation/nursing centers

Richard Jerry
Ted Martin

Hubert Earl Threets

Sick-at-Home

Cynthia Patrick Rodolfo Perez
W. Cathryn Rhyant Rudolph Stuart

Death Announcement



Mrs. Vivian Jackson passed on June 28, 2020. She was a member of St. Patrick's for over 30 years. Her affiliations were a member of the Episcopal Church Women and St. Patrick's Senior Citizen Activity Center. A memorial service, attended by a few relatives, was held at the funeral home.

*"You raised the dead to life;
give to our sister eternal life."*

Welcome Marley Sharry

We welcome Baby Marley born on May 21, 2020 to parents Danielle Hurley and Rashaun Sharry. She spends her days bringing great joy to her family.



Livestream Sunday Services

The Washington National Cathedral has a livestream Sunday service at 11:15AM. Access through YouTube, Facebook or their website.

Several of our sister churches in the area livestream or Zoom Sunday services. Check individual websites.

Community Resources

There are many free resources to satisfy needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please check the church's website (www.stpatricksepiscopalchurch.org) to see several of them. They include:

- Food distribution dates and sites in our county
- Rent, mortgage and utilities assistance
- Free COVID-19 testing sites
- COVID information
- 2-1-1, a confidential, community helpline which is a great starting point to address any problem or need.

Ways to give to St. Patrick's

We are so grateful that during this difficult and unprecedented period, you understand the need for funds to operate and maintain our parish. There are 3 ways that you may give:

- **Online using the Tithe.ly app.** Go to the church's secure website (stpatricksepiscopalchurch.org) and click "GIVE Online". Detail instructions are given.
- **Download the Tithe.ly app** from the App Store for your phone. Find St. Patrick's in West Palm Beach and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift.
- **Mail** your offerings to the church office.