

New Church Project Status – June 3

We raised the Cross over the cupola on Tuesday May 9, at 10:30am. Between 150 and 200 Parishioners joined the blessed and exciting event. The Cross was manufactured by Overly Manufacturing. It is 11 feet high, 8 feet wide, and weighs 1,000 pounds. The Cross sits on a 2 foot wide orb that is 5 feet high making the total height of the Cross and orb 16 feet. As the crane lifted the Cross to the top of the structure we all prayed, sang, and cheered. It was truly a magnificent event.

The construction is really moving along rapidly now. Much of the outside work ... roof, bricks, cupola ... is nearing completion. A large amount of work is also being done inside the structure with the HVAC duct work and support structures in place. Within the next few weeks the floor of the new Church and altar will be poured and polished. The floor of the new Church will be a polished grey. The floor of the Gathering Area under the peaked roof (our current Church) will also be polished. Come to the front of the church on the right of the altar to see what the floor of the Gathering Area will look like ... a small sample area has been polished.

The main pipes of the new sprinkler system in the existing structure are visible inside the Worship Space. This work has and will continue to occur mostly during “off peak times”, so the work should not significantly impact any of our activities.

Please bear with us over the next 4-5 months as we prepare our new Worship Space. If you have any questions regarding construction or the new Worship Space please contact one of us.

We ask that during the construction period you drive carefully through our parking lots and driveway. On weekdays construction workers and construction vehicles will frequently be in the driveway and parking lot near the construction area as you enter and/or leave church. We may have changes in traffic patterns as a result of work being done, so **please obey all road signs and workers directing traffic. Unless otherwise directed all traffic should drive to the right at the top of the driveway.** The left branch is now one way only coming out. **This is for your safety and the safety of the workers. Your cooperation is much appreciated. We do not want you or any of the workers to be injured during this period. The safety of our parishioners, employees, and the construction workers are our primary concern.**

As mentioned in previous bulletin inserts, please let us know if you need assistance to get to the Church from your car during our construction period. We have people ready and willing to help you get to and from the Church safely.

Our stained glass windows continue to progress nicely. A poster, in the Gathering Area, shows the process the windows are going through and a small section of the Nativity Scene window which has been restored. There is also a copy of the article about our windows that appeared in the Community

News for you to look through. Please take a moment to take a look as you enter or leave mass. We will keep you apprised of our progress restoring these wonderful pieces of religious art.

As of April 30, 2017, 1,148 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under \$3,000, and we have \$6.32M designated for the project. **This is approximately 90% of our goal.** We're not quite there yet, but continue to make progress and are pleased to report that new pledges and donations still continue to come in each month! **If you would like to make a pledge or donation the forms needed are available in the Gathering Area. You can also call the Parish Office and assistance will be provided.**

Thank you to all who have pledged, who have donated without pledging, and who have prayed for our success. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

We will continue to update you monthly on progress, but if you have any questions about the project, please review the materials on our parish website (www.stedwardsny.org) or contact a member of the Master Planning or Capital Campaign Committees.

Yours in Christ,

Father Patrick Butler

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