

Parish Hall Corner #7

January 2019

Last month, we informed the Parish that “*Prince George’s County approved the Building Permit late November.*” At that time we were waiting on information from the County to finalize drawings and hold the official pre-construction meeting and begin construction.

Since that time the Parish was informed that the construction company’s plumber must acquire the water permit for the internal plumbing work prior to Prince George’s County releasing the building permit. We are very close. As we anxiously await these final steps, we are beginning final preparation for construction.

Next **Monday January 28, 2019**, the installation of the partition that goes between the interior of the Church and the new Parish Hall will begin. This installation will take about two weeks. This installation will include temporarily removing artwork, tearing up carpet, installation of steel beams, etc.

In order to facilitate the partition installation:

- The **8:30 am Daily Mass** (Monday thru Saturday) will be celebrated in the Rectory Chapel from Monday, January 28 to Saturday, February 9.
 - o Sunday Masses will not be affected and will be celebrated in Church at the regular times: 5:00 pm (Vigil), 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am.
- Because of the lack of space, our regularly scheduled **First Friday breakfast** on February 1st will not take place; our hope and expectation is that breakfast will continue in March. The evening Mass and adoration for First Friday will take place in the Rectory Chapel as scheduled.
- **Afternoon and evening events**, classes, meetings, rehearsals, and activities in the church will continue as scheduled, however, the area on the Parish Hall side (existing social area, cry room & rooms, prayer corner) will be inaccessible.
 - o The cry room will be moved from its existing location to opposite the current cry room, early in the construction period. Until that time, however, the current cry room will be unavailable for use.
- The existing **handicap entrance** on the “Parish Hall side” of the church will not be available for use during the installation and subsequent construction. Please use the handicap entrance on the “Rectory side”.
- In order to safeguard the statues and furnishings in **Mary’s Chapel** and in the Church, Mary’s Chapel will be temporarily closed during the partition construction (two weeks).

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

During the construction period, we have asked the Contractor to do everything possible to minimize the impact on the church sanctuary.

With that in mind ...

- **Everyone who uses the Church space during the installation of the partition and subsequent construction must be mindful of the work and the work areas.**
- **Parents and guardians must ensure that children do not play in or near the work areas.**

This will be of particular concern next weekend (February 2-3) when the partition is not yet complete.

Daily Mass schedule of other local parishes:

Because of the limited space in the Rectory Chapel, below is a list of area Churches and their daily Mass times:

Saint Mary of the Mills – Laurel, MD
Monday – Friday 6:30 am and 9:00 am

Resurrection of our Lord – Brockbridge Road – Laurel, MD
Monday – Friday 8:00 am

Saint Joseph – Beltsville, MD
Monday – Friday 8:00 am

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