



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UPCOMING MERGER

<p><b>Will the parishes of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima be combined?</b></p> <p><b>Yes.</b> The parishes and resources of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima will be merged to create a new, combined Parish with Fr. Mendoza as the pastor. Pastoral, administrative, and ministry functions will be streamlined to more efficiently serve and support the combined parish.</p>	<p><b>Why are the parishes being merged?</b></p> <p>Like your own businesses and families, our Churches face new challenges to support its future. Whether managing repairs to our church buildings and onsite cemeteries, or answering parishioner calls, our Churches face changing realities of diminishing attendance and a growing shortage of priests. The merger is designed as an important first step to better position our local Church to meet the current and future needs of the Wallingford community.</p>
<p><b>Will Church of the Resurrection be combined in this merger?</b></p> <p><b>Yes, but at a later date.</b> Church of the Resurrection will be merged into the new combined parish following the retirement of the current pastor, Monsignor Georgia.</p>	<p><b>When will the merger be effective?</b></p> <p>Current expectations are that the official merger of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima into one parish will be effective January 1, 2022. Church of the Resurrection will be merged into the parish at a later date.</p>
<p><b>What is the vision for the merger?</b></p> <p>To establish a new, welcoming parish, that helps us deepen our faith, honors God, respects all people, and makes disciples who change the world.</p>	<p><b>What will be the name of the combined parish?</b></p> <p>Following the merger of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima, the name of the combined parish will be Most Holy Trinity.</p>
<p><b>Will both churches continue to be available for celebrating sacraments and funerals?</b></p> <p><b>Yes.</b> In the coming together of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima, the sacramental life will be available at both churches.</p>	<p><b>Will the name of our churches change?</b></p> <p><b>No.</b> The names of our church buildings will not change and will continue to be used to identify the campus locations that form the one, combined parish.</p>
<p><b>What happens to the parishes' financial resources?</b></p> <p>In any parish merger, the financial resources of the affected parishes are combined. In this case, the parish resources of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima will be combined effective January 1, 2022. The parish resources of Church of the Resurrection and Most Holy Trinity / Our Lady of Fatima will be combined at a later date, when that merger takes place. The Archdiocese provides oversight and guidance of this process.</p>	<p><b>What other changes can we expect?</b></p> <p>The goal is to have a stronger, more sustainable parish with the resources to carry us for generations to come. As such, the merger will entail a number of “behind the scenes” changes, as well as more visible issues. The timing for these changes will vary and the goal is unity, not disruption. As things like parish ministries or offices are combined, we will communicate that well in advance. All of these changes will require the full support and participation of the parishioners.</p>
<p><b>Where can I find updated merger information?</b></p> <p>The Transition Team will provide merger updates through various communication channels, including email, the bulletin, announcements at Mass, and online. The team is also working to have transition information online by visiting either parish website.</p>	<p><b>Who can I contact with questions?</b></p> <p>A Transition Team has been assembled with representatives from Most Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Fatima, and Church of the Resurrection (listed on the other side with their email addresses). We're interested in your questions and will add them to this document as we move forward with the merger.</p>
<p><b>How can I help?</b></p> <p>The Transition Team has developed subcommittees for Pastoral Care, Communication, Evangelization, and Finances. As these teams develop, they will be looking for help from parishioners at all three churches. More information will be forthcoming, but if you are interested in being involved, or have any questions, please reach out to a Transition Team member (list with contact info on the other side).</p>	



If you would like to contact members of the Transition Team regarding the merger of Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Fatima parish, please see the corrected list below. There was an error in one of the emails on the bulletin insert a few weeks ago that has been corrected.

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