

**Elizabeth, Glassport, South Allegheny Area Grouping #213
Saint Mark, Saint Michael, Queen of the Rosary
101 Mc Lay Drive Elizabeth, PA 15037 412-751-0663**

August 5, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue to adapt to new ways of doing almost everything, I ask God to keep your hope strong so we can be open to new opportunities and possibilities for the future. Please take a moment to consider the following information as we move closer to our January 2021 merger:

1. Vision for the New Parish

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

We are a community of believers, rooted in the abiding presence of Christ, centered in the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel message of Jesus, and serving in the tradition of the early church as his disciples.

Vision and Hopes for our New Parish:

- **Welcoming, inclusive, joy-filled community of believers**
- **Celebrating vibrant, faith-filled liturgies**
- **Evangelizing those who have fallen away and welcoming the unchurched**
- **Engaging our Adults, Children, Youth and Young Adults with effective faith sharing and formation for all ages**
- **Helping our families grow in grace and holiness**
- **Caring for the elderly and homebound**
- **Burying the dead with compassion and grieving with those who grieve**
- **Serving those in need and the marginalized**

2. Virtual Parish Assembly

I am writing to invite you to view our Virtual Parish Assembly.

On **September 1, 2020**, our Virtual Parish Assembly will be posted on our website,

ElizabethSouthAlleghenyCC.org

The Virtual Parish Assembly provides important background for completing the merger process. If you do not have access to the internet, watch the bulletin for details or I invite you to contact any member of the Advisory Councils to talk about the information presented in the assembly.

3. Feedback Regarding the New Parish Name

I invite your participation in the final phase of selecting a name for the new parish. We have received a response from Bishop Zubik regarding the fifteen names we submitted for his initial review.

Saint Barnabas
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Saint Catherine of Siena
Saint Francis Xavier
Saints Joachim and Anne
Saint John, the Beloved Disciple

From these names, we are to submit five final names for the Bishop's consideration. Please see below for two ways to offer your recommendations on the five names. The timeline for all submissions is **August 5-19, 2020**.

- A paper form is enclosed with this letter.
- A paper form is available in the Bulletin.

Please return the Naming Form to any parish office, through the collection, or mail (101 Mc Lay Drive, Elizabeth, PA 15037) **no later than Wednesday, August 19, 2020**.

From your feedback and input, we will arrive at 5 names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik for his final consideration.

Please keep our entire grouping in prayer. I am grateful for your support and involvement in these endeavors. Thank you for participating in this process.

Blessings,

Fr. Wagner

Reverend Thomas A. Wagner

Administrator

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