

New Church Project Status – June 6

We are pleased to report that we have completed the Schematic Design Phase of our New Church project and have entered the detailed Design Development Phase. This is a significant step forward in the process.

Design Development will take approximately 4 months to complete. Immediately following the Design Development and Cost Review Phases, the architect and engineers will create Construction Documents. These documents, which we expect to have completed by January 31, 2016, will be used to bid out our project. In parallel to the Design Development Phase, we will be preparing a Construction Manager agreement and a Request for Proposal (RFP) for construction management services.

We still expect to “break ground” in late spring of 2016 and be in our New Church by the summer of 2017. We will do everything we can to stay on schedule, while we work to ensure that the project is done correctly and that it is completed as close to within our budget as possible.

As of May 1, 2015, 942 parishioners have pledged an average amount just over \$3,300, and we have \$5.85M designated for the project. **This is approximately 88% of our goal.** We’re not quite there yet, but are pleased to report that new pledges and donations still continue to come in each month!

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.

To help us achieve our funding goal, we have also begun work on new, exciting initiatives that will raise additional funds for the project, while at the same time build our Parish Community. The initiatives under consideration include social functions, and family and youth activities. Additionally we will seek to raise funds through local businesses and foundations. We have a large and growing group of parishioners who are coming together to share in fellowship and fun to work on these initiatives. We will have more information on these events in the coming weeks and months, and how you can join in by lending your time or talents. Please contact us if you would like to find out how you too can participate.

We will be updating you periodically on progress, but if you have any questions about the Building Project, the Capital Campaign, the Parish Community building efforts, or any other phase of 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