

Parish Hall Corner #11

June 2019

Construction of the Parish Hall is really taking off now! It has been a very busy few weeks of work. While progress is not always visible, be assured that significant work is being done. And as we have celebrated our parish volunteers last Friday during the annual Appreciation Dinner, let's also give a 'shout out' to the team of volunteers who donate their time to be available in the church during the work week while construction is ongoing. In addition a 'shout out' to the church's all-volunteer Building & Maintenance Committee that works hard year around to keep our church facilities up and running.

What has transpired since the last Parish Hall Corner:

- After some last minute paperwork delays, the new water service line installation has begun.
- The bulkhead and old wooden partition doors have been removed. The steel beam weighed over 5,000 lbs! It was quite a sight to see that being cut out. Make sure you check out the work progress pictures. The web site is listed on the back of this page.
- The sprinkler system installation has begun. Some of the pipes were able to be pre-painted to match the sanctuary ceiling. Once the system is fully installed, the contractor will paint all the pipes and connectors the ceiling color. Please note that the pews that have been temporarily removed will not be replaced until the painting is complete.

Behind the partition wall:

- The foundations and floor slabs have been poured for the two extensions to the parish building.
- The steel supports for the existing roof have been installed.
- The steel support frame for the new movable partitions has been installed. The new movable partitions will be used to take a portion of the new hall and create spaces that can be used as classrooms in our growing Religious Education program.
- The old rear wall of the church has been removed.
- The cinder blocks are going up! You can see the outline of the new hall's windows looking out to our beautiful woods area. It won't be long till we are sitting in our hall watching the deer walk by.
- The exterior of the addition will be the same cut stone face as the main church. The stone was delivered this past week and should start going up soon if it has not already started.

Ongoing work in and around the Church:

- The Cry Room window that was shattered has been repaired.
- When the old exterior walls were removed, one of the Building & Maintenance Committee's fears was confirmed. The large main roof of the church has a built in gutter system. These gutters are very large (about 10 inches wide and 8 inches deep) and go around the full circumference of the large shingled roof. Being built into the roof, these gutters are hidden from the building's street view. That also means that when the gutters began to deteriorate and fail, the water leaks into the church building. While this is not part of the Parish Hall project, it's really building maintenance, and we have included it in this briefing to keep the parish apprised of all work being done.
- The women's rest room door and the church office door were painted.
- Some existing wiring in the church was straightened and organized.

Preparations for moving to the next phase:

- All the hangings, bulletin boards, and signs in the vestibule on the new Parish Hall side will be taken down and stored. There will eventually be a door from this vestibule into the new Parish Hall. In addition the Fire alarm Annunciator panel will be placed in this vestibule.
- As the new water line will be reaching the church building soon, the remaining parts of the old kitchen (sink, cabinet, refrigerator, and microwave) will be removed. The sink and cabinets will be stored in the storage POD for possible future use. The refrigerator and microwave will be moved to the storage room next to Mary's Chapel.

To see the images of the Parish Hall construction, please check the website <http://stnicks.duckdns.org/pics> which contains progress photos and copies of all the Parish Hall Corner bulletin announcements.

Finally, *I ask for your continued financial support.* As construction continues through the summer, work and other costs continue to rise. To make a pledge or financial commitment to the construction of the Parish Hall and the upkeep of our parish facilities, please contact the Parish Office. You may also use the envelopes marked, "Parish Hall Contribution" found in the back of the Church and drop your donation in the collection basket.

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