

Update to Parishioners on our Linked Parish Progress

Since July 1st 2017, our combined parish committees have been working on our year-one goals and objectives. Below is a summary of our progress to date:

- The name “The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley” has been created to represent our three parishes, St. Alphonsus, St. George and St. James. While you have probably seen our new logo in the combined bulletin and welcome brochures, we are working on plans to launch this new collaboration in a bigger way. Stay tuned for more information in the near future!
- New St. Alphonsus and St. George web sites have been created and we now have a common look, feel and easy-to-navigate layout across our three parish sites. The sites use color cues to identify each of our churches and those colors are used to differentiate the individual parish pages in the weekly bulletin. A unified “Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley” website is under development.
- A Religious Education Operating Model for all three parishes has been put into place with:
 - Common registration forms, parent agreements, attendance policies, fees and textbooks
 - Harmonized Religious Education calendars to provide various schooling options for parents
 - Sacramental Preparation Programs with a common curriculum

There are many new and exciting opportunities under consideration to engage more parishioners from all three parishes to help us truly become a warm and welcoming Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley. We are always seeking volunteers to help develop and support new events that bridge our three parishes. We will be providing regular updates on our progress in the bulletin and our websites.

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