



# Finalists: New Parish Structures

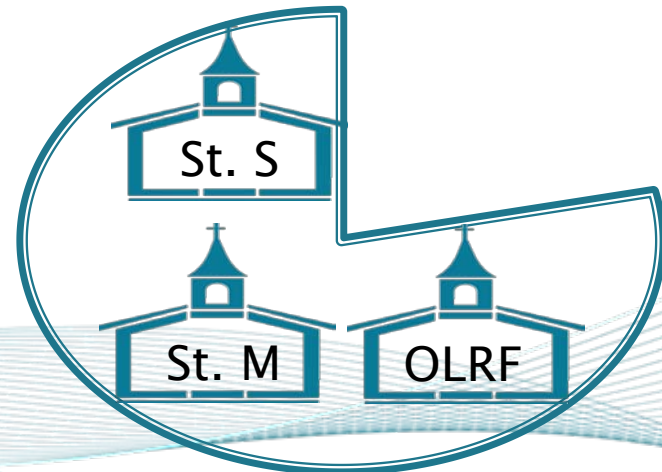
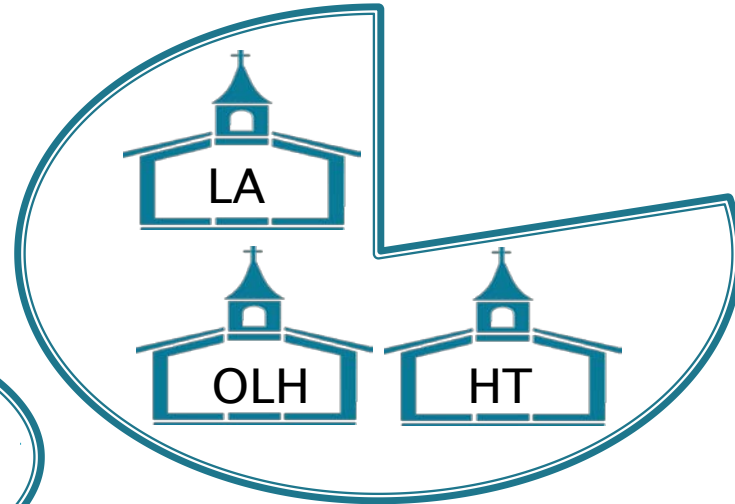
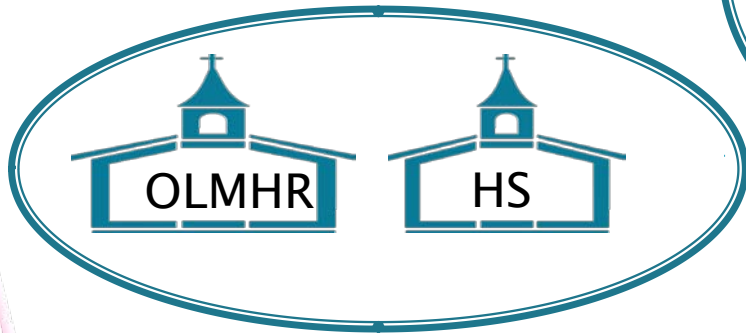
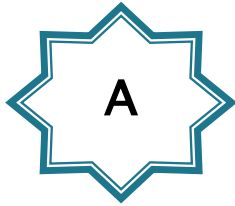
In January, 2011 Bishop Paul Bootkoski commissioned the Perth Amboy Deanery Council to develop a proposal for his consideration that would restructure the Church in Perth Amboy into a new permanent structure of four parishes. This proposal would reflect the Deanery Council's best thinking about the strongest partners for mergers and its discernment of the will of the Holy Spirit for the Church in Perth Amboy. The new structure would:

- ▶ Promote vibrant parish life, increasing Mass attendance and participation in parish ministries;
- ▶ Embrace all of the cultures present in Perth Amboy;
- ▶ Make each parish financially sustainable for the foreseeable future;
- ▶ Respond to Diocese of Metuchen priest projections with a sustainable structure for pastoring.

This proposal is due to the Bishop before the beginning of Advent, 2011.

The two models that follow are the finalists the Deanery Council is currently considering.

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