1 August 2020

In June, we made a difficult decision to cancel the street festival for the Feast of the Assumption. At that time, we still hoped to hold our traditional Solemn Mass and Procession on August 15 to celebrate our Lady’s Assumption into heaven.

Since that time, we have witnessed a continuing expansion of the coronavirus contagion, causing state and local governmental and health officials to take additional restrictive actions for public health and safety. Considering all these factors, and having consulted with both city officials and the Diocese, we will not be holding a procession on August 15.

**While we will celebrate a Solemn Mass that day, it will not be open to the public and will be available online only via live stream.** Given the size of our church and the clear need to discourage large gatherings of people at this time, we cannot accommodate all those who may wish to attend and invite you to watch on the parish website.

We make this decision with a heavy heart, knowing how many have a great devotion to our Blessed Mother and look forward to joining us in prayer and witness to our faith in Christ as we celebrate Mary’s glorious Assumption each year. However, we believe that the Lord calls us, as a first priority to the Gospel of Life, to take great care in protecting and safeguarding the health and well-being of all.

We invite you to join us in prayer for an end to the pandemic, asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession, maternal protection and love during this difficult time for us all.

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