



All Things New – The Latest “Wrinkle” Separate Parish Financials

This past week, we learned that bringing our two parishes together is going to take a little longer than we anticipated.

Because of the pending “Appeals Process” permitted by Canon Law, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Robert Bellarmine Parishes cannot completely come together as a single parish on August 1. For an indefinite period – possibly a few more months – we must remain two separate parishes.

Many changes will still go forward on August 1, as previously announced. We will have a single pastoral staff, with Fr. Vordtriede as the pastor and Fr. Schumacher as the associate pastor of both parishes. We will move to the new Mass Schedule in August, and you can attend Mass in either church. Both parishes will be administered by a single parish staff, many of whom come from the St. Robert staff.

However, until some pending issues are settled, the Archdiocese has directed us to keep parish finances separate.

This will be a challenge. Therefore, we are going to take the following steps, and we ask you to help us in the following ways:

1. “St. Robert” envelopes will continue to be sent to St. Robert parishioners. You can put them into the collection at either church.
2. If you use a St. Robert envelope and enclose a check, please make your check payable to “St. Robert Bellarmine Church”.
3. All donations made in a “St. Robert” envelope will be considered as a donation to St. Robert Bellarmine and tracked as part of St. Robert’s parish revenue.
4. If you are an online donor to St. Robert, please continue to designate your online donations for St. Robert, until further notice.

We realize this is an awkward situation, but our Archdiocese has embarked on a major reconfiguration of parishes as part of All Things New, and there are bound to be a few “hiccups” along the way. We will continue to address the issues as they arise. Hopefully, in a few months, we will be able to complete the process of merging our two parishes, allowing us to move forward as a single new parish.

Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

Deacon Phil