

Parish Hall Corner #9

April 2019

Daffodils are blooming, the pollen counts are high, and Easter is a week away. Much has happened in the “parish hall corner” since the last bulletin insert.

- The Cry Room window was installed and The *NEW* Cry Room is Open for Business.
- Behind the partition wall, all interior walls and drop ceilings of the old classrooms have been removed.
- As the weather improved work moved outside, necessitating a construction fence around the exterior work.
- Foundations for the two additions that square off the building making the hall have been dug. The foundation near the front of the church has good solid Maryland clay; and they have poured the footer. When digging the foundation to the rear of the church the soil is much looser. To be safe the Architect, Structural Engineer, and County Inspector developed a plan on how best to proceed. This footer will be poured soon (or may have been by publication time).
- Excavation for the new ADA entrance ramp has begun.

In the last Parish Hall Corner, #8 in February, it was stated “The partition is approximately the same height as the classrooms, thus does not go to the roof. The temporary plywood covering that goes from the top of the partition to the roof is to contain the dust that will be generated by the demolition and construction. The plywood will be removed and the steel supports will be painted to match the existing church roof supports.” Since then several parishioners have stated they actually like the partition wall continuing up to the roof. The current plywood cannot remain due to fire safety codes. With the requirement for full coverage sprinklers throughout the church building, the partition extension to the roof must be straight up. Extending the partition wall to the roof: will provide some additional noise reduction between the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary and hide from view the drop ceiling support wires, electrical conduit, etc. The partition wall on the sanctuary side will be painted cream on the lower portion and brown on the upper portion similar to the back walls of the sanctuary.

Prince George’s County Urban Planning approval – As part of the building permit process Prince George’s County Urban Planning had to approve the building permit request because the church property (consider commercial) abuts private property. In order to receive Planning approval, the parish must install a 6-foot wooden fence along the property line behind the church building, behind the rectory, and between the rectory and its next-door neighbor. In addition, the county is requiring that the parish to plant over 100 trees and shrubs throughout the property. We wanted to take this opportunity to explain why this work is happening. And assure parishioners that the parish is not randomly spending their Parish Hall funds on beautification.

*As always, thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support
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