



September 15, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

### **Hurricane Ida Relief**

There have been inquiries as to whether there will be a collection for Hurricane Ida relief. While no second collection is being requested by the Bishop, if you would like to make a donation you may put a contribution in a separate envelope clearly marked for Hurricane Ida relief and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. It is important that you put it in a clearly marked envelope in order to keep it separate from the regular collection. Checks should be made out to St. Michael Parish and funds will be forwarded to the appropriate agency per diocesan procedure. Also, if you wish, you may make a donation online at either [www.catholiccharitiesht.org/ida](http://www.catholiccharitiesht.org/ida) or [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). Thank you for your generosity!

### **Welcome Bethany Cook**

It is my privilege to announce that we have hired Bethany Cook, a member of our parish, as the new Parish Safe Environment Coordinator. She will begin her duties on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to her sharing her experience and enthusiasm.

### **Youth Ministry Kick-Off Night**

Thanks to all the parents who attended our meeting on Sunday evening to meet the Damascus Missionary Core Team members. We are now getting ready for our youth ministry kick-off night on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The evening will begin at 6:00pm until 8:00pm on the parish ballfield and is open to Middle School and High School students. We are very excited to begin this new year!

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal UPDATE**

Great News! We have now exceeded our BAA goal by \$66,086.00!!! This puts us over the \$57,000.00 amount needed to complete the flooring project in the Church! I thank you very deeply for your generosity. We will let you know when the project will begin.

### **Real Presence, Real Future Parish Consultation Sessions Registration**

Registration for the online Real Presence, Real Future Parish Consultation Sessions is now available. Go to <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/parish-sessions-register/> to register. The dates for these sessions for St. Michael Parish are Tuesday September 21 and Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30pm each evening. Online registration is required. You only need to register for one of the two sessions. Hope to see you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor