

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Update – Elementary Schools

Return to School 2021-22

The parish welcomes all staff and students back to school and our prayers are with all of you as you enter another year of learning. We are hopeful that in time the Pastoral Team can visit the classrooms and celebrate masses at school and at the church with your community.

We have had some changes over the summer at the parish:

- Fr. John Schnurr, who had served as Associate Pastor for 2 years, was made Pastor and is now overseeing our large and busy parish.
- Fr. Gregory Ogorzalek has joined the parish as Associate Pastor. Fr. Gregory has moved from Lublin, Poland to be with us and we are very excited to have him in our parish. He has much experience working with schools and is looking forward to meeting staff and students in the coming months.

Masses have resumed on a regular basis. We require everyone who enters to wear masks, maintain a physical distance and follow all required Covid protocol. In the coming months we will be reintroducing some liturgical ministries, the weekly bulletin as well as other parish groups and ministries.

Altar Servers are needed at all masses. If your child is in Gr 4 or up and wants to be part of this ministry, please contact the parish office or see the website for information. Training for this ministry starts in October.

Please pray for the students who missed First Communion and Confirmation last year as their sacrament make up dates are scheduled for the fall. We pray that the do not get cancelled again!

Students in Grade 2 this year will be eligible to receive the sacrament of First Communion and those in Grade 7 can receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Information about the sacrament program for 2021-22 will be sent to parents via the school in the coming weeks and posted on the parish website. Please be patient as we are focusing our attention on the missed sacraments from last year and will then turn our attention to this year's planning.

For more information on the parish and what is currently happening please check out our website:

<https://www.stpaultheapostleburlington.com/>

Have a safe and joyful final weekend of the summer break!

The Parish Team:

Fr. John Schnurr, Pastor

Fr. Gregory Ogorzalek, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Arden Ouellette, Lay Parish Minister