

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

**1. When will the interim Mass schedule be announced?**

The interim Mass schedule will be announced in the middle of August 2018. The new Mass schedule will be well advertised in every parish, in the *Pittsburgh Catholic* and at [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org).

**2. When will the interim Mass schedule go into effect?**

The interim Mass schedule will go into effect on Monday, October 15, 2018 for weekday Masses and on Saturday, October 20, 2018 for weekend Masses. At the same time, there may also be a new Confession schedule.

**3. Is the interim Mass schedule permanent?**

No. Within six months (by April 2019), the administrator will evaluate the interim schedule to determine if any adjustments are required. A permanent Mass schedule will be created after the formation of the new parish.

**4. How has the number of Masses for the grouping been determined?**

The maximum number of Masses is determined by the number of priests assigned to ministry in the grouping. The maximum number of Masses does not include resident or retired priests, although they may celebrate Masses in the grouping as they are able.

**5. What will happen to the Mass intentions I may have already requested?**

Any Mass intentions that have been scheduled for after October 14, 2018 will be honored. However, the time and location of the Mass is subject to change, depending on the interim schedule. In those instances, the administrator will work with those who have requested Masses.

**6. What are the addresses of the church buildings in our grouping?**

*Please insert church buildings, addresses and, once determined, Mass and Confession times for the churches in your grouping. (Delete those that are not needed)*

**St. Bernadette Church**

245 Azalea Dr.  
Monroville, PA 15146

**North American Martyrs Church**

2526 Haymaker Rd.  
Monroeville, PA 15146

**St. Michael Church**

750 Wall Ave.  
Pitairn, PA 15140

**St. Bartholomew Church**

111 Erhardt Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

**St. Gerard Majella Church**

121 Dawn Dr.  
Verona, PA 15147

**St. Susanna Church**

200 Stotler Rd.  
Penn Hills, PA 15235

**7. Do I have to go to Mass at my parish church?**

You can attend any of the Masses in your grouping, or in any grouping, to fulfill your Sunday obligation.

**8. What happens to my envelope if I attend Mass in a church other than my parish's church building?**

Your envelope will be routed to your parish, regardless of where you attend Mass, even if it is outside of your parish grouping.

**9. Will each parish still have its own pastoral and finance councils?**

By universal law of the Church, each parish must have a finance council. By diocesan law, each parish must have a pastoral council. Because the parishes have not yet merged, but are still separate parishes, each will continue to have a pastoral and finance council. However, for the sake of effective communication, coordination and planning, the councils may all meet together with the administrator.

**10. Where will the priests live?**

The clergy team will determine their residences over the course of the summer. Parishioners will be informed of the residences by October 1, 2018.

**11. Will the office of my parish remain open?**

Depending on the number of parishes in the grouping and the geography of the area, the administrator will determine how to best serve the administrative needs of your grouping.

**12. Will funerals be celebrated in my parish church?**

Yes.

**13. Will Baptisms be celebrated in my parish church?**

Baptisms will always be celebrated by the Church. Times and locations for the celebration of this Sacrament will be determined by the administrator.

**14. Will weddings be celebrated in my parish church?**

In every case where it is possible, the times and locations of weddings already scheduled through 2019 will be honored. If there is a conflict with the interim Mass schedule, every effort will be made to honor the request of the couple.

**15. Will the schedule and location for my children's religious education change?**

All religious education programs that take place on Sunday will be considered when planning the interim Mass schedule. If changes are necessary, they will be communicated at the same time as the interim Mass schedule. Be assured that the ministry of catechesis will continue for every family and child in your grouping.

**16. Will any church buildings close in 2018 due to the *On Mission* initiative?**

No. Each grouping will have at least two years to develop plans for how best to come together as a new parish. Recommendations about the future use of buildings will be part of that proposal to the bishop. No buildings are expected to close before then, and parishioners will be consulted throughout the planning process.

**17. What should I do if I get inquiries about topics relating to *On Mission!* that do not have to do with the parish?**

Questions about the following topics can be forwarded to the contacts that are indicated:

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INQUIRIES**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to the **Stewardship Office at (412) 456-3085.**
- E-mails should be forwarded to **Ms. Ceree Wilkerson at [cwilkerson@diopitt.org](mailto:cwilkerson@diopitt.org).**

**CLERGY ASSIGNMENT INQUIRIES**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to the **Clergy Office at (412) 456-3060.**
- E-mails should be forwarded to the **Clergy Office at [clergyoffice@diopitt.org](mailto:clergyoffice@diopitt.org).**

**COMMUNICATIONS INQUIRIES/MEDIA REQUESTS**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to **Fr. Nick Vaskov at (412) 456-3170.**
- E-mails should be forwarded to **Fr. Nick Vaskov at [nvaskov@diopitt.org](mailto:nvaskov@diopitt.org).**

**GENERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT PARISHES, PARISH DEBT, THE TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OR THE *ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!* PROCESS**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to **Parish Services at (412) 456-3180.**
- E-mails should be forwarded **Parish Services at [parishservices@diopitt.org](mailto:parishservices@diopitt.org).**

**SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION INQUIRIES**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to **Ms. Anna Torrance at (412) 456-3166.**
- E-mails should be forwarded to **Ms. Anna Torrance at [atorrance@diopitt.org](mailto:atorrance@diopitt.org).**

**INQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE FORWARDED TO YOUR REGIONAL VICAR, FATHER PHILIP FARRELL**

- Phone calls should be forwarded to **(412) 456-5649.**
- E-mails should be forwarded to **[vicariate4@diopitt.org](mailto:vicariate4@diopitt.org).**