

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, September 22, and the Appeal Committee wanted to update everyone on the actions being taken on behalf of St. Jeremiah Parish with respect to the closing:

1. The Parish Council sent another letter to the Archbishop requesting documents. These documents relate generally to the reasons for closing our parish and documents needed for the appeal to the Archbishop. This request includes requesting a copy of the Vicar's recommendation, as well as Bishop Edyvean's recommendation. A copy of the letter can be found on our website, www.stjeremiah.org.

As many of you know, we have requested information before and received no response to the request except to say that we would be closing. Recent news reports say that the Archbishop has decided to be more open in his communication with the closing parishes regarding the reasons for closure. If his statements are sincere, he should provide a response to our latest request for information. We remain hopeful.

2. The Appeal Committee has taken steps to obtain the information necessary for our appeal to the Archdiocese. This process is ongoing. We are preparing our appeal so that we will be ready when we receive our decree.
3. The Appeal Committee is considering whether our parish should also prepare to have a prayer vigil here in St. Jeremiah when our parish closing date arrives. Hopefully, we will never reach that point. However, we must prepare. Another parish-wide meeting will be scheduled in the near future so that everyone's voice can be heard on this issue. A date will be set in the next week or two. Stay tuned.
4. The Appeal Committee will need financial resources to support these endeavors, and it has established a parish survival fund. If anyone would like to contribute, we welcome all that you are able to give. Checks may be made payable to the "Survival Fund of St. Jeremiah." This fund is *separate and independently administered* from any St. Jeremiah Church accounts. Please contact Jackie Lemmerhirt for further information.

If you contribute by check, the Appeal Committee will keep track of your contributions. At the end of this journey, if the money is not needed, you will have the option of having your contribution returned (all of it, or some of it on a pro-rata basis, depending on how much has been spent) or contributing any remaining portion of your contribution to a welcoming parish of your choice. If you contribute cash, and if St. Jeremiah does not remain open, then your contribution will go to St. George's.

5. In the meantime, members of the Appeal Committee and others are supporting St. Anselm during their vigil. If anyone has time to stop by to lend them your support, all are welcome.

If you would like to join the Appeal Committee and can help in any of our efforts, please call or email Jackie Lemmerhirt, 508-788-0525 or Jackie@lemmerhirt.com.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS OUR PARISH.