

## Parish Hall Corner #6 December 2018

As we begin Advent Psalm 27 proclaims “Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.” Waiting is not easy for expectant Mothers, children anxious for Christmas morning, or for St. Nicholas Parishioners waiting for a new Parish Hall. And doing any size construction project is not for the weak of heart. This project has been a constant and reoccurring lesson in patience. Once we think we have everything needed, a new requirement is tossed at us. We must remind ourselves that Prince George’s is a large county and our church addition is only one small project attempting to get a Building Permit. Unfortunately ‘Amazon Delivers’ does not do building permits.

### **Prince George’s County approved the Building Permit late November.**

*The current lesson in patience:* The next step, we wait for the county to send us a web link to our project drawings marked “approved”. We received the link but not all the drawings were included. We now wait for the remainder of our drawings marked “approved”. After that we must print out the approved drawings tabloid size and send them back to the county, additionally print a full size drawing set to be the “Site Set”, then finally hold a meeting with Prince George’s County and all the project stakeholders (Architect, Engineers, Builder, and Owner) called TPIP. Once these last steps are completed then work can begin.

In the meantime, the majority of the Parish preparation work has been completed. There are a few last items that we are waiting for a firm start date before doing:

- Take the ceiling fan, speaker system and furniture out of the Cry Room
- Take furniture out of Maria Goretti classroom.
- Move fire extinguisher, holy water font, poor box, and bulletin holder from parish hall side hallway.
- Remove statues and plants from prayer corner.
- Pack up ‘Stations of the Cross’ and other artwork.
- Remove and store quilt, memorial dedication plaque, and bulletin boards from parish hall side vestibule.
- Remove classroom heaters on parish hall side to use as spare parts for remaining heaters.

There are plenty more desks & chairs, file cabinets, etc. available in the classroom behind the cry room. Come look, find something, place a donation in the envelopes provided, leave the donation in the church office and take your item home.

Once we receive the construction start date has been identified the parish will be notified.

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