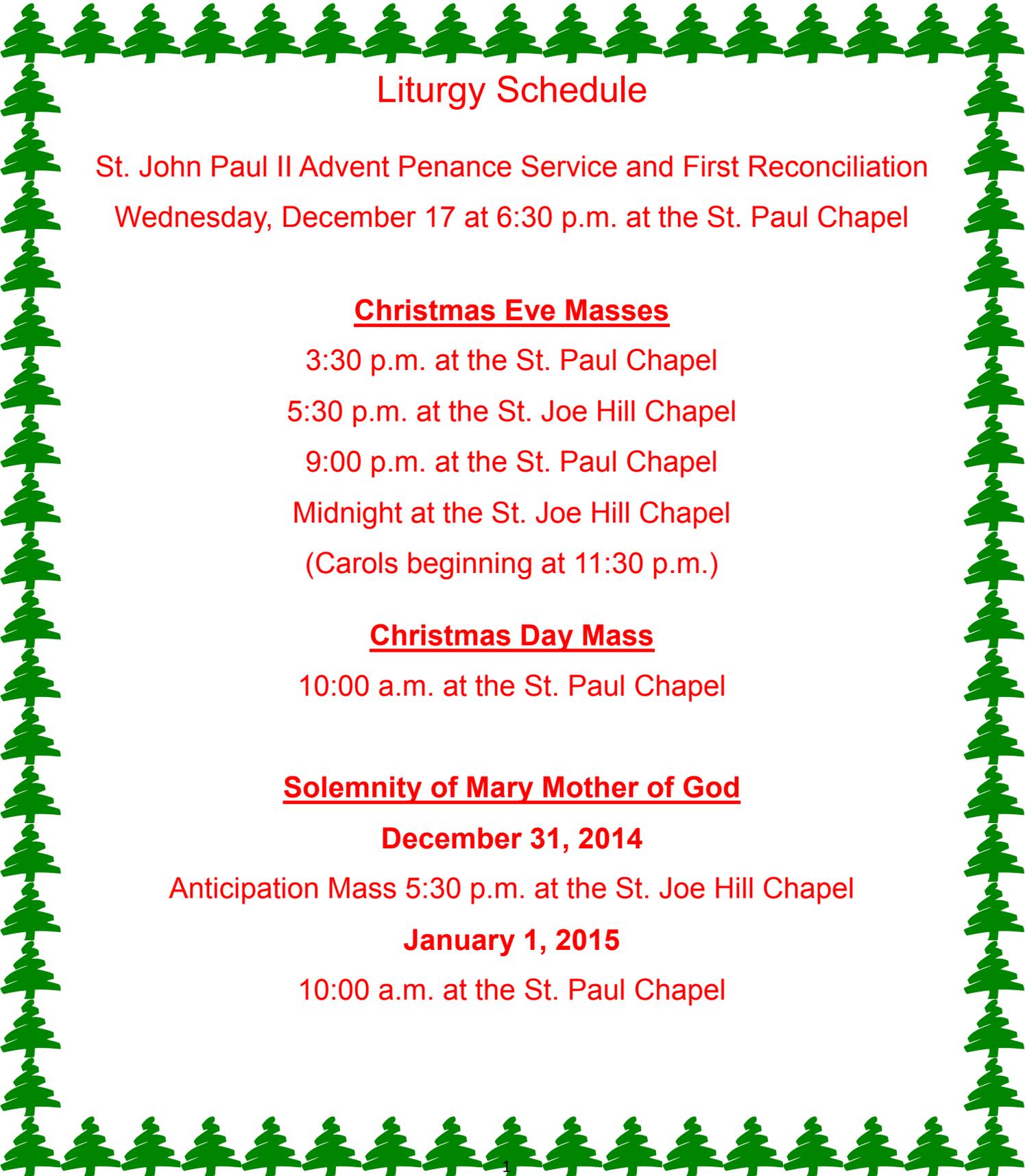


What's the Latest?

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Liturgy Schedule

St. John Paul II Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation
Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Chapel

Christmas Eve Masses

3:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Chapel

5:30 p.m. at the St. Joe Hill Chapel

9:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Chapel

Midnight at the St. Joe Hill Chapel

(Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Chapel

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

December 31, 2014

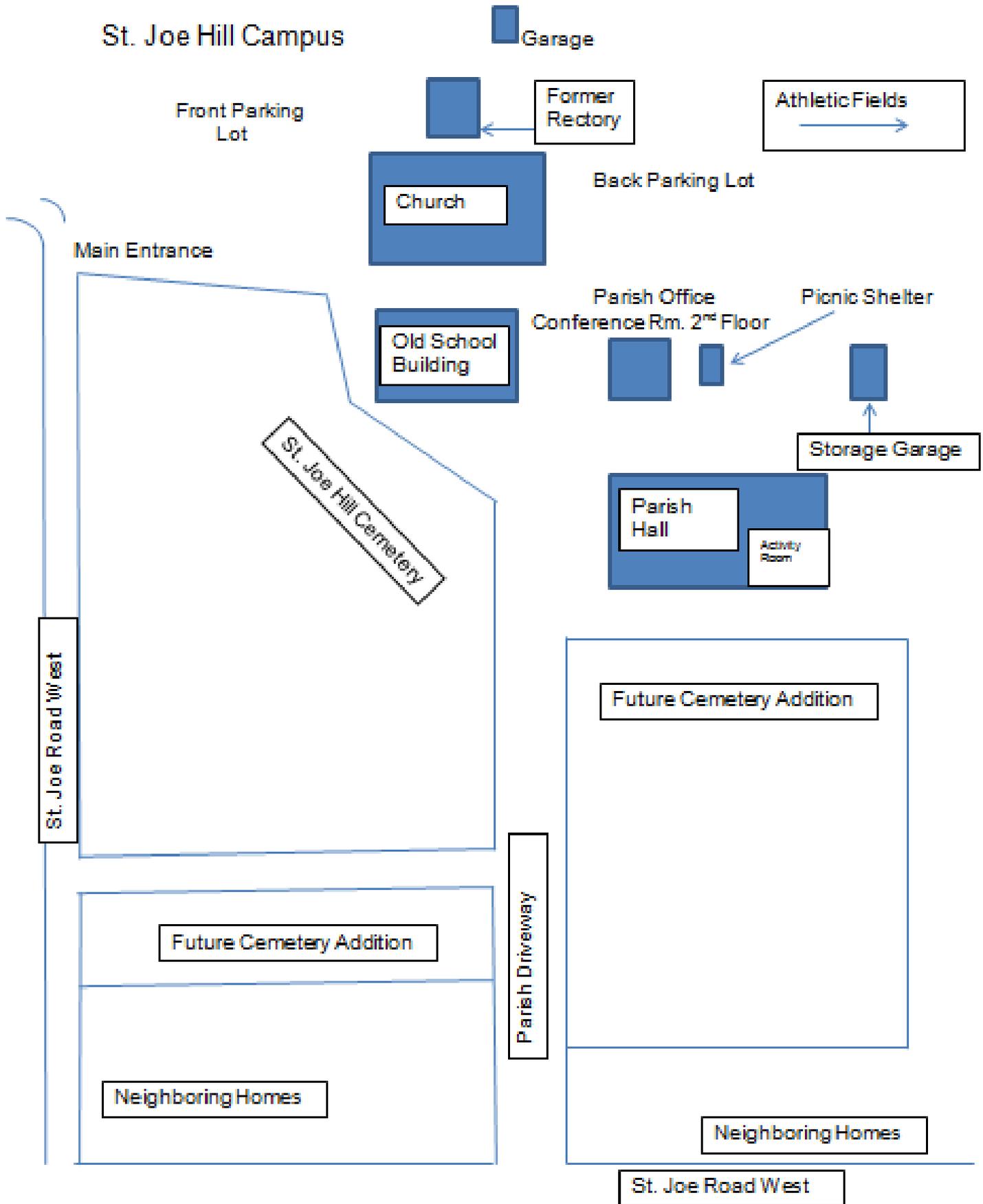
Anticipation Mass 5:30 p.m. at the St. Joe Hill Chapel

January 1, 2015

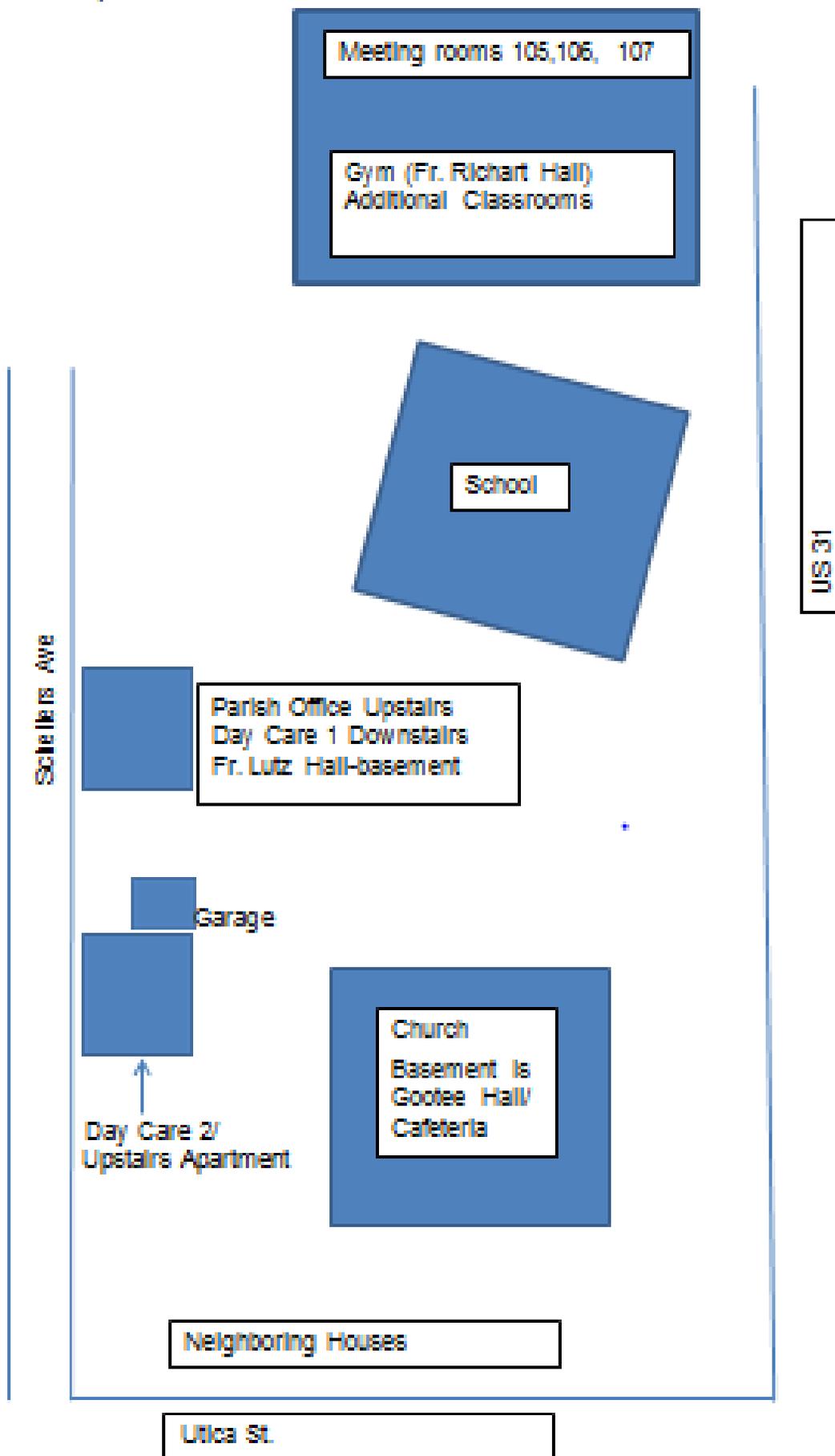
10:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Chapel

In an effort to help us to get to know each of the campuses that comprise our new parish, we are publishing these maps for your convenience.

St. Joe Hill Campus



St. Paul Campus



Frequently Asked Questions

By Fr. Tom Clegg

A Note from Fr. Tom: In each issue of "What's the Latest," I will write a column called "Frequently Asked Questions." These will be questions I have heard. I believe the question one person asks is often shared by others.

Where do we stand with respect to choosing a location?

We have chosen the architectural firms of Kovert-Hawkins and Entheos to conduct our feasibility study. They will begin working with our building committee after the first of the year. We anticipate that this study will take 3-5 months to complete. There will be opportunities for parishioner input during this time.

When the study is complete we will then look at how to best utilize that information to determine what our next steps are at that time.

As I have said from the beginning, I see this being a process that will take years to complete. My best guess is that construction/renovation will be done in phases but that will ultimately be determined by what the feasibility study says.

St. Joe Hill Chapel had midnight Mass last year and they are having it again this year. How do you decide the Mass schedule for Holidays and Holy Days?

Several things go into making a decision about the location of Holiday and Holy Day Masses. Perhaps the most important is the size of the crowd we expect for the Mass. For example, the earliest Mass on Christmas Eve tends to be the largest so we put that at the St. Paul Campus which is our larger Church. Another factor that we use to determine location is the style of the Church. I think Midnight Mass sets up beautifully in a traditional style church building and so that is why we have held it both years at St. Joe's. The Easter Vigil Mass, on the other hand, sets up better in a more contemporary style space and so last year and again next year, it will be at St. Paul's. Some events (that are not size or space driven) we simply do one year in one space and the next year in the other (Thanksgiving, Holy Thursday).

Now that we are one parish, how many parishioners do we have?

We currently have 1,146 parish families and 3,045 parishioners. This makes us the second largest parish in the deanery (behind OLPH by about 45 families).

Now that we are St. John Paul II Parish, will all of our staff members have the same job?

For about the last year we have been looking at that question. The short answer is yes. However, there will be some minor changes in responsibilities. Barbara Smith, the long time secretary at St. Paul, will be the secretary for the new parish. Her responsibilities will include maintaining the parish office at the St. Paul Campus, posting all contribution records (beginning in 2015), coordinating the parish calendar (and scheduling building use for the St. Paul Campus), process payroll, and register and welcome all new parishioners.

Sometime after the first of the year, Joyce Hagest, longtime administrative assistant at St. Joe Hill will move into a role of Pastoral Associate. She will have the responsibility of publishing our weekly bulletin, scheduling the building usage at the St. Joe Hill Campus, and scheduling Mass Intentions. Her additional duties will include assisting me with hospital and shut-in visitations, assisting with planning funerals and ministry to the bereaved. All of this will take place gradually as we close out the calendar year 2014 and begin the calendar year 2015.

Dolores Snyder has served as DRE at St. Paul for the last 27 years. In July she will be moving to a part-time role that we are calling Director of Evangelization. It is my hope that Dolores and I will be able to discover ways of helping people grow as disciples of Christ Jesus

Kristina Vogt has had a dual role of youth minister and DRE at St. Joe Hill. She will gradually move into the role of DRE for the new parish. Dawn Schepers will continue in her role as youth ministry coordinator for the combined parish. Dawn and Kristina have worked closely together in their roles and they see that continuing into the future.

No other team members will see any changes in their jobs or job descriptions although all of us will be working for the continued growth and unification of St. John Paul II Parish.

Please be patient with us as we grow together. We know that there will continue to be changes and adaptations as we grow. We will try our best to keep you informed as we strive to grow disciples who build the kingdom of God through love of God and neighbor.