New Church Project Status – January 6

**We’re in!**

By now we hope that you and your family have enjoyed participating in Mass in the new worship space and that the new church meets (or exceeds) your expectations!

The construction is basically complete. There are a few minor items that need to be added or corrected, but the Sano-Rubin crew has moved on to another job. We have a few more surprises coming soon (a new altar, new ambo, the organ façade, and some additional artifacts), but essentially the new church is done.

We want to thank Kerns Group (Sean Reilly and Glenn Canencio), Sano-Rubin (Dave Hollander, Nate Garrant, and Jim Heptinstall) and all of the sub-contractors for doing a terrific job. The structure is beautiful both inside and out, built with outstanding workmanship and pride. We got to know many of the construction crew pretty well over the past 17 months … yes, 17 months. They are a terrific team.

We also want to thank the team from Parkway Music (Tim Woznick), Saratoga Sound Solutions (Chris Bailey), Miller, Beam & Paganelli (John Paganelli), and Pinewoods Studios (Gary Tash). The sound system could not have been completed without their hard work and dedication. The same can be said for the team working on the organ sound system and the organ façade, L.A. Carlson and son (Len and Mark Carlson) and Leo Corvino and Son (Leo Corvino). Our choir and musicians finally have a sound system that shows off their talents.

We want to thank the team from Chapman Stained Glass Studio (Kevin Morgan and his sons). The stained-glass windows are beautiful. The decision to move forward and get them installed for the dedication was certainly rewarded. They somehow also managed to find time to take down and restore our existing windows, which are now at eye level in the Baptistery.

We also want to thank our own team. Augie Freemann (Freeman Project Management Services), our “Clerk of the Works”, and every one of the dedicated parishioners who devoted their time and talents and participated in the variety of committees that have been involved with the project over the past 9 and a half years … yes, it’s been that long … including members of the Finance Committee, Building Committee, Fund Raising Committee, IT committee, Building and Grounds Committee, The Knights of Columbus, the Parish Council.

Finally, we want to thank all of our Parishioners for their patience with us, especially over the past 2 years. You’ve been disrupted and displaced, but through it all you kept coming, helping, and giving. Thank you. We couldn’t have done it without everyone’s support.

**Thank You!!!!!**

The Christmas Bonus Raffle was a resounding success again this year. 24 parishioners won cash prizes (listed below). We sold $11,040. worth of tickets, gave away $4,850 in prizes, and generated $6,190 to help pay for the stained-glass windows. Thank you to all who bought tickets.

* 1 First place prize - $1,000 – Richard Malek
* 2 Second place prizes - $500 each – Maria Cargo and Rose DiMarco
* 3 Third place prizes - $250 each – Rich Sida, Jess, Zach & Patti Wolfe, and Joanne Ward
* 6 Fourth place prizes - $150 each – Dave Connolly, Carol O’Connell, Johnny Fennell, The Lapinsky Family, Peter Avvento, and Denise Fredenburg
* 12 Fifth place prizes – Kim Davis, Mauratte Cano-Safoni, Caitlin Walsh, Joan & Andy Gagliardi, Darrell Lapage, Jim Thomas, David Wendth, Ed Conway, Dom Caruso, Mary Kay Horgan, Kathleen Zachmann, and Mary Borg

The Christmas ornament sales also went well. Final numbers aren’t in yet, but thank you to all who bought ornaments. For those of you who missed out, there’s always next year. We have a number left over.

We ask that you drive carefully through our parking lots and driveway. As mentioned in previous bulletin inserts, please let us know if you need assistance to get to the Church from your car. We have people ready and willing to help you get to and from the Church safely.

As of December 31, 2017, 1,207 parishioners have pledged an average amount just under $3,000, and we have $6.71M designated for the project. **This is approximately 91% 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 again to all who have pledged, who have donated without pledging, and who have prayed for our success. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.**

We will continue to update you monthly on our progress paying for the new church, but if you have any questions, 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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