

## Wayne County Catholic Parishes Pastoral Planning



Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester  
Office of Pastoral Resources and Planning

Town Meeting for Discussion of  
Proposed Mass Schedules  
St. Michael Church  
Newark, NY  
November 27, 2018

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Prayer for Discernment  
God our Father,  
You have a plan for each one of us,  
You hold out to us a future full of hope.  
Give us the wisdom of your Spirit  
so that we can see the shape  
of your plan in the gifts  
you have given us,  
and in the circumstances  
of our daily lives.  
Give us the freedom of your Spirit,  
to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to choose Your Will above all else.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
(<https://service.catholic.edu/long-term-service/long-term-service-fair/prayers-discernment.html>)

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- The number of priests **and** parishioners has been decreasing for a long time.
- Pastoral Planning is not something new.

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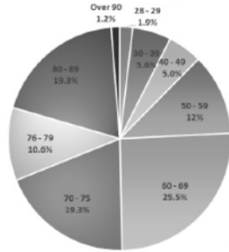


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Ages of DOR Priests on August 1, 2017



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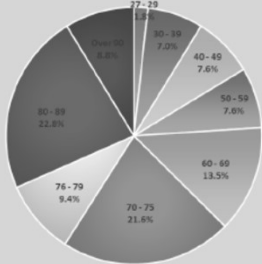
28 - 29	3	1.9%
30 - 39	9	5.6%
40 - 49	8	5.0%
50 - 59	19	11.8%
60 - 69	41	25.5%
70 - 75	31	19.3%
76 - 79	17	10.6%
80 - 89	31	19.3%
over 90	2	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100%</b>

Currently approximately 50% of DOR priests are 70 and older; 31% are over 75

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Ages of DOR Priests on August 1, 2022



\* Includes bishops and ALL diocesan priests, assumes there are NO DEATHS and ALL 10 Seminarians anticipated to be ordained in the next five years are ordained priests

27 - 29	3	1.8%
30 - 39	12	7.0%
40 - 49	13	7.6%
50 - 59	13	7.6%
60 - 69	23	13.5%
70 - 75	37	21.6%
76 - 79	16	9.4%
80 - 89	39	22.8%
over 90	15	8.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>100%</b>

In five years, approximately 63% of DOR priests will be 70 and older; 41% will be over 75

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### What has happened over the last 14 months

- October 2017 - Bishop Matano met with all Wayne County priests, Finance Directors, and diocesan planning staff.
- October 2017 – Bishop called for the formation of ad hoc committee of all Wayne County Catholic parishes with pastors, representatives from all Pastoral and Finance Councils, Finance Directors, and some other staff
- November 2017 – Informational meetings held for council members
- January 2018- ad hoc committee began meeting and developing clustering scenarios

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### When will the plan be implemented?

- No date has been set
- It depends on priests' retirement and health
  - Expected retirements
  - The unexpected – Fr. Felix
  - The ripple effect – a change someplace else triggers a change here
- We need to have a **well-thought out** plan ready (Be Prepared!)
  - At time of implementation plan will only need to be review/updated

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### What has happened over the last 14 months cont'd

- July 2018 – recommendation for clustering sent to Bishop Matano (approved by Bishop and Presbyteral Council in September 2018)
- Next step – developing Mass schedules
- When will the changes start?

All parish data, survey results, meeting minutes, and communication updates can be found online at <http://oprp.dor.org/active-pastoral-planning-groups/wayne-county-pastoral-planning-information/>

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### Parishioner Survey

- Thank you to those who did the survey
- What the planning group has done with the survey
  - Ministries Priorities
  - Staffing considerations

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Western Cluster consists of :

- St. Katherine Drexel
  - St. Patrick's, Macedon
  - St. Anne's, Palmyra
- St. Maximilian Kolbe
  - St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario
  - Church of the Epiphany, Sodus
  - St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point

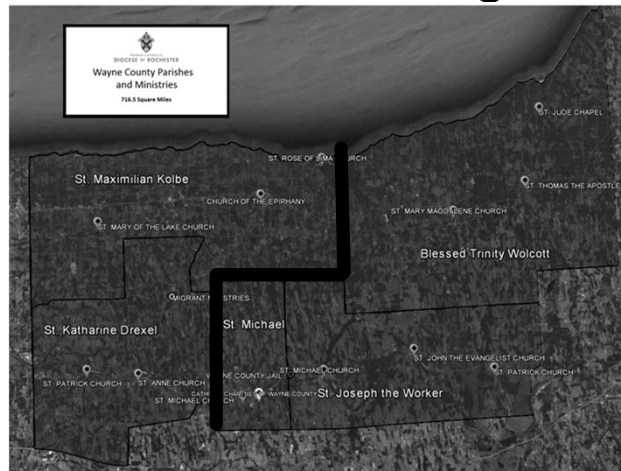
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Eastern Cluster consists of:

- Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity
  - St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott
  - St. Thomas the Apostle, Red Creek
  - St. Jude Chapel, Fair Haven
- St. Joseph the Worker
  - St. Michael's, Lyons
  - St. John's, Clyde
  - St. Patrick's, Savannah
- St. Michael's, Newark

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### Principles and Practical Considerations List:

- Minimize the disruption to parishioners in their current Mass attendance patterns as much as possible given the challenge of fewer Masses.
- Pay attention to liturgical ministries, especially the existence of strong choirs or music groups. Where possible, choose vibrant music over weaker options.
- Allow the largest number of parishioners to attend Mass at more convenient, popular Mass times.
- If multiple worship sites are involved, allow sufficient time for the priest to travel between sites for Masses (including in winter weather).
- Allow sufficient time for the priest to prepare for Mass and to interact with parishioners afterwards.

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### Principles and Practical Considerations List cont'd:

- Allow sufficient time for Sunday morning faith formation sessions to be held and for families to be able to participate in both Mass and religious education.
- Ensure sufficient room for parking (in some towns and villages the Mass time needs to be coordinated with that of neighboring Christian Churches).
- Specify the earliest and latest possible Saturday evening and Sunday morning times based on the experience of the community(s).
- Pay attention to the potential impact on the Offertory. Anticipate that Mass attendance may decline – at least initially. Consider how that will affect the offertory.
- Pay attention to the inability of some worship sites to reduce their number of Masses without severe overcrowding.

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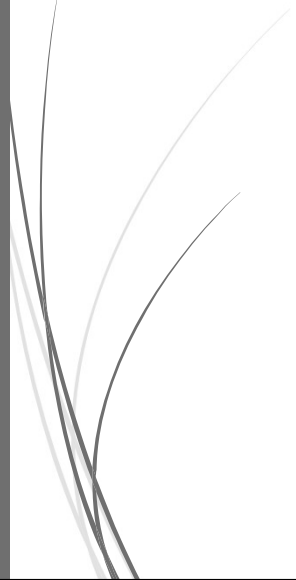


	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
Lyons, St. Michael's	4:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
Newark, St. Michael's	8:15 am	8:15 am	8:15 am
Newark, St. Michael's	10:30 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
Savannah, St. Patrick's	4:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
Red Creek/Fair Haven St. Thomas/St. Jude	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
Wolcott, St. Mary Magdalene	10:00 am	12 noon	9:30 am
Clyde, St. John's	12 noon	10:00 am	11:15 am





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