



## For the People of our Parish

In March the diocese reviewed and returned our One In Christ plan for the sharing and growth of our four parishes. The diocese feedback included several recommendations and expectations. Our ACC planning council is researching, modifying, and upon completion, will update our plans as follows:

**That our ACC has a joint bulletin.** - Joint bulletin formats are being researched. Current bulletin provider contracts (4 - one from each parish), and the ability to cancel, is the greatest challenge right now.

**That we have a more robust "outreach" focus.** - Mentor Couples will be paired with Baptism Couples to talk about faith and struggles, especially during the time between the child's Baptism and First Communion.

**That a revised Mass schedule has more staggered times.** - A revised Mass schedule option was developed based on the following assumptions:

- The diocese has committed to an additional third sacramental minister (priest) to help with weekend Masses for 3-5 years. This will allow for 9 weekend Masses, the same number currently celebrated.
- To encourage and sustain each parish's financial well being, each parish will have at least one "favorable weekend Mass time".
- Not knowing the impact of Covid-19, a total of 9 Masses is included with allowances for travel time and possibly for sanitation between Masses.
- Also, not knowing exactly how well we all acclimate (including the priests) to managing the needs of four parishes, and to manage the restrictions/recommendations resulting from Covid-19, our One in Christ ACC will revisit the Mass time schedule in 9-12 months, or sooner if necessary.

Given all the above, the following revised weekend Mass schedule is being resubmitted:

Annunciation:	8:30 a.m. Sunday
St. Francis:	5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
St. Stephen:	5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sacred Heart:	5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 @ 7:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell. If not in person, it will be a virtual meeting for that same time.