

# New Church Project Status – July 30

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**As you can see when you drove into the parking lot today, our construction project is underway ... hooray!!!!**

While there is no “hole in the ground” yet, we expect that you will begin to see progress starting in a couple more weeks. Even though we are starting a few weeks later than planned, we expect minimal impact to the overall schedule. We still expect to be in the new church by next summer.

There will be some inconveniences during the construction period. We will try to keep these to a minimum, but they will be visible. At some point we will need to close the main restrooms to expand and refurbish them. We will still have the restrooms in the Faith Formation wing available during the refurbishment, but there will be fewer stalls available for your use.

As you can see, some parking has been disrupted. We apologize to those of you who were accustomed to parking in the fenced off area, but we’re hopeful that you will find a new “favorite place” to park. We are working on alternative plans to accommodate the roughly 40 spaces we have lost and hope that this will not be a major issue except during the occasional peak usage periods. Parking at most Masses should not be impacted.

Also, some construction will be visible at times inside the Church and Faith Formation wings. Initially some ceiling tiles will be disturbed while we install the required sprinkler systems. Later in the project, there will be some construction visible behind the altar as we prepare to and then connect the new church to the existing structure.

Again, we will do everything we can to minimize these inconveniences. They will hopefully be for only short periods of time and will lead to a far better facility and experience for us all. Please bear with us over the next 12 or so months as we prepare our new worship space.

As of June 30, 2016, 1,072 parishioners have pledged an average amount just over \$3,100, and we have \$6.22M designated for the project. **This is approximately 93% 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!

**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.**

As mentioned previously, we have started the process of reaching out to foundations and benefactors to help pay for the restoration of our stained glass windows and Pipe Organ. We will keep you apprised of our progress restoring these wonderful pieces of religious art.

We will continue to update you monthly on progress as we move through the project, 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,  
Father Patrick Butler

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