

St. Clare of Assisi



460 Reed Street
Clairton, PA 15025

St. Elizabeth of Hungary



One Grove Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Holy Spirit



2603 Old Elizabeth Road
West Mifflin, PA 15122

St. Thomas à Becket



139 Gill Hall Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

OCTOBER 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
4:30PM Holy Spirit
5:30PM St. Thomas à Becket

SUNDAY

8:00AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
9:00AM St. Clare of Assisi
9:30AM St. Thomas à Becket
10:30AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
11:00AM Holy Spirit
Noon St. Thomas à Becket

WEEKDAYS

Monday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
 8:30AM-St. Clare
Tuesday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit
 9:00AM-St. Thomas à Becket
Wednesday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
 9:00AM-St. Thomas
Thursday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit
 9:00AM-St. Thomas à Becket
Friday 7:30AM-St. Elizabeth
 8:30AM-St. Clare
 (School Mass) 9:15AM-St. Elizabeth
Saturday 8:30AM-Holy Spirit

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

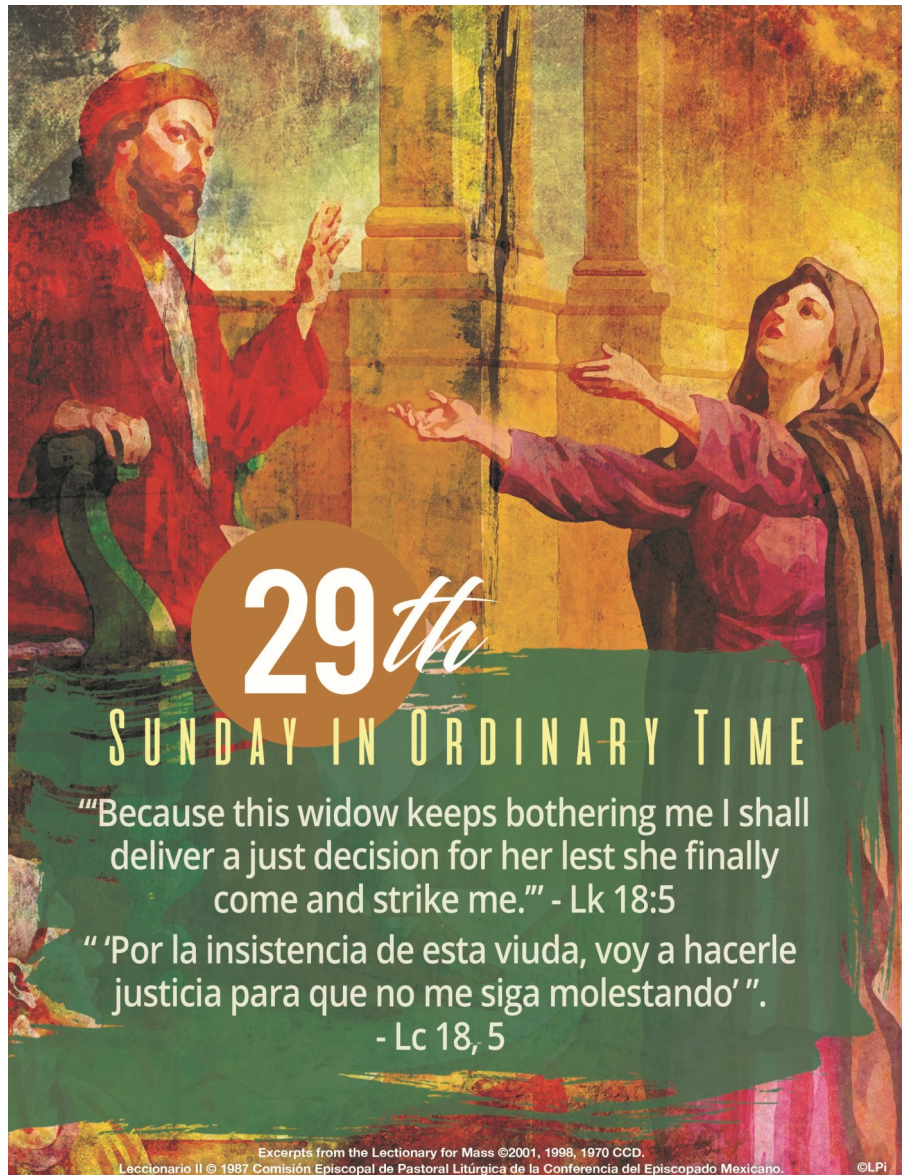
9:00-9:30AM St. Clare of Assisi
6:00-6:45PM St. Elizabeth of Hungary

SATURDAY

11:00-11:45AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary
3:30-4:00PM Holy Spirit
4:30-5:00PM St. Thomas à Becket

PASTORAL STAFF

Temporary Administrator: Very Reverend Frederick L. Cain, VE
Senior Parochial Vicar: Father William R. Terza
Senior Parochial Vicar: Father Kenneth E. Kezmarsky
Deacon: Gerard A. Como
Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Amy LaMartina
Seminarian: John Flynn



29th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

“‘Por la insistencia de esta viuda, voy a hacerle justicia para que no me siga molestando’”.
- Lc 18, 5



Parish Directory • Sacraments

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For Cemetery information, call
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ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

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Office Hours:

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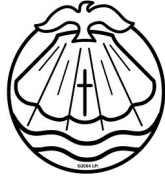
Monday–Friday: 9AM–3:30PM

Fax: 412-655-0615

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www.saintthomasabecket.com



BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office where you are a registered parishioner. A Pre-Baptism Class is required for first time parents or those who have never taken a class. Please contact Amy LaMartina to schedule a class at (412) 882-8744 ext. 3. After attending class, the Baptism can be scheduled. A sponsor certificate/letter for each Godparent must be submitted to the Parish Office at least one week prior to the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.**

- St. Clare of Assisi – Baptisms will be at 12:30PM
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Baptisms at 11:45AM, after the 10:30AM Mass
- Holy Spirit – Baptisms at 12:15PM, after the 11AM Mass
- St. Thomas à Becket – Baptisms at 1:15PM, after the Noon Mass

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00PM at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in St. Pius X Hall



MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to marry must meet with one of the priests in our parish grouping at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No date can be confirmed until the couple meets with a priest.

Suggested time for weddings: 1:30PM at St. Elizabeth and 2PM at St. Clare, Holy Spirit and St. Thomas à Becket. Couples are required to attend an approved Pre-Marriage Preparation Program. For a listing of programs go to: <https://diopitt.org/documents/2018/11/PARISH%20Pre-marriage%20programs%20PDF-1.pdf>



MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:

When someone is in the hospital or confined to their home, please call the Parish Office of the church where they are a registered parishioner to request Anointing of the Sick, to receive Holy Communion, or to be included in the Prayer Chain or placed on the bulletin Sick List.



(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic, or those who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and Confirmation), are welcome to join us in RCIA. This is a process of prayer, study, conversation and decision. Classes are held each week at St. Elizabeth Church in Pius X Hall from 11:30AM - 1PM. Classes begin in the Fall each year.

Please contact Amy LaMartina at 412-882-8744 ext. 3 for more information.



Mass Intentions This Week

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
(Vigil) Saturday, October 19	4:00 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	40th Wedding Anniversary — George & Barbara Pry	
	4:30 PM	Holy Spirit	Robert “Bo” Fulmer	Rich & Liz Stout
	5:30 PM	St. Thomas à Becket	Victoria Caruso	Family
Sunday, October 20 <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Frances & Edward Micknowski	Children
	9:00 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	John & Dolores Zitney	Paula Fortunato
	9:30 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Deceased Members of the McCann & Balas Families	Debbie Balas
	10:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Thomas Laino	St. Elizabeth Choir
	11:00 AM	Holy Spirit	Kevin Gregg	Sister, Pam & Denny Ruffing
	Noon	St. Thomas à Becket	Donald Eckert	Wife, Connie
Monday, October 21	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Lou Lauso	Wife & Daughter
	8:30 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	Lou Presto	Angeline Benedetti
Tuesday, October 22	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Gwen Lombard	Cagney Family
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Angie Zalakar	Pat Yekich
Wednesday, October 23	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Carole & Robert Thompson	Jean & Bud Mason & Family
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Andrew Bernard	Wife, Frances
Thursday, October 24	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Living & Deceased Family Members	Colleen Hicks
	9:00 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Larry Chontas	Family
Friday, October 25 *School Mass	7:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Joan Jance & George Jance, Jr.	Family
	8:30 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	Julius Such	Paul & Jean Voelkel
	9:15 AM*	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	No School Mass on October 25	
Saturday Morning	8:30 AM	Holy Spirit	Mary Reiter	Beth Fulmer & Family
(Vigil) Saturday, October 26	1:30PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Wedding — Suzanne Kroll & Kyle Lynch	
	4:00 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Jim & Vincent Lepiane	Family
	4:30 PM	Holy Spirit	Ted & Mary Bryja	Andrew & Janet Turocy
	5:30 PM	St. Thomas à Becket	Dorothy Sabatine	Tony Sabatine
	8:00 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Joseph Sweeney	Reynolds Family
Sunday, October 27 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00 AM	St. Clare of Assisi	Richard Kirsch	Wife, Elizabeth
	9:30 AM	St. Thomas à Becket	Al Thomas	K of C WJH Council 11887
	10:30 AM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Deceased Members of the Stoyanoff & Woytko Families	Family
	11:00 AM	Holy Spirit	Domenico & Pauline Spallone	Frank & Mary Shumber
	Noon	St. Thomas à Becket	In Honor of Sophie & In Memory of Henry	Family



Gospel Reflection

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which—in our limited view—typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of His chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgement! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when—or if—our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*



Beginning on Tuesday, November 19, we are offering the internationally known ***Bible Timeline*** Study Program by Jeff Cavins. *The Bible Timeline* takes you on a guided and **in-depth** journey through Scripture. **This 24-week** program expands upon *“Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”* and *“A Quick Journey through the Bible”* which are 8 session studies. Using a unique color-coded timeline, you will learn the major people, places and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the *remarkable story of Salvation History*.

DATES: Tuesdays beginning November 19, 2019 to May 19, 2020

TIMES: Mornings: 10:30AM to Noon (or)
Evenings: 6:30 - 8:00PM

LOCATION: St. Thomas à Becket - Former Church Building

COST: \$35.00 for the participant book (which includes color charts & maps) and online access to the videos for one year.

TO SIGN UP: call Amy LaMartina at 882-8744,
email: alamartina@st-elizabeth.org,
or complete the Registration Form below
by Friday, November 8

BIBLE TIMELINE REGISTRATION FORM

Please drop in any collection basket (Mark “Bible Timeline” on the envelope) or send to any Parish Office in our grouping.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ Morning Session (10:30AM - Noon)

☐ Evening Session (6:30-8:00PM)

Cash/Check enclosed: _____ Make checks payable to
St. Thomas à Becket Church

☐ Request Financial Assistance



Next Weekend Ministry Schedule

October 26 & 27	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Altar Servers	Other
Sat. Vigil 4:00 PM St. Elizabeth	Jude Bourdeau, Karen Brown, Terry Kapadia, JoAnn Karloski, Janet Mahoney	Tom Carroll	Gabriel Karloski	ACOLYTE Maggie Hassan
Sat. Vigil 4:30 PM Holy Spirit	David Banas, Tom Behrmann, Mel Droppa, Tim Hughes, Rich Stout	Mel Droppa	Carson Finney	CANTOR Kayleigh Johnson
Sat. Vigil 5:30 PM St. Thomas	Steve Callahan, Kelly Campbell, Diane Fleet, Tom Fleet, Cindy Kacerik	Kathy Stock	Joshua Hynes Ava Ripley	CANTOR Donna Horcick
Sunday 8:00 AM St. Elizabeth	Jay Black, Donna Gurcak, Joe Gurcak, David McBride, Meg McNicholas	Carol DeFazio	Thomas Wingerter	ACOLYTE Ben Wingerter
9:00 AM St. Clare	Susan Finnegan Joanne Kaskin Jennifer Massaro	Michael Thornton	Denise Boring Laura Cronkhite	CANTOR Lorraine Carter
9:30 AM St. Thomas	Ryan Alderson, Scott Breisinger, Leah Payne, John Reyher, Madeline Zumbo	Karen Reyher	Richard Allan A.J. Cardillo Ethan Weir	CANTOR Donna Horcick
10:30 AM St. Elizabeth	Chris DeCarlo, Dan Lijewski, Val Lijewski, Martha Regan, Karen Schultz	Patty DiCarlo	Emily Obara	ACOLYTE Bridget Perko
11:00 AM Holy Spirit	Janet Motto, Therese Palyo, Marta Placzek, Barb Price, Barb Rauch	Regina Botti	Michael Berendowski Thomas Strauser Will Strauser	CANTOR Judy Manfredi
Noon St. Thomas	Sue Baughman Eileen Bourgeois Linda Michaels	Joe Maola	Kayla Fentzel Seth Lieberum Ava Lutz	CANTOR Donna Horcick

To all our Liturgical Ministers...We are grateful for your role in leading and supporting our weekend liturgies! Thank you all very much for your time and talents towards the joyful and reverent celebration of the Sacraments in liturgy. If you are interested in giving of your time and talent as a liturgical minister, please contact any of our Parish Offices.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This evening ... Sunday, October 20

Hear one of our parishioners, Rose Lord share stories of her mission experience in Haiti at St. Thomas a Becket (former church building) from 6:30-7:30PM



ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES — Friday, November 1

Vigil (Thursday, October 31)

4:00PM — St. Elizabeth of Hungary

4:00PM — Holy Spirit

Holy Day — Friday, November 1

8:30AM — St. Clare of Assisi

Noon — St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:00PM — St. Thomas à Becket

ALL SOULS MASS — Monday, November 4

7:00PM — Holy Spirit

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Schedule based on the approval of the Pastoral & Finance Councils.

Process for Selecting a Name for Our New Parish

The naming of a new parish is an exciting part of becoming one and we would like you to be involved in this important process.

Before going over the process for selecting a name for the new parish, please take a moment to review what it means to become one parish. A parish, by definition, must have three components: 1) a designated territory or geographical location; 2) people and 3) priests to serve the people. A parish differs from a church, which is a sacred place of worship in service to the parish. Our new parish (name) will be served by the churches of St. Clare of Assisi, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Holy Spirit and St. Thomas à Becket.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS

We are accepting proposals for the new parish name. Please follow the criteria below.

- ♦ Submissions will be accepted through November 24.
- ♦ Pastoral Council will review the submissions and narrow down the recommendations to 10 names. Their determination will be based on the number of times that names are recommended, as well as other criteria they deem important to consider in the process.
- ♦ These 10 names will be submitted to Bishop Zubik for pre-approval.
- ♦ Parish Services will follow up with the Administrator regarding Bishop Zubik's preview and the names that he has pre-approved.
- ♦ Parishioners then give feedback as to the top 3 recommendations among those that have been pre-approved by Bishop Zubik.
- ♦ The top 3 recommendations from parishioners will then be included with the formal petition (submitted to the bishop by the administrator) for completing the merger process.
- ♦ Parishioners will be informed of the 3 names submitted to Bishop Zubik.

CRITERIA FOR PROPOSED NAMES

- ♦ Any proposed names should be taken from:
 - The Most Holy Trinity
 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, invoked under a mystery of His life or under His name as used in the liturgy or Scripture
 - The Holy Spirit
 - The Blessed Virgin Mary under a given title already found in the liturgy
 - The holy angels
 - A saint from the list found in the Church's calendar of memorials and feasts
 - All names of those who are beatified or named "blessed"
- It is preferable not to choose a name that is already used many times in the diocese. ▪ Hyphenated names of current parishes are not permitted. ▪ Each proposed name must be submitted with the rationale and the person's name making the proposal.

PROCESS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED NAME

Review criteria for proposed names. Use the *New Parish Name Proposal Form* that is available in each of the Church vestibules or online. Proposed names must be submitted by November 24. These may be turned in to the Church Office, mailed or submitted electronically. You can submit your form in the blue ballot box in each church vestibule. Each proposed name must be accompanied by rationale as well as your name.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!
A NEW CYO BASKETBALL TEAM
IS NOW BEING FORMED

Anyone **NOT** playing on a high school basketball team is welcome regardless of skill level. Weekly practices will be held at St. Elizabeth Gym. Games will be played December through February. Come and meet new friends and have fun! For more information, contact Paul Grachen at: paulgrachen@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth
BINGO

Octoberfest
CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 Starts at 5:30PM

FREE HOT DOG, FRIES, APPLESAUCE & SOFT PRETZEL



Derby Mania 5:30-7:30PM
Ready-Set-Go! Downline Derby
Side by Side Derby - Donkey Derby
Chug-A-Lug Win a Mug Aces Game
\$800+ Super Quickie - \$400+ Star Jars

PLUS ... PUMPKIN PATCH RAFFLE

TAX PREPARATION
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to provide free tax preparation help to anyone ... with special attention to older, low income taxpayers. Prior tax preparation experience is not necessary, since volunteers will receive training and support necessary to pass an IRS certification test and prepare returns using professional software. New volunteers will work with more experienced volunteers at local community centers from February through April. Tax preparers will be expected to volunteer 40 hours or more over the tax season. For more information and to apply, go to www.aarp.org/volunteer/tax-aide, or call Stan at 412-384-7264.



Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at

St. Paul Cathedral followed by a light reception. This celebration will occur on Sunday, November 17. Mass will begin at 2:30PM. If you wish to participate, please call Sylvia Gaudelli at 412-436-0088, or you may email: info@renewtheido.org. The **deadline** to submit this information by is **Friday, October 25**.

Seton LaSalle Catholic High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 27 from 11AM - 2PM. This is an opportunity to tour the facility, gather information on their curriculum and meet with teachers, coaches, students and staff. Visit: www.slshs.org/admissions/visit for information.

All Women of our parish grouping are invited to enjoy
DINNER and a MOVIE NIGHT

Sponsored by the GRACE group
Thursday, November 14 from 6:30-9:30PM
St. Thomas à Becket School Building — Rooms 4/5

We will be watching the transforming movie, **UNPLANNED**. Please bring a covered dish (entrée, appetizer, dessert) to share.

RSVP to Dana Olup by calling or texting 412-915-4788, or email: olupfamily@verizon.net.

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 28, 2019 THRU JANUARY 1, 2020

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28

Vigil (November 27) 7:00 PM – St. Thomas à Becket
10:00 AM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 (*Holy Day, but no obligation*)

7:30 AM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:30 AM – St. Clare of Assisi
9:15 AM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (school Mass)
12 Noon – Holy Spirit
7:00 PM – St. Thomas à Becket

Christmas 2019 Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
4:00 PM – Holy Spirit
4:00 PM – St. Thomas à Becket
4:30 PM – St. Clare of Assisi
6:00 PM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:00 PM – St. Thomas à Becket
9:00 PM – Holy Spirit
10:00 PM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
10:00 PM – St. Thomas à Becket

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM – Holy Spirit
9:30 AM – St. Clare of Assisi
10:00 AM – St. Thomas à Becket
11:00 AM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

New Year's Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 PM – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
4:00 PM – Holy Spirit

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

8:30 AM – St. Clare of Assisi
12 Noon – St. Thomas à Becket

FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Monday, October 21	Faith Formation Class 4:30-6PM (STB) Grades K-5 Faith Formation Class 6:30-8PM (SE) Grades K-8
Tuesday, October 22	Faith Formation Class 4:30-6PM (SE) Grades K-8 Faith Formation Class 6:30-8PM (HS) Grades K-8
Wednesday, October 23	Faith Formation Class 4:30-6PM (STB) Grades K-5 Faith Formation Class 6:30-8PM (STB) Grades K-5

A Catholic's Guide to Halloween

By Gretchen Filz October 25, 2017

- Halloween is short for All Hallow's Eve. It is the vigil of All Saints Day. All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and thus a major feast on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.
- Halloween (October 31) is connected with All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). These three days taken together are the "Days of the Dead," a triduum of feasts also called Allhallowtide or Hallowmass ('hallow' means to honor as holy).
- Halloween is, therefore, the first day of Allhallowtide, the time of year when the living honors all the dead in Christ, all the saints in heaven, as well as the holy souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven. It is a beautiful celebration of the communion of saints!
- It is true that Halloween has been badly corrupted and hyper-commercialized just like Christmas and Easter, but that should never stop Catholics from fully celebrating the great feasts of the Church the *Catholic* way, neither should it stop Catholics from enjoying Halloween as a celebration of the great feast of All Saints Day.
- Celebrate the feast by taking the family to Mass on All Hallow's Eve and pray for the intercession of the saints in heaven—especially those who are our patrons. Read about the lives of the saints, hand out holy cards or have a party with saint-based activities or costumes for kids.



Hands United in Service

During our Faith Formation Sessions, the week of October 28, 29 and 30, we are in need of Eighth Grade Students to assist with games and interact with the younger students dressed as familiar saints. Participation in this activity counts towards Community/Church Service. Remember to bring your service journal.

Session Times:

- ♦Monday, October 28 — *St. Thomas à Becket*
4:30-6:00PM
- ♦Monday, October 28 — *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
6:30-8:00PM
- ♦Tuesday, October 29 — *Holy Spirit*
6:30-8:00PM
- ♦Wednesday, October 30 — *St. Thomas à Becket*
4:30-6:00PM and 6:30-8:00PM

If interested, call Jennifer Michalka at 412-882-5023 or email: jmichalka@st-elizabeth.org.

Here's a way to keep hallow in Halloween while carving your pumpkin.

PUMPKIN PRAYER

Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you and the world you created (Carve and take off the top of the pumpkin.)

Remove the things in my life that don't please you, including my seeds of doubt. (Pull out the seeds.)

Open my eyes and help me to see your ways. (Remove the "eyes".)

Open my ears and help me to hear your voice, so I may learn how you want me to live. (Remove the "ears".)

I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at the things you want me to do. (Remove the "nose".)

Let everything I say please you, and help me spread your word to others. (Remove the "mouth".)

Lord, help me to show your light to others through the things I do. (Place a candle inside and light it, then turn off the lights.)

Being a good person is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all of the yucky stuff—including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a bright new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!



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Our Recently Departed...

Mary DeRubeis
Nora Hough (Aunt of Karen (George) Ludwick)

Our Sick & Shut-ins...

Joe Bacha, Fr. Chuck Baptiste, Joseph Bartolomeo, Fred Bercik, Marcia Bercik, Jack Billy, Jim Billy, Frances Bindas, Caden Boring, Cullen Boring, Carol Burgess, Thomas Campano, Maria Campano, Kathleen Cassady, John Chomas, Anne Donnelly, Sheila Eddy, Rebecca Farabaugh, Irene Fera, Amy Ference, Joseph Ference, Meryl Ferrare, Louise Gallo, Richard Gazzam, Margaret Gernerchak, Ida Gouker, Pat Grguric, Genevieve Hartman, Diana Hess, Marie Hodge, Dave Jacobs, Lorraine Kossum, Off. James Kuzak Jr., Mayor Rich Lattanzi, Henry Lasich, Lee Lasich, John Linn, Theodore Lipnicky, Jr., Frances Lofstrom, Edward Lucot, Debra Mainiero, Martha Mathews, Audrey Mihalko, Anna Milas, Deborah (Piatek) Miller, Don Molinaro, Pat Mourey, Rev. Peter Murphy, Martha Pastorik, Barbara Pavlack, Aldia Pavlik, Sylvia Pittman, Mary Ann Rakochy, Nancy Razorsek, Ralph Reitmeyer, Br. Raymond Reitmeyer, Betty Rothbauer, George Senko, Marlene Schettler, Kathleen Slivan, Kathy Tachoir, Rayne Tortorice, Domenic Virgona, Catherine Vukovich, Ray Werner, Richard (Buddy) White, Papa Woo, Ray York



The Vigil Candle
at the Tabernacle
is lit

*In Memory of
Gertrude &
Joseph Mitko*

By Family

Our SECOND COLLECTION
THIS SUNDAY is for the
World Mission Sunday Collection.

Our SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT SUNDAY will be for the
Repairs & Maintenance of our
parish properties.

Mass Intentions are now being accepted through June 2020. Mass Intention Forms are on the bulletin tables and must be turned in with a \$10 stipend for each Mass request via mail, in the collection basket, or at our Parish Office. Only one mass request per family. No requests will be taken over the phone.

Pick up a copy of the new Pittsburgh Catholic Disability Awareness Magazine from the bulletin tables. There are many heart-warming articles featured that will change your perception of those individuals who have intellectual or physical disabilities. Take a chance to also win 4 Tickets to the Kennywood Holiday Lights Display that runs between November 22 through December 30!



**Take your expired or unused
Medications to the Clairton**

RITE AID

623 St. Clair Avenue

**For disposal on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
From 10:00AM to 2:00PM**

This "Take Back Drug Day" is in partnership with the Clairton Police Department.

Come to "Fall Fest" at the Clairton Park Lodge on
Saturday, October 26 from Noon to 4PM.
This fun-filled event for the community will have
vendors, creative arts and craft projects and contests to
win prizes!

FALL FEST

CONCERNING OUR FUNDRAISERS

**GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY**

**Next Drawing: Thursday,
October 31**

Entered to Date: 67

The Aging Institute at UPMC McKeesport Resource Center (1500 Fifth Ave., McKeesport), will present the free Program "Hospice End of Life Treatment and Intervention" on Tuesday, October 22 at 2PM. Scott Miller, MD will lead this very important conversation that affects many families. Call 412-664-3463 to RSVP, or for more information.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary • Parish News

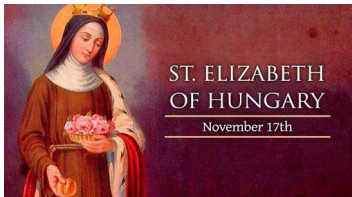
THE FEAST OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

On **Sunday, November 17**, we will host our annual Eastern European Dinner in the School Cafeteria. Dinners will be served beginning at 5:00PM. The menu includes:

Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Kraut, Potato and Cheese Pierogies, Haluski, Green Beans, Rolls, Butter, Dessert and a Beverage ... all for just \$12!

Make your reservations now for eat-in, take-out, or frozen pierogies. The registration form must be received by:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
(NO EXCEPTIONS)**



FEAST DAY DINNER (Please Print)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Dine-In Dinners _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Take-Out Dinners _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Frozen Potato Pierogies to go (\$12/dozen)

of Dozen _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Return this form with cash or check (made payable to St. Elizabeth) to the Parish Office or place it in a sealed envelope marked "Feast Day Dinner" on the front and drop it in the collection basket at mass.

Martha and Mary Ministry will gather for prayer and fellowship on Tuesday, October 22 (The Feast of Pope St. John Paul II) at 7:00PM Polly Teschke will host. Please call 412-708-8797 for details.



Remember in your prayers all who have died, especially **Ray Brooks** and **Regis Brown**. May they rest with God in heaven.



All are welcome to join us as we pray the Rosary after the 7:30AM Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Church.

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

The St. Elizabeth Elementary School community came together on October 4th this year to celebrate the **Living Rosary** in honor of our Blessed Mother. Under the guidance of Mrs. Elizabeth Vita, the children from First grade through Eighth grade participated with great reverence and respect. Each student represented a bead on the rosary. With each decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries, the students recalled the great love and sacrifice of our Lord. Our school is very grateful for the many parents and community members who joined us.



Tickets on sale NOW for the 5th Annual St. Elizabeth **Hallo-Boo Cash Bash!** on Saturday, October 26 at the St. Elizabeth Gymnasium from 7-11PM. Doors open at 5:30PM. Dinner served at 6PM. \$25.00 gets you dinner, beer, pop, coffee and a chance to win prizes every 15 minutes! BYOB. Over \$10,000 in prizes will be given away. You **DO NOT** have to attend to win! For those attending, we will have a Chinese Auction, Basket of Cheer Raffle, "Minute to Win It" games, Halloween Costume Contest, Poker, Instant Tickets and Tip Boards for chances at additional winnings. Only 1000 tickets available. Prize list is as follows:

7:00PM—\$1,000; 7:15PM—\$300; 7:30PM—\$300;
7:45PM—\$300; 8:00PM—\$500; 8:15PM—\$300;
8:30PM—\$300; 8:45PM—\$300; 9:00PM—\$500;
9:15PM—\$300; 9:30PM—\$300; 9:45PM—\$300;
10:00PM—\$1,000; 10:15PM—\$400; 10:30PM—\$500
10:45PM—\$400; and 11:00PM—\$3,000

All proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth Elementary School. Must be 21 years old to attend. Please contact either the School or Parish Office for tickets.



ENJOY BOOKS ARE BACK! and are available in the Rectory and the School Offices. Books are \$30 each and make great Christmas gifts. Sales benefit St. Elizabeth School.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020 —We are now accepting Mass requests for Masses from **January through June 2020 ONLY**. You must come to the office in person **Monday thru Friday** to schedule your masses. Each family can schedule **ONE** Mass at this time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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WEEKDAY WORSHIP/DEVOTION SCHEDULE:

Morning Prayers: 8:10AM Before Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of First Saturdays

Weekday Masses: 8:30AM Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The First Friday of each month from 9AM to 7PM

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: The First Saturday of each month after the 8:30AM Mass

Rosary Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 4PM

Everyone in our parish grouping is welcome and encouraged to join us for any of these celebrations located in the Oratory, behind the Parish House, on the lower level. Parking is available on the lower level or folks may park in front of the Parish House and walk down the stairs, located to the left of the Parish House.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass Intentions are now being accepted through June 2020. Forms are located on the tables in the back of the church.

APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE MEETING

... will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at 7PM in the Spirit Room.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please call or text Mel Droppa at 412-491-2200 or email her at meldroppa@comcast.net as soon as possible with your availability for the weekends and for upcoming Holy Days and Holidays. Coverage is still needed for the All Saint's Day Vigil on October 31 at 4PM, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 9 at Noon, Christmas Eve at 4PM and 9PM, Christmas Day at 8AM and for the New Years Eve Vigil at 4PM. Please include your email address so that the schedule can be sent to you online. Thank you!

THE CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

... will meet on Saturday, November 2 from 10AM to Noon in the Spirit Room. We begin with Centering Prayer followed by Lectio Divina, break for coffee and snacks and conclude with a DVD and reflection. All are welcome from the parish grouping.

SECOND COLLECTIONS ...

This Weekend we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this weeks collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Next Weekend will be our monthly **Maintenance Collection**. This collection supports the repair and maintenance of our church buildings and grounds. The church roof is in urgent need of repair and our parking lot is being sealed. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!

Thank You ...

to our Chairperson, Barb Price and all the volunteers, vendors, crafters and patrons who gave their time and talent to make the **Holy Spirit Fall Craft and Vendor Show** a wonderful success!

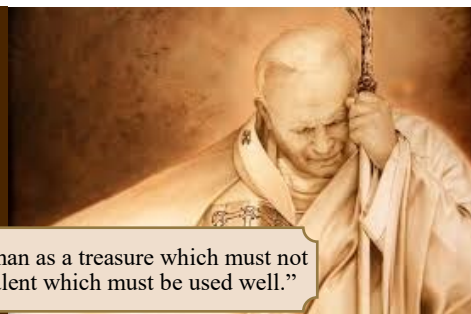
CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00-10:00AM in the Spirit Room. The topic for discussion will be Lesson 52, "Looking Back, Looking Forward". All men in our parish grouping are welcome to attend and share in our learning and fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE NEXT HOLY SPIRIT SUPER BINGO IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Doors and kitchen will open at Noon. Early Bird games begin at 1PM with Regular Games to follow. Tickets are \$25 per person, available at the door in Horner Hall! Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

The Feast of
**SAINT
JOHN PAUL II**
October 22



"Life is entrusted to man as a treasure which must not be squandered, as a talent which must be used well."



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The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle
in the Church will burn this week
In Loving Memory of Kathleen Fazzoni,
from Tim & Carol Lee

The Vigil Light at the Tabernacle
in the Chapel will burn this week
In Loving Memory of Mike Kearns,
from Brad & Sue Weber

ROSARY FOR ERIC DRAPER-10/22

The Rosary will be recited on the above date
for the repose of the soul of Eric. The time will
be at **8:40AM** before the 9AM Mass. We invite
you to join us in this charitable act.



Heartfelt sympathy to the family & friends of **Elizabeth "Betty" Binkoski**, mother of Michael Binkoski of our parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed be embraced by the Heavenly Father unto everlasting life.



November will begin with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls, both of which direct our attention to all those who have gone before us. It is a traditional practice in November to remember our dead in prayer in a special way.

Therefore, our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** will have a special place in our sanctuary during November. Names can be added by using the forms found on the table in the entryway of the church. Please keep all those names that will be in that book in your prayers.

LITURGICAL MINISTER UPDATE: Liturgical Ministers and Ushers that were scheduled for a 9AM Mass at St. Thomas à Becket on November 1, All Saints Day will not be needed due to a change in the Mass schedule.

2019 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

St. Thomas à Becket assessment for 2019 is **\$139,654.00**

Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help with this campaign, as it is an important effort in every parish of the Diocese, to support the life of our whole local Church.

The more people who participate the more successful it will be, and will benefit us directly (as we keep anything we collect over our goal).

Our 2019 PSP Assessment: \$139,654.00
Monies Received as of 10/13/2019: \$ 75,332.00

Amount Still Needed: \$ 64,322.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020 – We will begin scheduling Masses for January 2020 thru June 2020 ONLY. This will take place at St. Thomas à Becket Church on **Monday, November 4** and **Wednesday, November 6** from 9:30 AM to 1:00PM.



You Are Cordially Invited To Attend



THE LIVING ROSARY OUR TRIBUTE TO MARY

This will take place at
St. Thomas à Becket Church on
Tuesday, October 29
at 6:30 PM after a day of
Eucharistic Adoration
in the church.

The Living Rosary will be
followed by Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament at 7PM.

A Sign-up Sheet for Eucharistic
Adoration is available in the vestibule of the church.

2019 ENJOY BOOK

ENJOY books are now available for purchase in the Parish Office Monday through Friday and after all the Masses beginning the weekend of October 26/27. The cost of the book is **\$30**. The proceeds from the sale of these books will benefit (new) *Coats for Children at Christmas*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! Third Annual BECKET'S BEST NUT ROLL SALE



Those of you who bought them last year know how delicious they are - and we ran out! **So order early!**

Complete an order form found in the back of the church and drop it off at the St. Thomas à Becket Church Office OR call **412-655-2885** to place your order. **Cost of each Nut Roll is \$13.**

No orders will be accepted after Noon on Friday, Nov. 1. Pick up will be after all masses on November 16 and 17, in the Narthex of St. Thomas à Becket Church.

Proceeds benefit the Kitchen Fund.

LISTENING SESSION RESULTS

Last week, listening sessions were held at each of the four Churches in our parish grouping. We thank everyone who attended these meetings for sharing your input and asking questions. For those of you who were not able to attend, we would like to share with you the agenda and summary notes from these meetings:

STATUS OF OUR PARISH GROUPING ADMINISTRATION

Fr. Cain is the administrator pro-temp as long as is necessary. We all have the hope of Fr. Bob returning. However, we need to remember that this is a civil case and we have no control over the timetable. At this point, we don't have any new information. If there are any changes, parishioners will be notified as soon as possible.

TIMELINE LEADING UP TO JULY 2020

On September 26, Pastoral Council, Finance Council and staff met with Dr. Linda Ritzer from Parish Services to review the merger timeline from October 2019 through July 2020. This timeline is slightly different from the timeline that was presented in the bulletin on June 30 and July 7:

- We planned for the parish survey results to be processed and summarized by August 2019. This was going to happen at the August Pastoral Council Meeting, which had to be cancelled. At the next Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, October 24, the surveys will be summarized.
- We will continue the process of realignment of staff, however, this will not follow the original timeline anticipated for February/March 2020.

PROCESS FOR NAMING OF THE NEW PARISH: (see page 6 of this bulletin)

FOLLOW UP REGARDING THE PROPOSED REVISED WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- During a joint Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting in May, a revised Mass schedule was proposed and included three changes: 4:00PM Vigil Mass at St. Thomas à Becket; 5:00PM Vigil Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary; 11:30AM Mass at St. Thomas à Becket. This schedule was then submitted to the diocese with rationale. However, it was not approved for two primary reasons: 1) the vigil Mass times were too close together and would not work if we only have two priests available. We need to look at schedules with the possibility of having two priests. 2) When we become one parish, there will likely be changes to the Mass schedule. To implement a revised Mass schedule now and again in July 2020, is too much change in a short span of time. Therefore, the weekend Mass schedule is going to stay the same at this time.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2019 – JANUARY 1, 2020

- The Clergy Team met with the Directors of Music from each parish to develop this schedule (see pages 6 & 7 of this bulletin).
 - **All Saints Day:** Holy Day of Obligation - see Mass schedule.
 - **All Souls Day:** We will have one All Souls Memorial Mass, to which all four Church communities are invited. This year, All Souls Day falls on a Saturday and there are already three anticipated Masses on Saturday. Therefore, the **All Souls Memorial Mass will take place on Monday, November 4, at Holy Spirit Church at 7:00PM.** The traditions of lighting a candle for our departed loved ones, as well as reading of the names of those who have died in the last year, will be included in this special Mass.
 - **Thanksgiving:** The 7:00PM Mass at St. Thomas à Becket on the evening before Thanksgiving is going to be a Mass to give thanks and remember those in our community who are in need. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to the local Food Bank. There is also a morning Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary at 10:00AM and parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.
 - **Christmas:** For the Christmas Mass schedule, data based on attendance from last year was used to make adjustments to the schedule. Decisions were also made based on the guiding principal that we are moving towards being one parish. Last year, for Christmas we had 16 Masses among the four parishes. This year, we have 13 Masses. The data showed that attendance at the Christmas morning Masses was low; therefore, these Masses were combined.
 - **New Year's Day:** Holy Day of Obligation - see Mass schedule.
- The goal with scheduling Masses is to bring people together as the one Body of Christ. One of the ways this is expressed is through the combined choir formed from each of the four Churches. We will have the gift of this choir at the All Souls Mass on Monday, November 4 at Holy Spirit, as well as the Thanksgiving Anticipated Mass on Wednesday, November 27 at St. Thomas à Becket.

REGIONALIZATION OF SCHOOLS

▪ We don't know which schools will be combined. The cost of staff and insurance continues to rise and we can't keep raising student tuition. The regionalization of schools will take place simultaneously with our anticipated merger date of July 2020. In early spring 2020, the diocese will announce the plan indicating which schools will combine from among the following: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Gabriel, St. Thomas More, St. Anne, St. Bernard, Our Lady of Grace and St. Louise de Marillac. This means that the schools will not be under the jurisdiction of any particular parish, but rather that of a board.

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

—*Regarding what we will look like as one parish*

- **How many worship sites will we have?** We don't know yet, but this will not even be considered until we become one parish on July 1, 2020. Then we will look at the big picture, determining what we need to best serve the people.
 - **When we become one parish, will we need to register again?** No, whoever is currently registered will automatically be registered with the new parish.
 - **When we are one parish, will we have one rectory as well?** The bishop would not mandate this, but would support it.
 - **Prior to this process, we had four vibrant parishes. There has been a tension, fewer people in ministries and organizations, etc. What are we going to do about this?** We must remember that we are one body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Before the parish becomes one, the organizations will become one (i.e., Ladies of Charity). In regards to organizations not getting new members, it is not because of the merger process. Parishes everywhere have difficulty with drawing in new membership.
 - **What about some parishes taking on the debt of another parish?** All assets and all liabilities are *ours*. Similar to a marriage, we take on the other's debts and assets. Before anything else, we are called to be one living body in His name.
 - **The Masses are not crowded, people have left. Is there a plan to bring them back?** Our example is one of the primary ways people will want to come back. If they only hear negative, they will not want to return. Also, we can invite people to come back.
 - **After we become one, will the weekend Mass experience continue as usual?** There will be changes, for example, a choir may sing at different churches.
 - **Will Fr. Ken and Fr. Bill still be here after the grouping?** We hope so, but there is no guarantee.
- With one parish we will have combined ministries. Churches will retain their names, but we will have one set of books, one bank account. We already have one Faith Formation program. It is held at different sites, but it is one program. We need to remember that we are four churches and one parish. We would like to have all staff in one building. Staff will be consolidated, but we don't know exactly how at this point.

RELATED TO DIOCESAN POLICIES

- **What factors determine the number of priests assigned to a grouping?** The number of parishioners, capacity of the church buildings, geographic location and proximity of churches, the health of the priests (i.e., a priest with poor health may be assigned to a grouping, but not be able to get around easily).
- **Will the priests change when we become one?** It is the bishop's hope that the priests are able to stay at their current assignments for a longer length of time than usual. However, there are some factors outside of our control (i.e., health).
- **Parish Share time frame has been from January to February. Will this change? What about contributions to the building fund?** Parish Share time frame will stay the same. All contributions will still go toward the building fund, but we will be one.
- **Would it be possible to ask a retired priest (or priests from a religious congregation, such as the Passionists) to help with Masses?** Most religious communities are facing the same shortage as diocesan priests. Religious communities usually have Mass and celebrate Christmas as a community and therefore, often not available to assist with Masses. Even the retired priests are at times, stretched and spread thin.
- **Are there diocesan resources to help with debt?** The diocese does not have resources. Central Administration staff was cut by 34 people.
- **The diocese just hired a new person for communications? Was this necessary?** Yes, she replaced the position of two priests.
- **For the new parish name, could we use a name that already exists in the diocese?** Yes, but if there are already a couple Churches in the diocese with the name, it would not be chosen.

RELATED TO MASS TIMES

- **Why can't we get the 9:30AM Mass back at St. Clare of Assisi?** The priest would have to be able to get to Mass at Holy Spirit by 11:00AM, and this would not leave enough time.
- **The 4:00PM Mass at St. Elizabeth is crowded and can people really actively participate if they are standing in the back?** Some go to Mass according to time and others go according to location. In the beginning of the merger process, the 4PM Mass was very crowded. Over the last four months, it has been less crowded. Also, there are seats, but some people choose to stand in the back.
- **The 4:00PM Mass at St. Elizabeth's will most likely get crowded again in the late fall/winter months. Consider looking at a seasonal schedule. For working people, the two 4:00PM Masses on All Saints Day and New Year's Eve is very difficult. Some people work late and can't make it to a 4:00PM Mass.** The two 4:00PM Masses on the vigil of All Saints Day were scheduled because people do not want to be out late on Halloween. There is a 7:00PM Mass on All Saints Day as well as Masses on New Year's Day.
- **Why no midnight Mass?** The practice of changing the Midnight Mass to 10:00PM is accepted in the diocese (in union with the pope) as a means to accommodate more people who would like to attend a later evening Mass but have difficulty staying up until Midnight.
- **How are we going to have four Masses on Christmas Eve?** Fr. Fortunatus will celebrate Mass at St. Clare of Assisi. When people get disgruntled and stop coming to Mass, then the numbers reflect a lower Mass attendance. If people kept coming to Mass, the data would show that there is a need for more Masses.

RELATED TO COMMUNICATION

- **Can we get summary reports from Parish Council meetings?** Yes, we can at least provide the summary notes from the meetings.
- **We would like to get feedback from listening sessions and surveys:** These have been published in the bulletin and listening session notes mailed to all parishioners. We have made efforts to implement suggestions offered by parishioners, for example—the start of a youth ministry program, more options for youth Faith Formation and adult Faith Formation opportunities in Clairton. We will do our best to keep you informed as we continue with this process (for instance, Pastoral Council meetings).
- **How are members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils chosen?** Our current councils were formed from previously existing councils from each Church. In November 2018, members completed an application, indicating their desire to continue serving on the Pastoral and Finance Councils for our parish grouping, as well as a summary of their unique experience, gifts and talents.
- **What are the qualifications of a pastoral council member and where can we find a list of who is on the council?**

Members need to be parishioners in good standing, have to be over 18 years of age, offering their unique experience, gifts and talents. Council members have been listed in the bulletin, but we will do this again so parishioners are aware of who serves on the councils. We will also be creating a display board with the pictures of each council member.

RELATED TO PARISH ASSEMBLIES (to take place in March 2020)

- **What happens at Parish Assemblies?** The information provided in parish assemblies is intended to present an accurate picture of the status of the grouping including: demographics, finance and ministries that are already shared. It is to share the vision for the merger, which is for vibrant parishes and effective ministries.
- Do the Parish Assemblies involve discussion of buildings closing?** No, only after we become one new parish, will there be consideration of the use of buildings.

RELATED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

- **Is the Church looking at how we can bring more people to the priesthood?** Yes, there are diocesan vocation programs in every diocese and they work to provide opportunities for young people to explore the priesthood. Fr. Mike Ackerman, the Director of Vocations for the diocese, has several campaigns to provide opportunities for young men to discern the priesthood. He has also made efforts with communication through announcements, billboards, etc.
- When Missionary priests visit our parishes, we should realize that this is important because more priests can come from greater missionary work. The money we send to the missions is well spent.
- The days are coming when we will likely be down to two priests.

RELATED TO STATISTICS

▪ **Are there statistics to show how many Catholics leave the Church when parishes go through a merger?** We don't have specific figures with us, but initially there is typically a decrease in the number of parishioners. However, after time, some parishes often begin to grow. We will see numbers like this at the parish assemblies.

- In our grouping we have over 10,000 people registered but it is likely that about 20% attend Mass.
- The number of active priests in the diocese is now 177. By 2025, we will have 85 (or fewer) priests in active ministry.
- When the *On Mission* process began, there were 188 parishes which are being combined to form 57 parishes.
- Our county is the oldest per capita in the country.

OTHER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- **We would like to have a name for "old church", such as Kelly Hall (after Monsignor Kelly).** This will be brought to Pastoral Council. However, it has been determined that buildings cannot be named after former pastors, bishops, etc.
- **As we close grade schools, we will have fewer Catholics.** People staying Catholic and raising their children Catholic is most about family life and how parents pass on the faith to their children.
- **Is the diocese of Pittsburgh the first to go through a merger process like this?** This is happening all over the country.

"We are stronger together than we are separately. We have to look for ways to strengthen our mission. When the Mass is ended, the priest says, '*Go forth...*'. At the concluding prayer this past Sunday, we prayed the words, '*...may we be nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.*' We become Christ. In the midst of change, I learn about myself and grow. Life is change. Change is life. We have to let go. When we do, it is one more opportunity to grasp the hand of Jesus who keeps us in existence."

- Fr. Fred Cain



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July 2019 - June 2020

**Weekend of
October 12/13**

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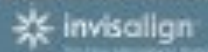
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