

New Church NEWS



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

PROGRESS ON MANY FRONTS

We are happy to report that our New Church continues to progress in many ways. The interior elements of the worship space are being finalized and that is so very exciting. In future editions of the New Church News we will be reporting on some of those elements. Our 2019 Appeals for the Stewardship of Treasure and the 2019 New Church Fund has started off well. Our ministries and outreach continue to excel.

We do need your prayers and efforts however. We still need to hear from many parishioners regarding their 2019 giving intentions. We sincerely invite all parishioners to inform us of your plans for supporting our great parish and the building project. Pledge forms are available in the Narthex and forms can be completed online via our website. If you have completed a pledge form we thank you very much. Please pray that all of our parishioners respond to the appeals. We will continue to collect pledges during November and into December.

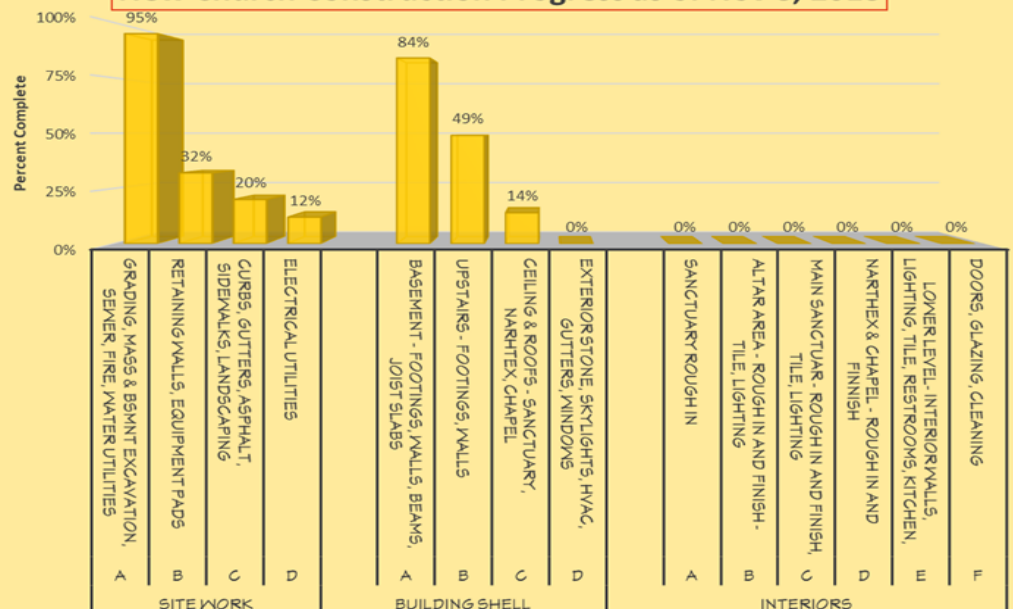


We Don't Assume

If your info is not changing we ask that you still return your pledge. We want to avoid any misunderstandings!



New Church Construction Progress as of Nov 8, 2018



Stewardship of Talent

THIS MONTH WE FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

Welcome! My name is Lori Tajchman, and I am the face of Children's Music Ministry at St. James. Thirteen years ago, following a call from God and some divine intervention, I left my career to stay home with my three children.



Ministry Spotlight

As time passed, the call became stronger, and a childhood dream of becoming a preacher's wife where I would do all things

"children" and "music" resurfaced. Newly Catholic, and confused with this new yearning, I prayerfully turned my gifts over to God and asked him to bind them together to make me a better steward in answering His call. Fast-forward to today, where I direct the Children's Music Ministry at St. James.

We are very blessed to have so many young, active families in the parish. We strive to provide programs to both educate and nourish those families. Children's Music Ministry encompasses three programs; PB&J (Prayer, Bible Stories Jammin'), Children's Choir, and Religious Education music and gathering. Through these programs, we are able to serve our young-family community and at the same time provide direction in educating these young believers.

Many young families are drawn to our unique PB&J program, recognizing the benefits of learning through music and movement with developmentally-appropriate activities and repetition of age-appropriate songs that tell the stories of our faith to their infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Through our classes, young parents are able to socialize with other young parents and grandparents, forming friendships and finding a beginning place to belong within their Church, all while teaching their children the basics of their Catholic faith.

As families age-out of PB&J, many will move on to the St. James Religious Education program. Whether in the Sunday morning or Wednesday evening RE program, the children are again engaged through music, movement and repetition. Prior to class time, we gather (assembly-style) to sing and dance and get a bit rowdy, in preparation for a more focused classroom lesson. While fun, this is also a time used purposefully (through music and movement) to gain a better educational experience.

Through both our school program and our RE program, all children are invited to share their gift of song by being a part of our Children's Choir. Our Children's Choir leads the music at Mass twice monthly, which is quite a task for children Kindergarten through fifth grades. With middle school students supporting the choir's voice and acting in leadership roles, such as cantoring, the children practice service and leadership skills within the Church while sharing their God-given gifts.



We are blessed at St. James with many ministries where each person can share their individual and unique gifts. God wrapped up the gifts He gave me into a package that I have been blessed to share at St. James through Children's Music Ministry. Through this service, I truly hope all St. James families can embrace the blessings of a strong Children's Music Ministry, and pray that through this ministry, the children in our program will one day be better prepared to share their gifts in stewardship for the Church.

Lori Tajchman
Director of Children's Music Ministry