



St. Mary Parish & St. Joseph Parish

To Merge or not to merge?

The beginning of a
discussion...

Why is this discussion happening?

The Archdiocese has asked us to consider whether merging would benefit BOTH parishes for the long-term.

This is the beginning of a discussion...with no clear goal, except to do the best for our communities.

MERGING IS NOT CLOSING CHURCHES

IT IS CREATING A NEW PARISH COMMUNITY BY
CONSOLIDATING 2 (OR MORE) CURRENT PARISHES –
COMBINING FINANCES/PROPERTY/PEOPLE

A NEW ENTITY IS ESTABLISHED

CHURCHES WILL NOT BE CLOSED – PROPERTY WILL
NOT BE SOLD – FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE



**A DECISION TO MERGE SHOULD NOT BE
BASED SOLEY ON FINANCIAL MOTIVES**

What is our GOAL? **EVANGELIZATION** – having a community that brings people to Jesus and brings Jesus to the people

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

We are a growing, joyful, prayerful, Eucharist-centered, vibrant Catholic Community of believers who welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ. We engage in this faith journey together through sacraments, life-long faith formation, charitable works, and stewardship, in order to be witnesses of God's love in our daily lives.



GROWING:

Will merging create more opportunity for growth?



VIBRANT

Will merging create a more vibrant
community?



SACRAMENTS

How might merging create more opportunities for the Sacraments?



LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Can merging create more dynamic opportunities for life-long faith formation?



CHARITABLE WORKS

Could merging bolster our charitable works ministries?

STEWARDSHIP

Would merging improve stewardship – creating one fiscally healthy parish – or would it hurt our already insufficient stewardship?



WITNESS TO GOD

Would a merged parish enable us to
better witness to God's love?

DYNAMIC PARISH

- * Prayer
- * Study
- * Generosity
- * Evangelization



DYNAMIC PARISH

Would merging enable us to offer more opportunities for prayer?



DYNAMIC PARISH

How would a merger create new opportunities for study?



DYNAMIC PARISH

Again, how would merging affect the generosity of our parishioners?

DYNAMIC PARISH

EVANGELIZATION – THE GOAL

The simplest way to say what evangelization means is to follow Pope Paul VI... We can rephrase his words to say that evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/evangelization/index.cfm>

DYNAMIC PARISH – DREAMS

I wish to have my family one rockier

We will follow Christ's plan for the Church!

Good Health

become closer with God

dream to have peace for a week day for all people to be able to work in the family

Parents who are the bread of life for their family

I dream of a vision of peace and joy for your future

dream to unite democrats and republicans as we are all one republic

stay out of group

for a church full of children who all want to sing!

Anna's vision for a church full of children who all want to sing!

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dream to cure Type 1 Diabetes

World Peace

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ELLEN MILLE
Happy 50th Birthday
We miss you have you you were taken to soon

Andie nattie shawn wish you HAPPY BIRTHDAY have your KIDS

And the family wishes you HAPPY BIRTHDAY too

Pray for Graham's strength in the Lord

Public Study class
Teach how to meditate & pray with the saints and how to be patient

Theology classes

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Post-life Ministry

to raise dancing dinners once a month to us 20 our old friends

Constuctive of better relations (See & Peter Plynacety)

ongoing adult education

to become a teacher

to allow all people to love each other for who they are

All have food and good shelter

A committee board also way to...

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

A young mothers group

Everyone with the Grace of US is better and that it doesn't have to be...

Renewal of Catholic Culture

my son's health

AC in Church...

Subject Dream about God

Once/month Guest Speakers aka Institute of Catholic Culture

An end to abortion + better relationships with JESUS.

Perpetual Adoration

Teach Mary's roll in salvation prayers

World Peace

strength to get through year

Id love to go in a pilgrimage to Holy Land next year

Bring back the altar rail + reverence for the...

Heaven

where love is shared

Constuctive of better relations (See & Peter Plynacety)

To raise dancing dinners once a month to us 20 our old friends

A Spiritual Book Lending Library

Heaven

where love is shared

To have my family back

A Paroical School

Better music for inspiration and devotionals + class content



DYNAMIC PARISH

Could a merger possibly help us to fulfill
parishioner's dreams?

FINANCIAL REALITY

We are being told to plan for a 2-year recovery from the current crisis.

What does that look like?

ST. JOSEPH

6-week Offertory Feb 1 – March 8, 2020: \$41,094

6-week Offertory March 14 – April 19, 2020: \$34,890

15% decrease

(This does not include Donations or Grand Annual or 90-Days Now Program)

ST. MARY

6-week Offertory Feb 1 – March 8: \$31,175
6-week Offertory March 14 – April 19: \$18,624
(includes monthly)
60% Decrease

BRAZILIAN

6-week Dizimo Feb 1 – March 8, 2020: \$2,557
6-week Dizimo March 14 – April 19: \$1,239
(49% Decrease)

(This does not include Donations or Grand Annual or 90-Days Now Program)

SHUTDOWN - EXPENSES

Decrease in expenses relating to masses, operating – thermostats have been brought down to 60 from the beginning, musician expense has decreased – but staff has been getting paid and will continue to thanks to PPP Loans

REOPEN

Slow

Social Distancing will continue

Will have limits as to how many can be present at one Mass

Our at-risk population will likely be last to return

Possibility of second wave in the Fall

Encouraged to plan for the worst...hope for the best

Expenses:

Staff salaries currently shared:
F & O – 50/50

Faith Formation – 50/50 – all office expenses were absorbed by St. Joseph this year (will amend that)

Property Manager 66.67/33.33

Priests Split:

Fr. Culloty – St. Mary; Fr. Jack – St. Joseph

Fr. Antonio: 25/25/50 (Brazilian)



How might merging decrease expenses?

BALANCE SHEET

St. Joseph Parish:

Due to Cemetery: \$30,172

Due to RCAB: \$39,203

PPP Loan: \$68,800

(Should be 100% forgivable)

Deposits at RCAB: \$1,938

Cash Account: \$76,645

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Cemetery Fund: \$31,300

Perpetual Care Fund: \$89,958

Due from St. Joseph Parish: \$30,172

BALANCE SHEET

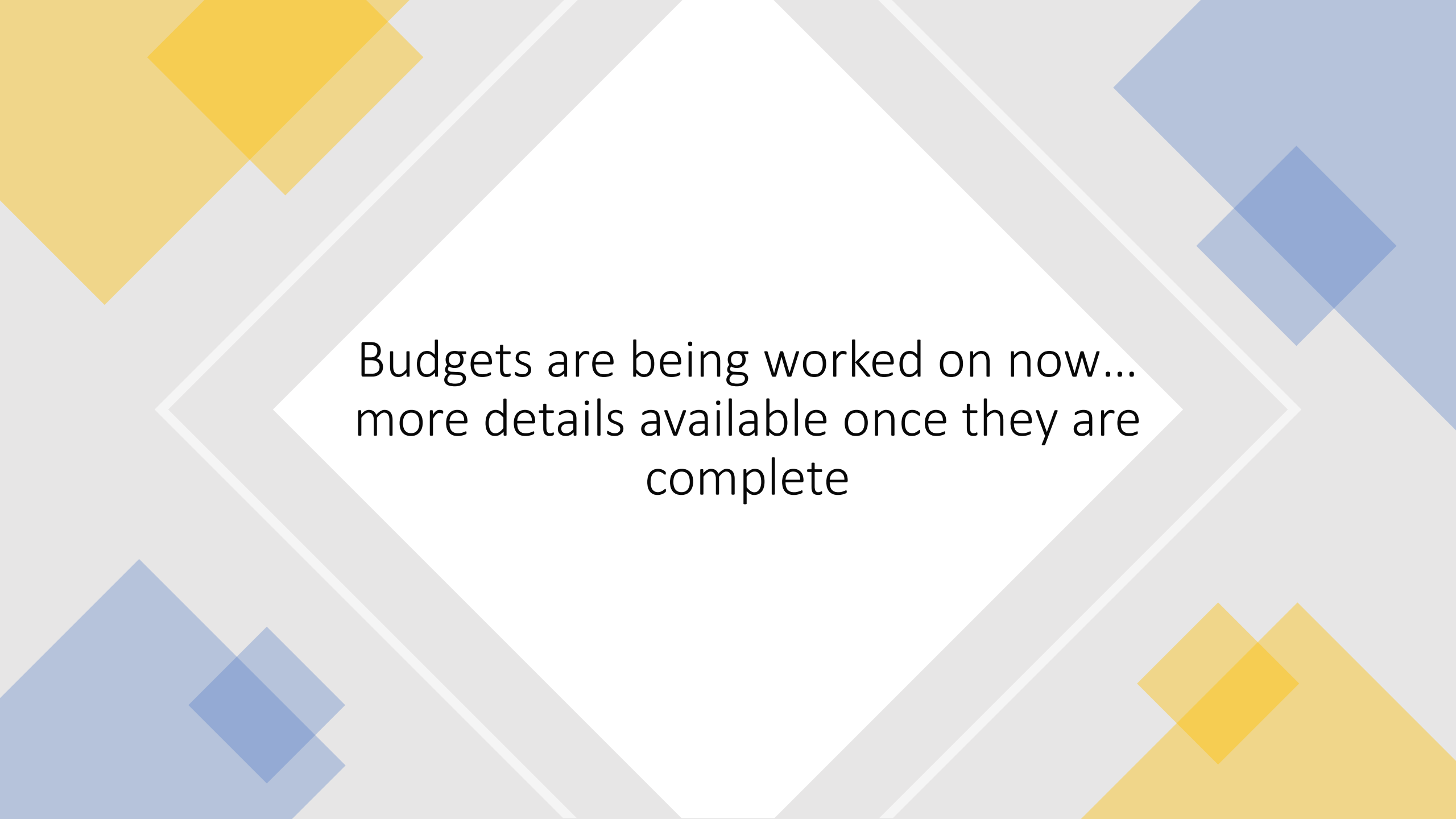
St. Mary

PPP Loan: \$64,700
(Should be 100% forgivable)

Deposits at RCAB: \$461,650

Cash Account: \$218,369

Brazilian Cash Account: \$96,943



Budgets are being worked on now...
more details available once they are
complete



EMOTION

EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS TO PARISHES

CAN WE BREAKDOWN BORDERS AND
BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER?

NEXT STEPS

PRAY – PRAY – PRAY

TALK TO FRIENDS – BRING FEEDBACK TO FR. JACK

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION...SEE WHERE IT LEADS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT ON THE WEBSITE AND
VIA EMAIL: maryjosephmergerfeedback@gmail.com

NEXT STEPS

IF THIS IS SOMETHING BOTH COMMUNITIES AND FR. JACK
WANT TO PURSUE...

FR. JACK WILL BRING IT TO THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

FINAL APPROVAL COMES FROM ARCHBISHOP



OPEN DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS