The Roman Catholic Community of
Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area, 213
One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

Mass Schedule

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6:00 pm St. Eugene Church

Sunday
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9:00 am St. Michael Church
10:30 am Queen of the Rosary Church
12 Noon St. Michael Church

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Looking For A Faith Community? Wherever you are on your faith journey,
we welcome you to join our community. You may register by calling the Faith Community Office.
Sacraments

Baptism of Infants & Children
Baptism is a joyous event in the life of the church. Baptism is celebrated any Sunday after Mass. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism Class.

Previous arrangements are necessary.

Instruction in the Faith - R.C.I.A.
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Fr. Wagner.

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Marriage
The prospective bride and groom are to make arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved pre-marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick
the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the Second Sunday of the Month.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In
Homebound members of the Parish should call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion at home.

Sponsorship Forms
Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates. Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Information Deadline
2 weeks in advance of publish date.
elizabethsalleghenybulletin@gmail.com

Moving
Please call or email your new address to the Parish Office.

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions For The Week

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Monday, 22, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am John Honacki, Sr. - Family
StM 9:00 am Marshall Fiore – Mary Lou Kobus & Family

Tuesday, 23, Weekday

StM 9:00 am David Shyosky - Brian & Michelle Savko
StE 6:30 pm Living & Deceased of the Buono Family - Rick & Sandy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions - 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 24, Nativity of John the Baptist

QoR 8:30 am Thomas Witkowski - Family
StM 9:00 am Dolly Wagner - Family

Novena - Michael the Archangel

Thursday, 25, Weekday

StE 8:30 am Deceased of Wasil & Portner - Jim & Mary Jane Portner
StM 9:00 am Eugenia & Paul Straker - Daughter, Ginny

Friday, 26, Weekday

QoR 8:30 am Stephen Gribschaw - Daughter, Kate Traud
StM 9:00 am Joe Gioia – Melinda O’Donnell

Saturday, 27, Cyril of Alexandria, bishop

StM 2:00 pm Wedding - Ethan B. Hoover & Elizabeth M. Prokopchak
StM 4:00 pm M Marianne Lindstrom - Bob & Ann Sibleo
StE 6:00 pm T Bagshaw & Wirfel Family - Anna Bagshaw

Sunday, 28, 13th Sunday in Ordinal Time

StE 8:00 am T Louise Kyslinger - Mary Ann Tatarzyn
StM 9:00 am M Kate Rost - Andy & Shirley Beamon
QoR 10:30 am T Helen Ksiazek - John & Bridget Morgan
StM 12 Noon M Helen & Dominick Garofolo - Don & Rosemarie Garofolo

Living & Deceased of the Grouping Family
12th Sunday in Ordinal Time
June 14, 2020

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the what has always been and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

What We Love —St. Francis de Sales
We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

With gratitude to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are pleased to Congratulate Deacon Jeffrey P. Formica Susan, his wife, and Family on His Diaconate Ordination!
We are pleased to announce that Deacon Jeff’s Pastoral Assignment of Charity and Service in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be at Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Grouping and Auberle, McKeesport.
May the Lord Jesus bless Jeff and all the ordained in their ministries.

You Are Worth More Than Many Sparrows

Sometimes we look for very complex answers when a simple promise or solution is right in front of us. As I am writing and looking out the window, I see half a dozen little birds sitting in a bush. Their presence is a reminder to me of God’s love and care for each and every one of us. If something that seems so insignificant or incidental is known by God, how much more are we loved and cared for! Take a moment, look at the world around you, breathe, take it in, and ask God for the help you in your need. Turn matters over and place your trust in a loving God.

Remember, though, Jesus seldom heals without some sort of action on our part. When you have given your concern over to God, other concrete steps may be necessary. Is it time to schedule an appointment with a professional? Time to name an issue? Or time for the sacrament of reconciliation? Evil’s power comes from remaining in the darkness. When we no longer close ourselves off or suffer alone but share our concerns with someone, we can begin to grow and heal and move past them. It is seldom magical or instantaneous. It is a long arduous process. But we hold on to the simple reminder,

You are worth more than many sparrows!

June Rosary Intention
That all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinal Time

The psalmist cries out to God, Lord, in your great love, answer me. In each of our readings today, there is movement from darkness and despair to trusting in God as our source of salvation. Jeremiah sounds almost a madman as he describes the evil and vileness that surrounds him. In the midst of that terror, he professes his faith in God. Similarly, in Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans, we are reminded that one man, Jesus Christ, came into the world for the sake of many, to overcome the evil and sin that have been prevalent since Adam. In Mark, Jesus calls us from fear, sin, and darkness to live in the light. He reminds us that we are not alone and how very precious each of us is in the eyes of God. Indeed, God hears our cries! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Enthusiasm and Grammar

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don’t show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today’s reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul’s fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage’s early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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Do Not Be Afraid

In our world today, it seems there are many things to make us fearful. We can become distraught over personal finances, relationships, poor choices our children are making, issues with jobs, the changing climate, the way our parish is being run, or a zillion other things. The problems may not even be evil but may be simply life and all its challenges. But these struggles are real, and sometimes we seek unhealthy solutions. Many people suffer with issues of anxiety and depression, and fear leads others to addiction as a means of coping. In our Gospel today, God lovingly calls us beyond that darkness to light.

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Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

Terror on every side (Jer 20:10). Fear no one (Mt 10:26). There’s much to fear these days. How do you calm your fears? Talk about how you comfort each other.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

Although today is Father’s Day, Mother’s Day often seems to get more attention. What is a hidden, quiet talent of your own Father? Mothers, ask your child what ability their father has that is not commonly known. Suggest your child share it.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus says, Do not be afraid three times in today’s gospel and reminds us all concealed secrets will be revealed. Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain hidden in darkness they will destroy body and soul. Healing, understanding and hope are found only in the light of openness. Do not be afraid.

Father’s Day - Fathering is an awesome responsibility and not for the weak or transient. Today we humbly recognize our need for courageous fathers to stand boldly in the face of the powerful cultural forces in our society which threaten our children. Today we ask fathers to be the courageous leaders we need.

May God Bless Our Service Personnel

We pray for and remember our Service Men and Women who are serving on active duty in the Armed Services, especially: LCpl. Peter A. Barrant, USMC; Maj. Damian Baskerville, USAF; Col. Richard Collage, PA NG; Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeLuca, Army; Ens. David DeMaio, USCG; Capt. Craig Dolhi, Army; Capt. Anthony Formica, Army; Jacob Formica, E-4, Army; 2nd Lt. John Formica, Army; SPC Samuel Formica, Army National Guard; Capt. Markus Gibson, USMC; 2ndLt. Miles Gibson, USMC; PO2. Mason Gibson, USN; T/Sgt. Michael Goodman, USAF; E5 Sgt. Brian Imundo, Army; Sgt. Russ Langley, Marines; Staff Sgt. Raymond Massung, Jr., USAF; Staff Sgt. Timothy Oeler, USAF; ENS Timothy Ragan, USN; Amn Stephanie A. Reichenbach, USAF; PFC David R. Saunders, Army National Guard; Sgt. Brandon R. Smith, USAF Pararescueman; Amn. Adam Stitt, USAF; Capt. Andrew Tkac, Army.

If you would like to add or update an active Service member, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your service!

May We Never Forget...Freedom is Never Free!

May God Bless Our Health Care Workers and All First Responders.
Faith Formation
Adult - Children - Youth
Religious Education
101 McLay Drive  Elizabeth, PA  15037
412-754-0886  Email: 213faithform@gmail.com
Facebook: FaithFormation-EGSA

Easter Sacraments 2020
Confirmation
Postponed and will be rescheduled.
Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

Faith, Fellowship, & Food
has been postponed to the Fall.
Information regarding the Program will be available soon.

A Family of Faith
Family-Based Religious Education
All families are welcome to join
A Family of Faith coming this Fall!
The goal of this program is to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program will give you the knowledge and tools to bring your children up in the Faith.
There will be an informational meeting over the summer for all interested families.
To RSVP for the meeting please call 412-754-0886 or email 213FaithForm@gmail.com and put Family Catechesis RSVP in the subject line.

Pre-Baptism Class
Are you expecting?
Is this your first child?
Pre-Baptism Class is for expectant parents and Godparents or anyone who is seeking a Catholic Baptism for their child.
The Pre-Baptism Class will be facilitated by Deacon John and Deacon Dale. The class will be offered four times a year. Parents are invited to attend once they know they are with child.
Pre-Baptism Class
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Meeting Room
There will be light refreshments served.
Grandparents are also welcome at these classes.
Please register by calling the Faith Formation Religious Education office, 412-754-0886 or emailing 213FaithForm@gmail.com.
Prior to scheduling a Baptism, parents need to attend the Pre-Baptismal Seminar.

HEALTH CONCERNS at Mass
Moving Forward Together - Reopening Guide

With the return to the public celebration of the Holy Mass, the following procedures will be in place;
- Follow all CDC guidelines
- If sick or not feeling well - stay home;
- Practice social distancing;
- Wear a facial covering/mask;
- Sign in with Greeter (Name & phone number);
- Only sit in designated pews.

Thank you for contributing to the health of our Church Family!

Spring Pre-Cana Program
for engaged couples planning weddings,
St. Michael - Archangel Hall, McLay Drive, Elizabeth
Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Registration $35.00 (includes materials & lunch)
Pre-Registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office, 412-751-0663, for a registration form.
Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, June 14; Twelfth Sunday in Ordinal Time
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33
The true measure of love—How do we know we’re loved? It’s more than a matter of hearing the words or seeing them written in a card. Love has something to do with fidelity: showing up, being there, not leaving when the stampede is moving in the direction of the door. Love makes sacrifices, shares times of want along with seasons of plenty. Love generously supports and honestly challenges. Love lets go when the time is right. On this Father’s Day, celebrate those who have embraced the vocation to show a father’s love and helped you recognize your true worth. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Monday, Jun 22; Paulinus of Nola, bishop
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5
Simplicity is next to Godliness—Paulinus of Nola had it all—a successful career and wealth that enabled him to retire early—and then he didn’t. After his only child died as a baby, he and his wife started shedding their life of leisure that sorrow must have rendered insensible. Today, as the world changes dramatically, and our lives with it, we can relate. Paulinus eventually became a monk and celebrated Christian poet. After his wife died, he was named bishop and ended up being friends with many future saints, including Augustine, Jerome, Ambrose, and Gregory the Great. With God’s help, you too can turn your own tragedies into triumph in Christ. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

Tuesday, Jun 23; Weekday
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Essential work calls—Today, designated International Widows’ Day by the United Nations, is a good day to remember all families that have lost a loved one due to coronavirus—especially families that are most vulnerable, with children or a limited livelihood. As Pope Benedict XVI affirmed in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est, love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind is as essential to the church as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the gospel. How can you be Christ’s hands and feet today, to help provide sustenance to hurting families and lessen their suffering? Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.

Wednesday, Jun 24; Nativity of John the Baptist
Give it away—John the Baptist is considered the opening act for Jesus, the forerunner and the one who prepared people to receive the message of Jesus. A better spokesperson could not be found. John’s noble counsel that we share our extra coat and food with those who need them holds true today, ever more in these difficult times when we have learned the imperative need to care for one another. Head to the closet—what can you give away? What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

Thursday, Jun 25; Weekday
2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29
Come quick, compassion—The COVID-19 pandemic leaves deep scars around the world. The words of today’s psalm are vividly true: May your compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low. The church teaches that God’s compassion is always at hand. Suffering can be excruciating, but God’s presence endures. Be a compassionate presence to someone who is hurting. The heart you heal may end up being your own. Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

Friday, Jun 26; Weekday
2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4
Make us clean—Today is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. This year’s theme of Health for Justice. Justice for Health captures the complexity of the problem, including the need for widespread accountability and equal access to treatment. As a society, we recognize international days as a way to raise awareness about global problems and celebrate achievements. The bad news: Worldwide, 35 million people now suffer from drug disorders; the good news: Cooperation among nations is becoming more coordinated and sustained. In April 2020, during a month the church dedicated to the drama of addiction, Pope Francis prayed that those suffering from addiction may be properly helped and accompanied. It is a prayer worth repeating. Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.

Saturday, Jun 27; Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17
Mellow sainthood—Fifth-century Saint Cyril of Alexandria began his career as archbishop with intolerant impulses, expelling Jews from the city. But with time he softened his views, and so is remembered instead for opposing the idea that Jesus’ humanity was a mere disguise. How compassionate Jesus is toward the centurion in today’s gospel, how tenderly he touches the hand of Peter’s mother-in-law. Surely he shows the best of being human, nothing is camouflage. In the process of maturing, how have your own hard edges been softened and made compassionate? He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.

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Fatherhood —William Shakespeare
When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.
The grace of God overflows for all. —Romans 5:12-15
We remember... In your charity, please remember all those who have died, especially: Joseph Mincone, George Vanscoy, John Gross, father of David Gross, all who will die today, and those who have no one to pray for them. Resting in Paradise.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping
Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting
There will be a joint meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Saint Michael - Archangel Hall, Elizabeth. If you are unable to attend, please call Jan, 412-751-0663.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
Open Enrollment Is Underway
1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA 15131
Pre-School 3 & 4, Kindergarten, First - Eighth Grade
If you have any questions, would like more info, or would like to schedule a tour, please call the school office, 412-672-2360.
Webpage: www.maryofnazarethschool.org
We invite you to follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

Congratulations!
May the Risen Lord Jesus,
Guide You On Your Journey Of Faith!

Grace Babjak  Lydia Blaze  Amelia Cavalier  Miles Finneran  Kenadie Finney  Eva Gentile  Isabella Kania  Addison Larcinese  Brynn Ludwig  Allice Miller  Noah Millron  Zienia Petrick  Noah Sporer  Dylan Stroschein  Brayden Turnell  Chloe Wall  Meadow Whaton

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ!

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
ENROLL TODAY!
Preschool through 8th Grade
For Registration, call 412-672-2360

Marriage Prep - Pre-Cana Program
sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be held at St. Maurice Church, Forest Hills on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 9 am - 4 pm For more information or reservations (required), please call, 412-271-0809. Cost is $60 per couple Precautions for your health and safety will be followed.

Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp
Queen of the Rosary: Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Pat & Ron Meisl from Palmer Family.

Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny FESTIVAL 2020 - AUGUST 6, 7 & 8, 2020 has been postponed to October 2020.

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Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Catholic Community

June 17, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On October 15, 2018, our parish grouping was established with the hope that together we would build relationships with each other, share our resources, join together our ministries and work toward the official merger and creation of our new parish. I am so grateful for the many ways you have dedicated yourselves to this important work.

When we initiated this journey together, who of us could have ever imagined the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic would affect every aspect of our daily lives? I know that these have been challenging times for everyone. Learning to adapt to new ways in which we work, shop, gather and worship comes precisely at the same time we are entering into the final phase of completing the merger process.

As we live through changing realities arising from COVID-19, please know that I pray for you daily, asking our Heavenly Father to shower you with peace and hope even in the midst of many unknowns.

As we enter this final phase toward completing the merger process, our time will be marked by two significant activities:

submitting recommendations for our new parish name

and participating in a Virtual Parish Assembly.

Information regarding the Virtual Parish Assembly will be provided in a later communication.

But first, before those significant activities, allow me to share with you my greatest hopes and dreams for who and what our new parish will become.

May we begin with who we are, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. We are a community of believers, rooted in the abiding presence of the risen and ascended Christ, centered in the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel message and mission of Jesus, and serving in the tradition of the early church as his disciples.

Since our beginning, as a community, we have grown towards creating a new vibrant parish through combined Advisory Councils (Pastoral & Finance), shared ministries (Altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Music Ministry) and a Faith Formation Program which serves Adults, Children and Youth.

As a new parish, we will journey toward being more effective missionary disciples growing and maturing in ministries that draw us and others into the One Body of Christ.

What part of these hopes and dreams do you see and share?

A summary of the process for recommending a name for the new parish follows. Additionally, you will find two enclosures:

Timeline that provides an overview of the major steps needed to complete the merger.

Form for submitting your new parish name recommendations. Please note this form includes criteria that must be followed for a name to be considered.

**Summary of the Process for Naming the New Parish**

The following is the process for submitting a name for the new parish:

The submission includes two parts: the name itself and a rationale for proposing the name.

In addition to following the criteria,

The new parish name should be taken from Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy angels, a saint, or all those who are beatified.

The current and former names of our parishes, (St. Mark, St. Eugene, St. Joseph, St. Michael, Queen of the Rosary, St. Cecilia, and Holy Cross) are ineligible to be the new name for the new parish. Also, it is preferable not to choose a name that is already used many times in the diocese (St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, etc.).

I encourage you to consider the broader context for the name.

What name will be a strong, vibrant indicator of who the parish is now and who this faith community wants to become five years from now?

Return the form to any parish office, through the collection, USPS (101 Mc Lay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) no later than Monday, July 6, 2020.

From the total number of names and rationale submitted, the Advisory Councils will assist in reviewing the submissions according to the criteria provided and arriving at 15 names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik for his initial consideration.

You will have one more opportunity to offer your recommendations on names for the new parish. The final list will be presented in the Virtual Parish Assembly.

One final note about the new parish name. While the new parish will receive a new name, each of our church buildings will retain its current name (the name under which it was consecrated). A parish is a geographic area with people and a priest(s). Churches are sacred buildings designated for divine worship. In January 2021, our current parishes will merge into one new parish entity, hence the need for a new name.

Thank you for your participating in this process.

Blessings,

Fr. Wagner

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Administrtor, Clergy Team, Staff & Advisory Councils meet with Parish Services to review the merging process.

Parishioners receive the 1st communication & are invited to submit names for the new parish.

Administrator consults with Advisory Councils to submit potential names for the new parish for preliminary review by Bishop Zubik.

Administrator, Clergy Team, Staff & Advisory Councils prepare the Virtual Parish Assembly.

The 2nd communication is created for parishioners to offer final input on the new parish name & feedback/questions on the assembly.

Parish posts Virtual Parish Assembly on YouTube & the grouping website.

The 2nd communication is sent to parishioners.

Parishioners submit final input on names for the new parish & offer feedback/questions on the Virtual Parish Assembly.

Administrator submits Merger Documents to the Diocese.

Bishop Zubik consults with Priest Council to consider all mergers.

Bishop Zubik announces & issues the Decree for the new parish.

New Parish begins.
Help Choose A Name For Our New Parish

You are invited to participate in the process to name our new combined parish. In the space provided below, please propose a new name for our parish. The name should be taken from Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy angels, a saint, or all those who are beatified.

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The following is an example for your reference:

Proposed Name: St. John XXIII

Rationale: A pope who launched an extensive renewal of the Church who had a profound trust in the Lord. He was canonized in 2014. This name would recognize the fact that our grouping is embracing change as we trust in God.

Proposed Name: ________________________________

Rationale: ________________________________

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____________________________________________________________________________________

Your Name (Required): ________________________________

Note: Please place your suggestion in the collection basket during the next three weekends or return to any of our three parish offices.

Please submit your name suggestions by Monday, July 6, 2020.

After suggestions from our parishioners are received, the Interim Advisory Councils will compile the top 10 names. These recommendations will be previewed by Bishop Zubik. Parishioners will have the opportunity to select their preference, then from the top three names will be submitted to Bishop Zubik. From these, our new parish will be chosen.

The final name will be announced before our merger in January 2021.