

Parish Hall Corner #5 October 2018

Our last Parish Hall Corner was in mid-June. The wait certainly has been a frustrating time for everyone involved. As of this writing, all the technical specifications with Prince George's County have been approved and we are now in the final stages of obtaining our permit. Once we receive the Building Permit and a construction start date has been identified the parish will be notified.

Since the last Parish Corner update, the parish's volunteer Building Committee has not been sitting idle!

- High on the list of accomplishments is the new roof on the church prior to 90 days of rain!
- The large storage room was cleaned and organized.
- In cleaning the rooms of the church, there still are a number of classroom desks & chairs, office desk & chairs, bookshelves, file cabinets, armchairs, and other items that are no longer needed. Donations for these items have raised more than \$500 toward the hall construction! There are plenty more items available in the two classrooms behind the cry room.
- A storage pod was delivered to temporarily hold parish items that will be used in the new hall.
- The wooden pews from the sides of the Church have been moved and reinstalled to the center of the nave.
- The parish classrooms to be removed have been packed up.
- The classroom/office used by Kathy Schmitt, Debbie Rausch, religious education and RCIA, has been cleaned out and will be the new location of the cry room.
- The church office, previously used only during weekend masses, was remodeled to be used during the workweek by office staff.
- The parish kitchen was cleaned, sorted, and stored in the storage pod.

Parking at Church – Accessible Parking for the Disabled

- This weekend, perhaps you have noted a few modifications to the parking arrangements – specifically, the relocation of accessible parking spaces. We are required to have six (6) spaces reserved for accessible/disabled parking. During construction, Dennis Anderson Construction, our contractor, will have their construction trailer/office in the current accessible parking by the Church. Therefore, six reserved spaces were relocated to the following locations:
 - 3 spaces directly in front of the Church (parallel parking by the island)
 - 3 spaces in the Rectory parking lot, closest to the ChurchPlease be aware and respectful of these changes. We kindly ask everyone to refrain from parking illegally (in unmarked spaces) as this prevents emergency vehicles a safe entry onto and egress from the parish property.

*As always, **thank you** for your continued prayerful and financial support of Saint Nicholas Parish – your spiritual home!*

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Picnic at Granville Gude Park

Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 pm

Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, November 1

Mass Times: 6:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 7:30 pm

Commemoration of All Souls

First Friday Adoration (Church): 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Mass Times: 8:30 am and 7:30 pm (with Memorial Candles)

Mass of Thanksgiving – All are welcome!

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Sunday, November 11 at 11:30 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

December 1-2

Mass Times: 5:00 pm (Vigil); 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am

Saint Nicholas Feast Day – Mass & Reception

Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 pm

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm