

August 13, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I have been noticing lately the sounds of locusts or cicadas singing, reminding me that Fall is not far away. When I hear that sound, it never fails to take me back to my childhood. The sound of the locusts in the Summer was a reminder that the carefree days of summer vacation were coming to a close. It was a sign that school would be starting soon. The sound of locusts singing is nostalgic to me, but also somewhat melancholy. Indeed, time marches on. Fall will be here soon. A few short weeks from now it will be Labor Day. But unlike other years, we won't be resuming all of our ordinary routines. The COVID-19 threat is still with us and still forces us to exercise great caution and social restraint. School children may return to school this Fall, but their experience will be nothing like normal. And with the announcement that the Big 10 has postponed all Fall sports, there will be no Buckeye football this season. Here at St. Andrew most parish activities are still on hold or will take place virtually.

Of course, this year is also a presidential election year, which can be a contentious and divisive time in the church community as political differences can overwhelm the law of charity. So, this year the singing of the locusts reminding me that Fall is near causes me more anxiety and worry. In spite of that, I hope that you and I together will continue to trust in the Lord and patiently persist through the coming weeks and months. We have already endured five months of disruption and restriction. With God's help, we can continue. So, keep calm and carry on!

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney