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New Church News

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve, Embracing our Future



SING A
PSALM
TO THE
LORD!

PS 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

My soul yearns and pines for
the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh
cry out for the living God.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

Even the sparrow
finds a home, and the
swallow a nest
in which she puts her young—
Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king and my God!

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

Blessed they who dwell
in your house!
continually they praise you.
O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of
your anointed.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

I had rather one day in your
courts than a thousand
elsewhere; I had rather lie at
the threshold of the house of
my God than dwell in the
tents of the wicked.

**How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!**

New Church Fund

As of December 31, 2017

The balance in the New
Church Fund was:

\$ 5,149,958.74

*Please Continue to
Honor Your Pledges*



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New Church News Debut

One of the goals of the capital campaign committees for our new church campaign has always been openness and transparency to you, the parishioners of St. James.

In that vein we are very excited to bring to you our first of many updates about the progress and activities of building our new church facilities.

This and future publications of the *New Church News* will be dedicated solely to topics which relate to the project. We want you to be informed and now you will have one place to look in order to find out what is happening with our building progress.

Of course without funds none of the building would be possible. We will also use this publication to inform our parishioners about the financial outlook of our capital campaign.

Our fulfillment committee plans to keep us informed and entertained with a variety of fun and interesting activities along the way. We are sure everyone remembers the "Get On The Boat" push that the committee conducted in October 2017. Soon the H.S. St. James III will be pushing away from the dock (groundbreaking) and sailing toward our final destination — a New Church.

While we are sailing there are some Ports of Call and onboard Activities that the commit-

tee have been planning. We will have to wait and see what the committee, or should we call them our "Cruise Directors", have come up with.

Next up on our agenda is, of course, the Groundbreaking Ceremony which will be here before you know it. You can read more about this on page two.

We even have some "late breaking news" in this debut edition. We ask that you make it a point to read the article about fitting out the lower level.

The *New Church News* gives us space to publish answers to questions posed to various committee members. This first edition and others will have a section which we are calling FAQs (frequently asked questions).

The full list of FAQs will also be available on the St James website in the Capital Campaign pages.

Should you have any questions or concerns we have listed the names of all of the members of active committees on page 4. The email address for our campaign is listed above the committee rosters. Just send us an email.

We hope you will find this and future editions of the *New Church News* to be worth a good read.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE

Even though our current capital campaign was announced in 2015 and donations started in 2016, there is still time to “get on board” the H.S. St. James III.

Officially, this campaign ends December 31st 2018. However, many parishioners extended their pledges an additional year so that we could qualify for the Million Dollar Matching Grant. That means that the campaign books will not be closed until December 2019.



With that in mind, we are encouraging any new families coming into our parish to pray about making a pledge for the months up to and including December 2019.

Of course, you do not have to be a new family to help out the fund. We will gratefully accept donations from any parishioner who would like to give.

Blue pledge cards are available in the narthex and at the alcove display going into the social hall.

***Believe the Incredible,
and You Can Do the
Impossible!***

Fulton Sheen

LOWER LEVEL FIT OUT

Finishing Work Now Will Save Money

The budget we submitted to the Diocese in 2016 for our new church did not include any funds for completing the lower level. We have always planned on “fitting out” that area. The question was “when” not “if”.

It has been pointed out to us that it would be much less expensive to complete the lower level now rather than waiting even a couple years. We can save money by avoiding escalating costs (5+% per year). We could take advantage of some economies of scale. We can avoid a second round of contractor start up costs. Moving costs can be reduced.

In addition to the monetary savings, we can avoid the confusion and disarray associated with trying to have our Church, social hall and parish offices so far away from each other. We are concerned that many people will get into their cars and go home and never walk the distance between the two structures. It is so much better to get the lower level finished now rather than waiting two or three years.

We have been in discussion with our architects (SFS) and with diocesan officials about adding the fit out to the current project. If the diocese agrees, we feel it is the right approach.



We are pleased to announce that the groundbreaking celebration for our new church will take place Sunday, April 15. We hope you will put this on your calendar now — a celebration of everyone's commitment to the growth and community at St. James.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the groundbreaking committee (GBC) please contact Chris Gabriel at chris.gabriel@lps53.org. We will celebrate with our special guest, Bishop Johnston and a few fun groundbreaking surprises. Stay tuned for LOTS of additional info. coming soon!

Suggestions? Please contact Chris or anyone on the GBC. They are listed elsewhere in this edition.

We will firm up the actual design if we are approved to move forward. We expect to include the following elements in the fit out:

- 8 -10 offices for parish staff
- Social hall and catering kitchen
- Several smaller meeting rooms including a choir rehearsal room.
- Restrooms
- All of the plumbing, electrical, HVAC, network, security, sprinklers and other unseen items needed to meet code and fulfill our needs.

So how much will this cost?

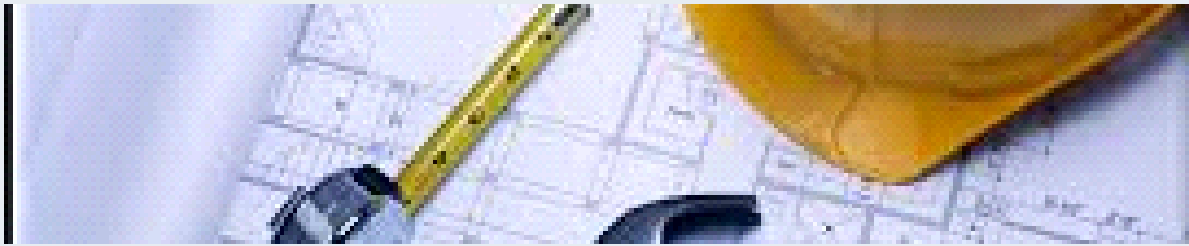
At press time we did not have a solid cost estimate to share. The lower level of our new church has an area of 14,908 square feet gross. When we have more concrete numbers about the costs we will be sharing that with you, our fellow parishioners.



Groundbreaking Plans Being Made

April 2018						
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Sunday, Apr 15th 2018



Frequently Asked Questions

(All answers are based upon the information we have today and therefore are subject to change.)

Q: What will happen to the "old church", parish offices and social hall?

A: While it is very exciting to think about the possibilities of re-using our existing facilities, we cannot do everything at once. Our building project will be done in phases. The current plan (phase one) does not allocate any funds for remodeling the existing sanctuary. We will get the new church built then move to making final plans for our existing spaces.

We hope to be able to finish off the lower level of our new building in phase one but that is not a firm plan at this time. It would save money to get the parish hall and offices done at the same time as the other construction. If we cannot make that happen then the current offices and social hall will remain as they are currently configured until phase two.

Q: Will groups still be able to store things at the church? i.e. Boys and Girl Scouts, children's groups etc. Where will groups store items?

A: We recognize that storage is one of the problems many groups experience with our current situation. It is impossible to say how much storage area each group will get in the new facilities. Since the old office areas are not being demolished there will be some free space for long term storage in those places once the new offices are built.

Q: To utilize our old tabernacle could we have it in the adoration chapel?

A: We have not made any decisions regarding the utilization of the various sacred vessels and objects that are currently in use. In addition to the tabernacle behind our main altar, there will be one in the chapel.

Q: Can any of the stained glass be used in the adoration chapel?

A: We would dearly love to use the current stained glass in our chapel but the size of the stained glass windows in our current worship space would preclude them from being incorporated into the chapel area. Additionally, the stain glass panels are intended to be viewed together as they tell a story. To disassemble them into smaller pieces would not be fair to the artist who created these beautiful pieces.

While the current building plan (phase one) uses painted glass in lieu of stained glass we are hopeful that in phase two we will be able to add stained glass windows to our new sanctuary. The painted glass windows in the current design can easily be removed if we can afford original stained glass artwork in the future.

Q: Will there be a real (sic) crucifix above the tabernacle?

A: We are not sure what is meant by the term "real" in the question. Western churches have traditionally used a crucifix with an attached carved corpus. Our current crucifix uses iconography which harkens back to the early church. Icons of the saints and the Divine grace many ancient churches even to this day. So perhaps it would be best to use the phrase "western" when referring to the crucifix with a carved corpus as opposed to "real".

Current plans are for the "iconographic" crucifix, now in use, to be transferred to the new chapel. The final selection of a crucifix for our new worship space has not yet been made but we do plan to have a permanent western crucifix at the altar.

Above the altar will be an image of Christ that will rise to a height of several stories. It will be the focal point of the entire sanctuary and narthex. We expect it to be awe inspiring.

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NEW COMMITTEE

We thank the following for agreeing to serve on the Groundbreaking Committee

Ricardo Torres

AnneMarie Van

Chris Gabriel

Troy & Marcy Sheeley

Heather Cissell



PARISH GROWTH

We welcome these newly registered families

John & Nancy Barrington

Kathy & Edward Caballero

Michael & Ashley Delaney

Tom & Celia Hancock

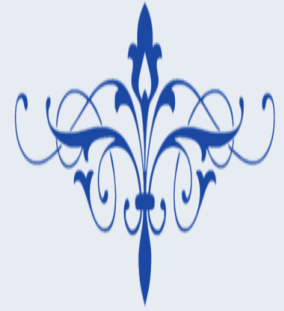
Joe & Belinda Hobbs

Jim Madden

Tom Stonfer

Alex & Sabrina Wright





Capital Campaign Committees

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STEERING

Steve Gregoire
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Amanda Lewey
Brad & Mary Hover
Julie Harman

GROUNDBREAKING

Ricardo Torres
AnneMarie Van
Chris Gabriel
Troy & Marcy Sheeley
Heather Cissell

Frequently Asked Questions (cont'd)

Q: How long will it take to build once we break ground?

A: Projecting timelines for a construction project of this size can be a challenge. We wish to give our parishioners a realistic timeframe. While doing so we hope everyone understands that unexpected delays can occur due to weather, topography, inspections etc. With that in mind we are looking at an eighteen month construction time line.

Q: Will there be a cross on the outside of the building?

A: Current plans do in fact include a cross attached to the outside of the building. The cross will be attached to top of the sanctuary roof. The exterior architectural drawing that we have does not show the cross because of the view-point perspective. Had the viewpoint been back 50 feet the cross would have been seen. Future exterior drawings are expected that show the cross on the top.

Q: Is the front entrance handicap accessible? Is there space in the church for wheelchairs and handicapped?

A: The front of church will have a gracefully sloping walkway from the drop off area up to the doors to the narthex. This will be in full compliance with ADA. There will be a total of twenty-two ADA designated parking spaces distributed throughout the parking area. Inside the sanctuary several pews will have an end space designated for wheel chair placement. There will be an elevator between the upper and lower level.



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More FAQs will be answered in next months edition of the New Church News.

Fun Fact

The first mention of Catholicism in Liberty occurs in letters sent from Father Joseph Anthony Lutz, a priest of the St. Louis diocese, to Bishop Joseph Rosati, a French diocesan priest on loan to the St. Louis diocese from Lyons, France. In a letter dated November 12, 1828, Father Lutz wrote that he "went recently to the town of Liberty and found there only one Catholic soul"

(Garraghan 31).