

FR. JOE'S MESSAGES:



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for participating in voting for the new parish name last weekend. After tabulating the results, the top three names chosen by the parishioners of both parishes are:

- ◆ Mary, Mother of God
- ◆ Holy Family
- ◆ Most Holy Trinity

I will be submitting these three names to Bishop O'Connell for his consideration. Once we are given a new name for our parish by the bishop, we will continue to maintain our two Churches: St. Mary's Church in Bordentown, and Holy Assumption Church in Roebling. So, many people will attend Mass at St. Mary's Church of the parish of (new name example – Most Holy Trinity parish), or Mass at Holy Assumption Church of (new name example – Most Holy Trinity parish).

We will continue to operate both Church buildings, but there will be one main office center at St. Mary's Church, Bordentown. There will be a small office on the first floor of Holy Assumption Church, where on two days a week for a few hours, parishioners who cannot drive to St. Mary's Church can go for office business. You can also do office business by phone. (i.e. Mass Cards, etc.)

There will be one Altar Rosary Society with two branches, one in Roebling and one in Bordentown.

There will be one St. Vincent de Paul Society, servicing people of both communities.

We will service the needs of both parishioners and the communities, with our two Food Pantries working together.

There will be one Knights of Columbus Council #570, to which men of both Churches can belong. The Knights from Florence Township have already joined with the Knights of Bordentown Council #570.

There will be one Religious Education Program for our children, with 3 options: our regular classes which will be held during the week next year; our Home Study program for parents providing instruction; and a new family option held once a month for children in grades 3 to 6 and their parents.

Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings are to be scheduled at the Parish Center of (new name) in Bordentown, but the services/Masses can be held at either St. Mary Church or Holy Assumption Church.

We will continue to schedule Masses and Confessions at both Churches.

I very much appreciate your support and patience as we move to combine our two parishes.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe Hlubik