



Sunday, December 2, 2018

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Dear Parishioner,

Advent is a season for new beginnings. It marks the start of the Church's new liturgical year and can be a time to spiritually begin anew. It's also an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on those who taught us the faith, and consider how we can leave a legacy of love of Jesus for our children and grandchildren.

As we begin the new liturgical year at St. Athanasius, Incarnation of the Lord, St. Sebastian and St. Teresa of Avila parishes, becoming familiar with the new clergy team and new Mass schedules, I am pleased to introduce a new, interim name and theme for our parish grouping—**NEIGHBORS NORTH Catholic Community... *Better Together!***

Neighbors- Jesus commands us, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

North- our four parishes share the geography of the North Hills and North Side.

Catholic- we believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

Community- we are the Body of Christ, called to celebrate as a faith community.

We are ***Better Together*** when we raise our voices in worship and song at well-attended Masses. We are ***Better Together*** as we share resources to strengthen our ministries. We are ***Better Together*** when we more effectively teach the faith and create new disciples for Jesus. We are ***Better Together*** as we move from maintenance to mission, seeking the lost and serving those in need.

When we are ready to form one new parish in about three years, collectively we will propose a permanent parish name to Bishop Zubik for his consideration. In the meantime, I look forward to our journey together in helping to build up the Kingdom of God.

May God richly bless you and your family this Advent season.

Yours in Christ,


Rev. John Rushofsky
Administrator

