

New Church Project Status – January 12

We wish you a happy, healthy, and blessed 2019!

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Bonus Raffle. We sold \$6,160 worth of tickets, kept \$3,160 to help pay for the Stained-Glass Windows, and awarded 23 prizes totaling \$3,000.

The prize winners are:

1st Place - \$500 – Rosemary Juron

2nd Place - \$300 – Nadene Liton

3rd Place - \$200 – Barbara Murphy

4th Place - \$100 – Twenty (20) winners

Anita Adamcheck	Pam Biro	Scott Burrall	Gail Casey
Peggy Cowper	Bernard Drobinicki	Mary Ann Gaim	Bernie Gilligan
Kevin Hamill	Bob Kopyc	F. Keegan	R. Kukuk
Tom Long	Claudia Longo	Sylvia Phillips	Mike Reilly
Jen & Paul Reitlinger	Kristen Santos	Pamela Scerba	Sheley Tozier

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to those that donated all or part of their winnings back to the Church.

We are completing the last few tasks of the New Church Project. Hopefully you all noticed the “walk off” mats that were installed just before Christmas in the entrance to the Church. They are meant to keep the Church floor drier and cleaner during wet and cold weather. We are also adding some additional lights along the handicapped walkway outside the east entrance to the Church. Once these two items are installed the New Church Project is complete. Special thanks to Chris O’Brien and the Building and Grounds Committee for coordinating these two efforts.

A large screen and projector were installed in the Gathering Area before Christmas and came in handy for our Christmas Eve services. Now, when the church is crowded the overflow can watch the Mass being streamed in the Gathering Area. A \$10,000 Audio Visual Grant from the Diocese was used to pay for a portion of the screen and projector. We will also use this area for social functions of all kinds. Movie nights for kids and parents, Faith Formation training, etc. There might even be a Super Bowl Party in our future.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, our Organ Façade is complete, the Organ has been tuned, and this beautiful instrument was used for our Christmas and New Year celebrations. The structure looks majestic behind the Altar. The workmanship that went into the design and building of the Organ Façade can’t be duplicated, it was entirely hand crafted and assembled on site. The Organ Façade is approximately 21 feet high, 16 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Special thanks to Len and Mark Carlson of L.A. Carlson & Co. and to Leo Corvino of Corvino & Sons for the work they performed on the project.

Our hearing assist system has been a great success, helping those with hearing needs to hear the Mass more clearly. If you haven’t tried it yet please feel free to do so. The system is an Induction Loop System that allows users with a telecoil system to sync directly to their hearing aids. The system can also be used by people who do not wear hearing aids. Parishioners at the Welcome Center and the Ushers have

been trained on the system and are here to help you get started. The devices are free to use for all Parishioners and their Guests. Stop at the Welcome Center before Mass to learn about the devices and to sign one out.

We again want to thank all of the dedicated Parishioners who continue to devote their time and talents in the variety of committees that have been involved with the New Church project over the past 10 years. Most importantly, we again want to thank all of our Parishioners for their patience with us. Through all the construction you kept coming, helping, and giving. Thank you. We couldn't have done it without everyone's support.

Thank You!!!!

Now that the New Church is essentially complete, we've started to work on the rest of the structure. Chris O'Brien and his Building and Grounds Team including Project Managers John and Peg Serth and volunteers Dan Streett, Tim Leonard, Steve Valenti, and Bernie Drobnicki have done a terrific job refurbishing our storage shed. The Team will soon begin a number of projects in and around the Old Church. These hard-working volunteers are excited to continue to help us restore and add onto our structure and programs.

They are planning a number of things for the Gathering Area including a nursery, a coffee bar, a storage area, and a play area for kids. These will be completed over the coming year or so by Parishioners donating their time and talents. Chris has some great ideas and is always looking for help. He and the Buildings and Grounds Team will be reaching out this winter. If you have skills or just some spare-time they'll be happy to have you join the Team.

As of December 31, 2018, 1,242 Parishioners have pledged an average amount just under \$3,000, and we have \$6.838M designated for the project. **This is approximately 94% 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. Memorial Gifts are also still available.**

Thank you again to all who have pledged, who have donated without pledging, who have continued to donate after your pledge has been reached, and who have prayed for our success. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

We will continue to update you periodically on our progress, but if you have any questions, 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

Sue Martin – Co-Chair

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