New Church Project Status – July 28

The construction continues to move along. Much of the outside work is complete (walls, roof, etc.). A large amount of inside work is underway. The HVAC duct work and support structures are in place. Window frames have been installed and the storm outer windows will be installed in August. The wall studs are up and the sheet rocking has begun. The shape of the wall will be curved (“S” curve) to better allow for the dispersion of sound. Work on the ceiling is also underway.

Unfortunately our string of good luck has been broken. In spite of the best efforts of our contractors and their sub-contractors we have hit a delay in the project. The “mud slab” pour, which allowed the heavy lifts to continue to work carrying workers and material to the walls and ceiling without doing damage to the final floor surface, delayed us by 2 weeks. This, in turn delayed the scheduled pouring of the final floor, which has pushed back the installation of the pews to Oct 24 … beyond our targeted opening date. Rather than incur substantial overtime costs trying to recover the schedule (without any guarantees) we are now targeting mid-November for the opening of the new Worship Space. As soon as an opening date has been established we will let you know.

The final cement floor will now be poured in late August, with polishing beginning in mid to late September. As mentioned last month, the floor of the new Worship Space will be a polished grey. The floor of the Gathering Area under the peaked roof (our current Worship Space) will also be polished. A sample of the new Worship Space floor is outside the east side of the current Worship Space. A sample of the Gathering Area floor is to the right of the altar. Feel free to go see both.

Additional pipes for the new sprinkler system in the existing Worship Space are being installed mostly during “off peak times”.

Many have asked “Where will the door of the New Worship Space be located?” It will be located directly behind our current altar. Near the end of the project a temporary wall will be erected and they will break through the wall and create the doorway. The pipes were removed from our organ façade a month or so ago. At approximately the beginning of September our digital organ will be removed for cleaning and repair. For approximately 2 months we will be using our piano to accompany our choirs and cantors. It will be installed and used again in the new Worship Space.

**Please bear with us over the next 3-4 months as we prepare our new Worship Space.** 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. 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 June 30, 2017, 1,160 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under $3,000, and we have $6.32M 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**](http://www.stedwardsny.org)**)** or contact a member of the Master Planning or Capital Campaign Committees.

Yours in Christ,

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