



Diocese of Pittsburgh

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Office of the Bishop

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Dear Sisters and Brothers of All Saints, Saint Aloysius, Saint Bonaventure and Holy Spirit Parishes:

Easter blessings as together we rejoice in the triumphant glory of the Risen Lord and his victory over death. May God fill your home with peace, hope and love.

Five years ago we initiated *On Mission for The Church Alive!* with the goal of offering a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. Over that time you have considered, prayed and planned about how best to serve God and his people through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.

Recently, after consultation with your clergy teams and others, a proposal was made to create a new grouping of shrines. The proposal included:

- five shrine churches that have unique historical and spiritual significance for our diocese;
- one parish church.

On May 14, 2019, the diocesan Priest Council and Vicars General gave unanimous consent to the proposal, and I have decided to enact these recommendations.

Effective July 1, 2019, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Polish Hill), Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish (Troy Hill), Saint Nicholas Parish (Millvale) and Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus Parish (Strip District) will become part of the Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping, which will serve the spiritual needs of the faithful within its territory, as well as foster devotion for the good of all of the faithful of the diocese and beyond.

Since Saint Nicholas Parish will become part of the new Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping, your grouping will also be realigned to reflect this.

In addition, with the creation of the Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping, Saint Aloysius Parish (Reserve Township) is no longer geographically contiguous with the rest of the North Side Grouping, of which it is currently a part. In addition, Reserve Township is part of the Shaler School District, like much of the current Etna/Glenshaw/Millvale Grouping.

As a result, your parishes will be realigned as the Etna/Glenshaw/Millvale/Reserve Grouping and will be composed of All Saints Parish (Etna), Saint Aloysius Parish (Reserve Township), Saint Bonaventure Parish (Glenshaw) and Holy Spirit Parish (Millvale).

I know that you will continue to foster relationships within and among the parishes in your grouping and that you will form new friendships in light of the realignment of your grouping.

The Etna/Glenshaw/Millvale/Reserve Grouping will be served by the following clergy team:

- Rev. James R. Gretz, Administrator
- Rev. James K. Mazurek, Senior Parochial Vicar
- Rev. Miroslaw J. Stelmaszczyk, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Stephen J. Byers
- Deacon Stephen J. Kisak
- Deacon Charles H. Rhoads

This clergy team will be able to provide for your needs while fostering increased spiritual vibrancy. Their service as good shepherds will continue to lead you closer to Jesus as your communities are strengthened.

With your faith in Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, I invite you to warmly welcome and serve each other as we all seek to build up *The Church Alive!* May you discover the mission that God has planned for you to share.

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,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik

Bishop of Pittsburgh