

New Church Project Status – March 27

We are pleased to report that the Construction Documents Phase of the New Church Project is nearly complete and we are scheduled to submit our building permit documentation to the Town of Clifton Park on March 31.

Requests for final proposals will be sent to our three Construction Manager finalists on April 18, with submissions due back to us no later than May 18. If all goes according to schedule we will award our contract by June 8 and break ground no later than June 29. We expect to be in our New Church in the summer of 2017 and will do everything we can to stay on schedule.

As of February 29, 2016, 1,028 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under \$3,200, and we have \$5.96M designated for the project. **This is approximately 90% 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.

We have received revised estimates on restoring the stained glass windows and the Pipe Organ. The windows are over 100 years old and have never been taken down and cleaned. The cleaning/restoration process is quite extensive. Each window must be disassembled, each piece of stained glass cleaned, and then reassembled, re-leaded, and cleaned again. The process is estimated to take approximately two months for each window at a cost of just over \$24,000 per window. The windows if new would cost approximately \$125,000 per window. The Pipe Organ is also in need of repair. It is estimated to take 20 months to repair and restore at a cost of \$290,000.

We have started the process of reaching out to foundations and benefactors to help pay for the restoration of these priceless pieces of religious art, but even if we gain all the money necessary, all of the windows and the Pipe Organ will not be installed when we open the new church. The process of installing the remaining windows may take up to an additional year and the Pipe Organ may not be installed until 2019. Please be patient, these pieces of art are well worth the wait.

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) or contact a member of the Master Planning or Capital Campaign Committees.

Yours in Christ,

Father Patrick Butler

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