

**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 28, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

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,

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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, Julie Fleckenstein, 412-754-0886, Jan Kunkel, 412-751-0663, Jeannie Premozic, 412-678-6275, or the clergy team to talk about the information presented in the assembly.

3. Feedback Regarding the Virtual Parish Assembly

There are multiple ways for you to ask questions and offer feedback on the Virtual Parish Assembly. The timeline for offering feedback and asking questions is **September 1 - 13**.

- Parishioners are welcome to email, saintmarkparishdiopitt@gmail.com or stmichael11@verizon.net or 213FaithForm@gmail.com
- or call the Office, **Jeannie, 412-678-6275** or **Jan, 412-751-0663** or **Julie, 412-754-0886** to submit questions or offer feedback.

4. Information Updates

Please help me to keep you informed as we complete the merger process. This is the last communication that will be sent by U.S. Mail prior to the announcement of the New Parish Name. Therefore, it is important that there are other ways to communicate with you.

- The bulletin will contain important information as we continue to move forward with the merger. In the bulletin, questions and concerns will be addressed. The bulletin is available at Sunday and Weekday Masses, at the entrance of all three churches and on the parish website.
- You can also be updated by calling the office, speaking with a member of the Advisory Councils, or a member of the Clergy Team.
- If you have an email address, please go to the Grouping website, and complete the parishioner update form.

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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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