Proposed List of New Parish Names

(Feast Day, Mini Bio, Fun Fact, Rationale)

Please consider the following criteria,

- 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?

**Saint Barnabas**

(June 11, apostle & martyr, 1st Century)

Barnabas preached the gospel in Antioch; companion of Saint Paul; and attended the Council of Jerusalem.

**Patron:** Cyprus, Antioch, against hailstorms, peacemakers

**Rationale:** We are striving to proclaim Jesus to each other and the world.

**Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

(November 25, virgin & martyr, 4th Century)

She was educated and from a noble Roman family. Proclaimed the gospel throughout Alexandria, imprisoned by emperor Magnus Maximus (335-388), during imprisonment she converted the empress and the military leader of the empire. She was beheaded for the love of her faith.

**Patron:** philosophers, preachers and young unmarried women

**Rationale:** We are calling each other to Jesus by the example of faith in our lives.

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

(April 29, virgin & doctor of the church, 1347-1380)

Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, the 25th child of her parents. As a Dominican, mystic and author she worked for peace in the church and renewal of religious life. She died in 1380 after suffering a stroke.

**Patron:** Italy and Europe

**Rationale:** We are called to renew the Church in our community through reconciliation and healing
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Saint Francis Xavier
(December 3, priest, 1506-1552)
Born in Spain to a wealthy family, educated in Paris. He was the co-founder of the Society of Jesus and missionary to Goa, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He died while trying to go to China.
Patron: Apostleship of Prayer, foreign missions
Rationale: We are called to carry on the mission and message of Jesus to a waiting world.

Saints Joachim and Anne
(July 26, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st Century)
Legend states that an angel visited them and announced Mary’s conception and lasting virginity. Witnesses to faith and perseverance.
Patron: childless women, miners
Rationale: We are witnessing the presence of God in our lives through faith and perseverance under the guidance of the Virgin Mary.

Saint John, the Beloved Disciple
(December 27, apostle & evangelist, 1st Century)
Son of Zebedee and brother to James, believed to be the longest-lived apostle and the only one not to die a martyr. John was the only apostle not to forsake Jesus after his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. He was given instructions from Jesus from the Cross to take care of the Blessed Mother.
Patron: Asiatic Turkey, symbolized by an eagle
Rationale: We are recognizing Jesus’ love and friendship with us as we grow in relationship with others and with Mother Mary as our model.

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.  

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