New Church Project Status – October 28

We’re almost there! The construction is rapidly coming to completion. Most of the outside work is complete (walls, roof, etc.) and much of the inside work is also complete. The floor has been poured and polishing has begun, the walls have been sheet rocked and tapped, the storm windows have been installed, and the ceiling is nearly complete. The organ façade, digital organ and speakers, AV system, and the stained-glass windows will be installed beginning November 11. There’s a lot going on in the next month.

The Dedication Mass is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 30. We’ll keep you posted as we get closer to confirm the date for the celebration. Minor changes, even a day or two delay can impact our opening.

Our plan is to have all the recovered stained-glass windows in the church when it opens. The only windows which will not be ready are the two which are currently installed in our present Nave. These need to be taken down, cleaned, refurbished, and re-installed in the new church on either side of the Baptistery. There is not enough time to accomplish all of that between November 11 and December 1. They will be installed as soon as possible following the dedication, our objective is to have them in place before Christmas.

The Christmas Bonus Raffle was such a success last year that we are holding it again this year. Over 20 parishioners won cash prizes and generated over $2,500 in donations toward the stained-glass windows. We will be awarding lots of cash prizes again the week before Christmas and the proceeds of the raffle again go toward the cost of restoring the windows. Volunteers will be in the Gathering Area beginning the weekend of November 4 selling tickets. They will be happy to explain it all to you. The ticket prices are $10 each or 3 for $20. Tickets will be on sale through December 17, so please get some tickets for yourself and your family members.

We will also be repairing the driveway and parking lot between now and December 1. Please pay attention to construction signs as parts of our roadway and/or parking lot may be closed at times.

One final note. We are getting new pews in our new Worship Space and will be getting rid of our current pews. If anyone is interested in taking one (or more) of our existing pews please let us know. They will be given away free on a first come, first served basis. We’ll let you know when the pews will be available for you to pick up. Please let Chick Cairo (chick0213@gmail.com) know if you are interested.

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

As always, 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.

As of September 30, 2017, 1,175 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under $3,000, and we have $6.34M 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.** **Memorial Gifts are also still available.**

**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**](http://www.stedwardsny.org)**)** or contact a member of the Master Planning or Capital Campaign Committees.

Yours in Christ,

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