

## OUR MUSIC, OUR FAITH

Dear friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that I have been serving as Director of Music at St. Barnabas for more than six months already. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we experience everything in our lives, and for me, this was most noticeable in my job at St. Barnabas. The church closed on my second full day of employment, and I suddenly found myself with a very different “job description!” I had imagined working with singers and instrumentalists for the observance of Holy Week and Easter, and yet I found myself singing alone and unaccompanied, with only Fr. Mahan and Joe Sheehan present at those services. I knew that I would oversee the sound system, but I never expected that I would be combining our existing resources with new technology to bring the Mass direct to people’s homes via recording and livestreaming, especially since I have no formal training in audio engineering.

### **Livestreaming Available Soon**

After what feels like hundreds of hours of work and with the dedicated help of Ted Harpeneau, as well as that of Joe Sheehan, Josh McNulty, and Abi Bolorunduro, I am pleased to share with you that we now are in a position to offer livestreaming on a regular basis to our parish. Beginning the weekend of September 26 & 27, we will livestream our indoor weekend Masses at 5:00pm and 11:00am. Those at home who want a sense of participating in the Mass with those attending in-person now will have that. For those who prefer the convenience of watching “on demand,” those Masses will continue to be archived on our Vimeo and YouTube channels. We also plan to offer a very simple livestream of our daily 8:30am Masses, in addition to other special events, services, and Masses. You can find these, along with Morning Cup o’ Joe, at <https://www.stbindy.org/livestreams.html>.

### **Volunteers Needed**

The global pandemic has indeed changed not only our ministries themselves, but also it has created the need for new ministries and ministers. First, we are looking for volunteers who feel comfortable operating a video camera for our livestreamed Masses on the weekends. You may not know this, but for the past six months, I have been providing all music, monitoring the sound board, and operating the video camera at our Masses. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who has even a little bit of technology or A/V experience. And if you want to learn, I’ll happily teach you! Second, we are still looking for volunteer instrumentalists to share their gifts at Masses and special services. Please email directly at [rendris@stbindy.org](mailto:rendris@stbindy.org) if you are willing and able to share your time and talent with these two important ministries.

### **Holy Hour of Adoration with Taizé Music: Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

Finally, I wish to invite you to attend an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m. On Sept. 3 we spent the hour in silent and group prayer, meditation, and the singing of the beautiful music of the Taizé community with increased social distancing. We hope you will both spread the word and join us for this most special hour each month.

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