

New Church Project Status – April 29

Our new restrooms were up and running for Easter weekend ... whew! The new restrooms are handicap accessible and almost double our previous capacity. When the new church is completed we will open two additional “family friendly” restrooms ... comfortable places for Mom or Dad to bring the little ones and have privacy.

The first rows of brick have been added to the outer wall of the church, giving us a glimpse of the color of the finished structure. We expect to be able to raise the cross over the cupola next week. Father Pat will bless it before the crane lifts it to the top of the structure. The date and time will be announced this weekend, so please come and join us for the ceremony. Everything is starting to come together quickly now as the project moves forward. Over the next few months you will see many more changes and transformations. It's an exciting time for all of us, enjoy every day of the process.

We have also begun working on adding a sprinkler system to much of the existing space. This work will occur mostly during “off peak times”. The main pipes are visible inside the Worship Space, but the work should not significantly impact any of our activities.

Please bear with us over the next 5-6 months as we prepare our new Worship Space. It will be worth the wait, the seats in the new Worship Space will allow all to have a close, clear vision of the altar. 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. **Please obey all road signs. 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.

Finally, we hope you saw the article about our stained glass windows in the Community News. Our windows are progressing nicely and we hope to have many of them ready when we open the new Church. 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 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 March 31, 2017, 1,137 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under \$3,000, and we have \$6.29M 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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