



## Diocese of Pittsburgh

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Office of the Bishop

April 28, 2018

My dear Sisters and Brothers of Saint Raphael Parish:

On April 12, 2015, I called the Church of Pittsburgh to join me in the initiative *On Mission for The Church Alive!*

The goal is to offer a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church to everyone:

- those actively engaged in the Church;
- those who have lost touch with Jesus or who have left the Church;
- those who have never belonged to the Church, but are seeking deeper meaning in their lives.

For three years, we have labored to discern how to best position our local Church for the future. We must respond to the reality that populations have shifted, that many Catholics have drifted away from Mass, and that we will have fewer priests. We need to share and mobilize our resources to draw people deeper into the faith, seek the lost and serve those in need.

Following prayerful deliberation that included more than 30,000 of our faithful and representatives of your own *On Mission* parish team, together with all of our priests and deacons, I have reached the decisions that I believe will best help us to fulfill our mission as the Church of Pittsburgh. Here are my decisions for your parish:

Your grouping will include the parishes of **Saint Raphael**, Morningside/Stanton Heights and **Sacred Heart**, Shadyside.

- The Clergy assigned to this grouping are:
  - Father Thomas R. Miller as Administrator.
  - Father John P. Sweeney as Senior Parochial Vicar.
  - Father Steven M. Palsa as Parish Chaplain.
  - Father Edward T. Muge in residence.
  - Deacon William O. Hahn and Deacon John A. Vaskov.
- These clergy assignments become effective on Monday, October 15, 2018.
- This grouping may have up to nine (9) Sunday Masses, including any Saturday Vigil Masses.
- At this time, no church buildings will close.

- Your grouping is expected to work together to form a new parish by the end of 2021 and to recommend which church buildings will best serve the new parish.

I truly believe that change can bring new life and joy. I realize that such transformation is rarely easy, especially in the heartfelt matters of faith and parish life. I know this change will require us to let go of some things that are precious and familiar. I ask you to open your hearts to make new relationships in your grouping of parishes, to create a welcoming community.

Please also pray for your clergy who are moving to new assignments:

- Father Christopher D. Donley is appointed Administrator of Saint Benedict the Moor, Hill District; Epiphany, Uptown; Saint Mary of Mercy, The Point/Gateway Center; and Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Strip District.

Today marks the beginning of a transition phase that continues through October 15, 2018. During this time of change, I rely on your continued cooperation, understanding and patience.

Your outgoing and incoming clergy will work together for a smooth transition. In the coming months, you will receive interim schedules for Sunday and weekday Masses, confessions, and religious education.

As always, I rely on your prayers for all of us who are *On Mission for The Church Alive!* I believe with all my heart that, embracing the will and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we can together do what Jesus asks of us: We can be *The Church Alive!*

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Zubik". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross symbol at the beginning.

Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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# FINAL PARISH GROUPINGS

**Bishop David Zubik announces the following Parish Groupings. These parishes will work together with their clergy teams over the coming years to form new parish communities.**



## VICARIATE ONE

BELLEVUE/EMSWORTH/FRANKLIN PARK Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Bellevue), St. John Neumann (Franklin Park), Sacred Heart (Emsworth)

ETNA/GLENSHAW/MILLVALE All Saints (Etna), St. Bonaventure (Glenshaw), Holy Spirit (Millvale), St. Nicholas (Millvale/North Side)

ALLISON PARK/GLENSHAW St. Mary of the Assumption (Glenshaw), St. Ursula (Allison Park)

OBSERVATORY HILL/PERRYSVILLE/ROSS/WEST VIEW St. Athanasius (West View), Incarnation of the Lord (Observatory Hill/Perry North), St. Sebastian (Ross), St. Teresa of Avila (Perrysville)

NORTH SIDE St. Aloysius (Reserve), St. Cyril of Alexandria (Brighton Heights), Holy Wisdom (North Side/Spring Hill), Most Holy Name of Jesus (Troy Hill), St. Peter (North Side), Risen Lord (Marshall/Shadeland)

NORTH SIDE St. John XXIII Personal Quasi-Parish (North Side)

MT. WASHINGTON/SOUTH SIDE St. Mary of the Mount (Mt. Washington), Prince of Peace (South Side)

BRENTWOOD/HAYS/SOUTH PITTSBURGH Holy Angels (Hays), Holy Apostles (South Pittsburgh), St. Sylvester (Brentwood)

BEECHVIEW/BROOKLINE St. Catherine of Siena (Beechview), Our Lady of Loreto (Brookline), St. Pamphilus (Beechview), St. Pius X (Brookline), Resurrection (Brookline)

GREENFIELD/HAZELWOOD/OAKLAND St. Paul Cathedral (Oakland), St. Regis (Oakland), St. Rosalia (Greenfield), St. Stephen (Hazelwood)

CITY CENTER/STRIP DISTRICT St. Benedict the Moor (Hill District), Epiphany (Uptown), St. Mary of Mercy (The Point/Gateway Center), St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus Kostka (Strip District)

EAST END/POINT BREEZE/WILKINSBURG St. Bede (Point Breeze), St. Charles Lwanga (East End), St. James (Wilkinsburg)

MORNINGSIDE/SHADYSIDE/STANTON HEIGHTS St. Raphael (Morningside/Stanton Heights/Upper Lawrenceville), Sacred Heart (Shadyside)

BLOOMFIELD/GARFIELD/LAWRENCEVILLE/POLISH HILL Immaculate Heart of Mary (Polish Hill), St. Maria Goretti (Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield), Our Lady of the Angels (Lawrenceville)

## VICARIATE TWO

CARNEGIE/GREEN TREE/SCOTT St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Carnegie), St. Margaret of Scotland (Green Tree), Sts. Simon and Jude (Scott)

MT. LEBANON/SCOTT St. Bernard (Mt. Lebanon), Our Lady of Grace (Scott)

MCKEESPORT/VERSAILLES/WHITE OAK St. Angela Merici (White Oak), Corpus Christi (McKeesport), St. Patrick (McKeesport/Versailles), St. Robert Bellarmine (East McKeesport)

ELIZABETH/GLASSPORT/SOUTH ALLEGHENY AREA St. Mark (Liberty/Port Vue), St. Michael (Elizabeth), Queen of the Rosary (Glassport)

CHURCHILL/TURTLE CREEK/WILMERDING St. Colman (Turtle Creek), St. John Fisher (Churchill), St. Jude the Apostle (Wilmerding)

BRADDOCK/FOREST HILLS/SWISSVALE Good Shepherd (Braddock/Braddock Hills/East Pittsburgh), Madonna del Castello (Swissvale), St. Maurice (Forest Hills), Word of God (Rankin/Swissvale)

CASTLE SHANNON/MT. LEBANON St. Anne (Castle Shannon), St. Winifred (Mt. Lebanon)

BETHEL PARK/SOUTH PARK/WHITEHALL St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin (Whitehall), St. Germaine (Bethel Park), Nativity (South Park), St. Valentine (Bethel Park)

FINLEYVILLE/JEFFERSON HILLS/PETERS St. Benedict the Abbot (Peters), St. Francis of Assisi (Finleyville), St. Isaac Jogues (Jefferson Hills)

SOUTH PARK/UPPER ST. CLAIR St. Joan of Arc (South Park), St. Louise de Marillac (Upper St. Clair)

BETHEL PARK/UPPER ST. CLAIR St. John Capistran (Upper St. Clair), St. Thomas More (Bethel Park)

BRIDGEVILLE/CECIL St. Barbara (Bridgeville), Holy Child (Bridgeville), St. Mary (Cecil)

CLAIRTON/JEFFERSON HILLS/PLEASANT HILLS/WEST MIFFLIN St. Clare of Assisi (Clairton), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Pleasant Hills), Holy Spirit (West Mifflin), St. Thomas à Becket (Jefferson Hills)

DUQUESNE/WEST MIFFLIN St. Agnes (West Mifflin), Christ the Light of the World (Duquesne), Holy Trinity (West Mifflin), St. Joseph (Duquesne)

HOMESTEAD/MUNHALL/WEST MIFFLIN/WHITAKER St. Maximilian Kolbe (Homestead/Munhall), Resurrection (West Mifflin), St. Rita (Munhall Gardens/Whitaker), St. Therese of Lisieux (Munhall)

## VICARIATE THREE

CHARLEROI/DONORA/MONONGAHELA St. Damien of Molokai (Monongahela), Mary, Mother of the Church (Charleroi), Our Lady of the Valley (Donora)

CORAOPOLIS/CRESCENT/MOON St. Catherine of Siena (Crescent), St. Joseph (Coraopolis), St. Margaret Mary (Moon)

ALEPPO/SEWICKLEY St. James (Sewickley), St. Mary (Aleppo)

AVELLA/BURGETTSTOWN/FORT CHERRY AREA/WEST ALLEGHENY AREA St. Alphonsus (McDonald), St. Ann (Bulger), St. Columbkille (Imperial), St. Michael (Avella), Our Lady of Lourdes (Burgettstown), St. Patrick (North Fayette/Oakdale)

KENNEDY/MCKEES ROCKS/ROBINSON Holy Trinity (Robinson), St. John of God (McKees Rocks), St. Malachy (Kennedy)

CRAFTON St. Philip (Crafton)

AMBRIDGE/BADEN/CONWAY/FRANKLIN PARK Good Samaritan (Ambridge), St. John the Baptist (Baden), Sts. John and Paul (Franklin Park/Marshall), Our Lady of Peace (Conway)

BEAVER/FREEDOM/NEW BRIGHTON/ROCHESTER St. Cecilia (Rochester), St. Felix (Freedom), Holy Family (New Brighton), Sts. Peter and Paul (Beaver)

BEAVER FALLS/CHIPPEWA/DARLINGTON/MIDLAND St. Blaise (Midland), St. Monica (Beaver Falls/Chippewa/Darlington)

ALIQUIPPA/CENTER/HOPEWELL/MONACA St. Frances Cabrini (Center), St. John the Baptist (Monaca), Our Lady of Fatima (Hopewell), St. Titus (Aliquippa)

SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON COUNTY St. Katharine Drexel (Southeast Washington County)

WESTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY St. Hilary (Washington), Immaculate Conception (Washington)

GREENE COUNTY St. Ann (Waynesburg), St. Hugh (Carmichaels), St. Ignatius of Antioch (Bobtown), Our Lady of Consolation (Nemacolin), St. Thomas (Clarksville)

CANONSBURG/MEADOW LANDS/MUSE Holy Rosary (Muse), Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Meadow Lands), St. Patrick (Canonsburg)

## VICARIATE FOUR

CARBON CENTER/CHICORA/NORTH OAKLAND St. Joseph (North Oakland), Mater Dolorosa (Chicora), St. Wendelin (Carbon Center)

CABOT/COYLESVILLE/HERMAN St. John (Coyleville), St. Joseph (Cabot), St. Mary of the Assumption (Herman)

NEW CASTLE AREA St. Camillus (Neshannock), Christ the King (Bessemer/Hillsville), St. James the Apostle (Pulaski), St. Joseph the Worker (New Castle), Mary, Mother of Hope (New Castle), St. Vincent de Paul (New Castle), St. Vitus (New Castle)

NORTHERN BUTLER COUNTY St. Alphonsus (Boyers/Murrinsville/West Sunbury), St. Christopher (Prospect), St. Peter (Slippery Rock)

BUTLER/CENTER/LYNDORA/MERIDIAN St. Andrew (Center), St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (Lyndora/Meridian), St. Michael the Archangel (Butler), St. Paul (Butler), St. Peter (Butler)

CRANBERRY/ELLWOOD CITY/ZELIENOPLE St. Ferdinand (Cranberry), St. Gregory (Zelienople), Holy Redeemer (Ellwood City/Koppel/Wampum)

WEXFORD St. Alexis (Wexford), St. Alphonsus (Wexford)

HAMPTON/RICHLAND St. Catherine of Sweden (Hampton), St. Richard (Richland)

ADAMS/CRANBERRY/GLADE MILLS Holy Sepulcher (Glade Mills), St. Kilian (Adams/Cranberry)

UPPER ALLEGHENY VALLEY St. Alphonsus (Springdale), Holy Family (Creighton), Holy Martyrs (Tarentum), St. Joseph (Natrona), Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Natrona Heights), Our Lady of Victory (Harwick)

BAIRD/FORD/RUSSELLTON Transfiguration (Russellton), St. Victor (Bairdford)

LOWER ALLEGHENY VALLEY **St. Joseph (O'Hara), St. Juan Diego (Sharpsburg), St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Blawnox/Harmar), St. Scholastica (Aspinwall)**

MONROEVILLE/PENN HILLS St. Bartholomew (Penn Hills), St. Bernadette (Monroeville), St. Gerard Majella (Penn Hills), North American Martyrs (Monroeville/Pitcairn), St. Susanna (Penn Hills)

OAKMONT/PLUM/VERONA St. Irenaeus (Oakmont), St. Januarius (Plum), St. John the Baptist (Plum), St. Joseph (Verona), Our Lady of Joy (Holiday Park)

**For more information about the Parish Groupings, including Clergy Teams, Maximum # of Masses and Categories visit:**  
[onmissionchurcalive.org](http://onmissionchurcalive.org)

# Morningside/Shadyside/ Stanton Heights Grouping

## **Parish Grouping**

- St. Raphael
- Sacred Heart

## **Schools:**

St. Raphael School

Sacred Heart School

Mass Attendance = 1,500

Maximum Number of Masses: 9

Category: B

## **Administrator:**

Father Thomas Miller

## **Senior Parochial Vicar:**

Father John Sweeney

## **Parish Chaplain:**

Father Steven Palsa

## **In Residence:**

Father Edward Muge

## **Deacons:**

Deacon William Hahn

Deacon John Vaskov