



As you may be aware, Cardinal Dolan has asked us as a parish to be part of the current cycle of parish planning related to *Making All Things New*. His expectation is that each parish will find neighboring parishes with whom to plan in order to:

1. Share more resources with each other and with parishes in need.
2. Avoid unneeded duplication of services.
3. Fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available.

St. Francis has established a Core Team consisting of Fr. Clark, Ed McLoughlin, Cece Yozzo, Doris Johannessen, Bobbie and Art Walkley. The parishes with whom we are working include:

St. John & St. Mary (Chappaqua)  
St. Mary of the Assumption (Katonah)  
St. Patrick (Armonk)  
St. Patrick (Bedford)

The goals of the *Making All Things New* process, promoted by Cardinal Dolan, include:

1. To enhance the vibrancy of parish life throughout the Archdiocese of New York.
2. To strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church in the urban, suburban and rural areas of the archdiocese.
3. To foster an appreciation for and participation in Sunday Eucharist.
4. To promote new evangelization efforts throughout the archdiocese.
5. To realign parishes within the archdiocese considering the number of priests available to serve, financial resources and changing demographics.
6. To ensure that all parishioners have opportunities for quality lifelong Christian education and formation.
7. To strengthen service to those who are most in need.
8. To promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministry.
9. To support new initiatives for youth, young adults and seniors.
10. To build a greater sense of unity among Catholics from all cultures within the local Church.
11. To increase collaboration among all entities in the local, national and universal Church.

The Core Team has begun meeting with the cluster parishes to do some joint planning to look at models for working together. The models presented by the archdiocese include collaborative, linked or consolidated parishes.

On a regular basis, the Core Team will update parishioners so that all members of the parish know what progress is being made by *Making All Things New* and what the parish is doing as part of it. If you have suggestions, please forward them to any member of the Core Team listed above.