

Parish Hall Corner #14

November 2019



To see the images & updates of the Parish Hall construction, visit <http://stnicks.duckdns.org/pics>

As you've seen firsthand in Church this weekend, visibly, our Parish Hall is nearing its final stages of construction! And as promised, through these monthly bulletin inserts, we're keeping everyone updated on the construction progress. Any large construction project has ups and downs. The good news: as of now, the Parish Hall is substantially complete, however additional work needs to be completed (please see the many accomplishments on the reverse side).



There are, however, a couple of items that are delaying the progress. **WSSC** (Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – the water company) required modifications in the approved water and wastewater plan. The modifications required re-engineering, revised drawings, and submitting for a revised permit. This has caused a delay in the completion of the ADA bathroom and the new wastewater lines in the church basement supporting the hall's pantry and potential future kitchen. Additionally, there has been a delay in receiving parts for

the new **fire suppression system**. Thus the construction contractor is estimating the ADA bathroom, basement wastewater lines, and fire suppression system will be *substantially* complete by the second week of November.

The Architect estimates that with no unforeseen surprises, we should have our Use & Occupancy Permit by end of November.

Construction Accomplishments since the last Parish Hall Corner:

- The Parish Hall drywall has been hung
- Two exterior hall doors, the vestibule parish hall entrance, and the new ADA door have been installed. NOTE – the ADA door opener is not yet connected
- The Parish Hall's ceiling has been installed
- The Parish Hall's floor has been leveled and the vinyl flooring has been installed
- DAC trailer was moved to the lower lot to begin site clean up
- The front parking lot has been re-stripped to accommodate approved handicap parking
 - o Please note that the two handicap parking spots in the rectory lot will remain after construction is completed
- A floor drain in ADA bathroom (added by WSSC) has been installed and the cement floor poured
- The movable partitions, to be used to create two additional rooms (for classrooms), have been installed
- Doors from the Church to the Parish Hall have been installed
- The partition wall between the Church and the Parish Hall has been painted
- And the Parish Hall has been painted



Ongoing Building and Maintenance in and around the Church:

- Last month we reported that the **sump pumps** in the church's basement mechanical room were clogged with clay and scheduled for maintenance. Unfortunately several of our sump pumps failed and are not repairable. After getting two quotes for the work, the parish has contracted for sump pump replacements. NOTE – *this is a substantial and unexpected expense.*
- **Cracks** on the back outside of the church storage room, which began appearing after the 2011 earthquake, have been repaired
- **Seams in the basement** through which water was entering have been sealed

Finally, I ask for your continued financial support. As we near the conclusion of the construction, work and other costs continue to rise. Please make a pledge or financial commitment to the construction of the Parish Hall and the upkeep of our parish facilities; simply contact the Parish Office for more information. 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!

HELP WANTED!

The Building & Maintenance Committee is always seeking members who can assist with the maintenance and repair of the parish buildings and grounds. Currently we are looking for a parishioner who can assist in replacing the deteriorating sidewalks.