

PROPOSAL FOR THE SHRINES OF PITTSBURGH GROUPING

There are four church buildings near Downtown Pittsburgh along the shores of the Allegheny River that have unique historical and spiritual significance for the Church of Pittsburgh. It is being proposed that these churches be designated as shrines and, together with the parishes they are a part of, be formed into a new grouping. This grouping would be served by a clergy team that will see not only to the pastoral care of faithful in these parishes. The clergy teams will also foster these shrines as places of pilgrimage and spiritual renewal for people throughout the diocese and even across the country.

1. The four shrines that would make up the Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping are:

- ◆ **Saint Anthony Chapel (Troy Hill)** – Second largest collection of relics in the world outside of the Vatican. *Because Saint Anthony Chapel is part of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus Church would also become a part of the grouping.*
- ◆ **Saint Patrick Church (Strip District)** – Replica of the Holy Stairs walked by Jesus (only four in the world; these are the only Holy Stairs in the U.S.) *Because Saint Patrick Church is a part of Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church would also become a part of the grouping.*
- ◆ **Saint Nicholas Church (Millvale)** – Decorated with the murals of Maxo Vanka.
- ◆ **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Polish Hill)** – Distinctive architecture found only in three churches in the world.

2. It is being proposed that the Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping would be served by a clergy team consisting of:

- ◆ Administrator
- ◆ Parochial Vicars
- ◆ Deacon (Possible)

3. Four parish groupings would be affected by this proposal and would be restructured as follows:

◆ Etna/Glenshaw/Millvale Grouping

- All Saints (Etna)
- Saint Aloysius (Reserve Twp.)*
- Saint Bonaventure (Glenshaw)
- Holy Spirit (Millvale)

◆ Bloomfield/Garfield/Lawrenceville Grouping

- Saint Maria Goretti (Bloomfield/Garfield)
- Our Lady of the Angels (Lawrenceville)

◆ North Side Grouping*

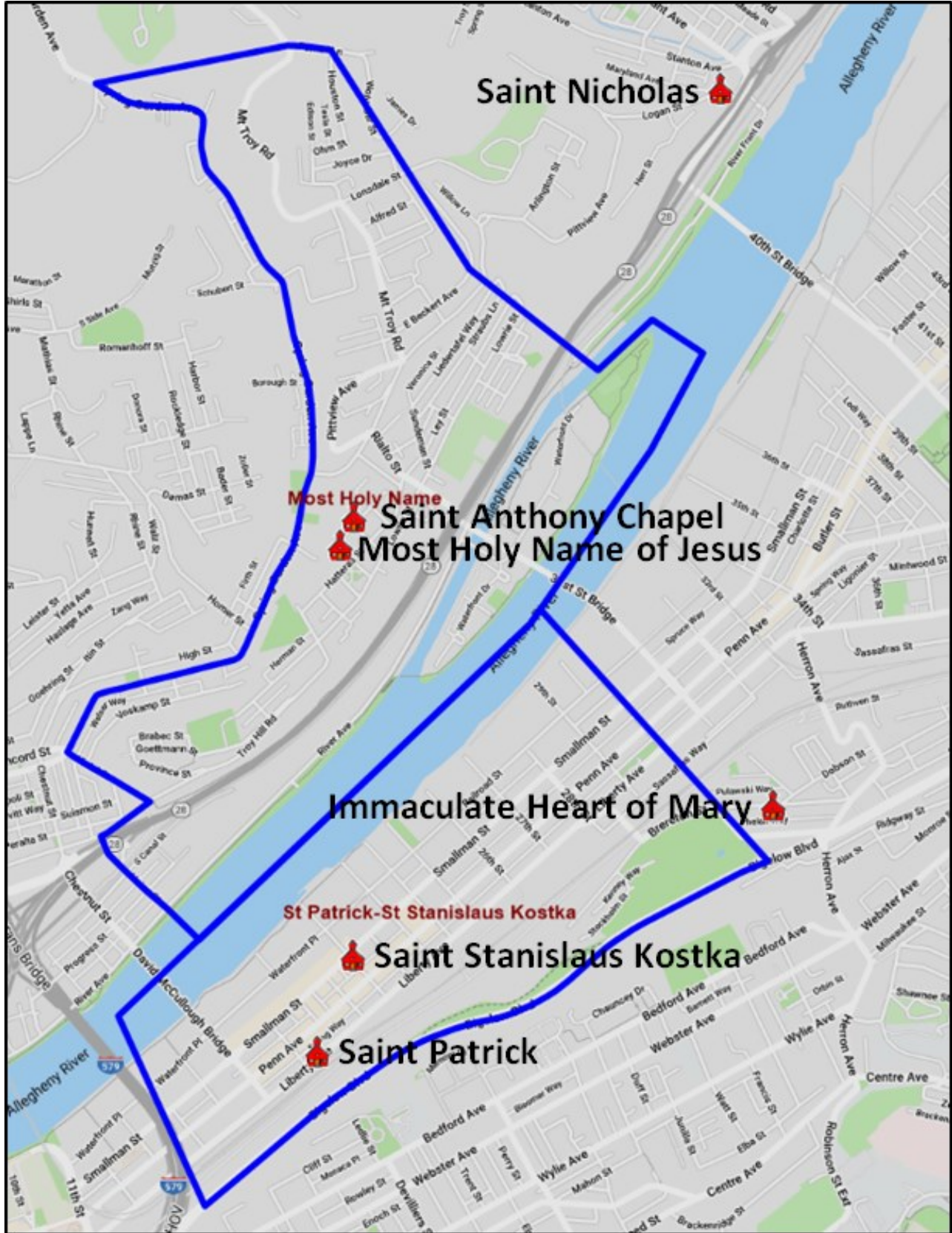
- Saint Cyril of Alexandria (Brighton Hts.)
- Holy Wisdom (North Side)
- Saint Peter (North Side)
- Risen Lord (Marshall-Shadeland)

◆ City Center/Hill District Grouping

- Saint Benedict the Moor (Hill District)
- Epiphany (Uptown)
- Saint Mary of Mercy (Downtown)

**Saint Aloysius was part of the North Side Grouping, but with the removal of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish it is no longer contiguous with the other North Side parishes. It is proposed that it would become part of the Etna/Glenshaw/Millvale Grouping. Also, Reserve Township is a part of the Shaler School District, as are Etna and Millvale.*

MAP OF THE PROPOSED GROUPING



If approved, the new Shrines of Pittsburgh Grouping would take effect no later than July 1, 2019.