

“TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY” - PART 2

Dear Parishioners,

When our churches were temporarily locked it was a challenging, difficult time. No Masses, no visits. However on a Friday night, throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the churches were reopened. Many candles, unlit for weeks, burned bright. It was a sign of hope in the darkness. Our grouping theme is “Together in Faith, Hope, and Charity.” St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, emphasizing being together in hope, we read, “What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?” A pandemic cannot separate us from the love of Christ. A pandemic cannot rob us of hope.



As we move forward towards merging in January 2021, we place our hope in Christ. Together in hope we pray for guidance. Please take a moment to review some of the steps that we will be taking toward our parish merger!

Naming the New Parish: We received over 240 name suggestions for our new parish. The suggestions will go through a second review through the advisory council to narrow the focus to 15 names. The 15 names will then be submitted to Bishop Zubik for review. The bishop will then recommend 5 names that will be presented to you during the virtual parish assembly.

Your Contact Information: As we go through the process of merging our parishes, and most importantly in the midst of a pandemic, it is important that we receive your current contact information in order to keep you informed and to solicit your feedback and answer questions that you may have about the new parish. You may submit any new contact information (name, address, phone, email address) via email, mail, drop the form below in the collection basket, or call your respective rectory.

Virtual Parish Assembly: Due to the pandemic, we are unable to provide for any type of live parish assembly with our large population. On September 1st, I will provide a PowerPoint overview of where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going in anticipation of our new parish on January 4, 2021. During the presentation, 5 parish names will be presented upon the recommendation from Bishop Zubik. More information regarding the virtual parish assembly will be provided in the coming weeks. You may also visit our website at grouping327.org and go to the tab on the top titled Merger Status. This is where all merger updates and information can be found.

Your Feedback and Questions: You will have an opportunity to participate in the final phase of choosing a parish name based on Bishop Zubik’s recommendations. Your feedback will be welcomed by way of Survey Monkey, email, or paper form, from September 1st through September 13th.

God Bless You,
Father Frank