

New Church Building Committee News, Soil Boring Tests, and A Few Photos From Various Church Tours



This week's 'picture page' highlights some of the New Church Building Committee's (hereto after- NCBC) activities. Over the past 9 years, they have visited numerous parishes to view architecture styles, furnishings, finishes, statuary, mechanical, musical, storage, devotional, etc. aspects of both new and old churches. They have attended conferences. When traveling as individuals they have made efforts to visit churches in other states, cities, and countries and ask questions. They have invited and will interview four companies that design and manufacture pews during the first week of May. Our Liturgical Design consultant, Fr. Mark Joseph Costello, is preparing design concepts for other aspects of our worship needs based on input from our parishioners and the NCBC, which will reflect who 'WE' are as a community. Below is an answer to an off-asked question regarding where we will worship during construction:

The front of the old church will likely be removed in the fall. This area includes from the outside steps through and including the vestibule and choir loft. We will have to move out of the current worship space and move into the Family Life Center (FLC) while this demolition is being done. We estimate we will be in the FLC for about 2 months during this time and no decision has been made on whether we will have to stay in the FLC through the rest of the building project. A temporary wall of some type will have to be erected that will support that end of the building which will then need to pass inspection from both the city's Fire and the Building Inspectors. We will lose a number of pews in the current worship space. The lost seats will number about 200 out of the current 630 seats. Two areas measuring about 30' forward from the bottom steps of both sides of the choir loft, and about 15' towards the center of the old sanctuary are where the new bathrooms will be constructed. We expect that when the Plumbing Contractor comes to rough in the plumbing for the new church, they will outfit the new bathrooms in the 'old' church at the same time.

Fr. Mike, Joe, Don and the staff have been studying the use of the FLC for Mass. Although not ideal, we are fortunate to have a building of this size of our own to use. Other parishes in our Diocese have needed to rent vacant department stores or movie theaters to hold Mass. It will require the support and MAN POWER from the entire parish to "set up" the FLC for Mass on weekends. This effort is sure to create a 'community building' effect in our parish. While we will never get around the feel of having Mass in the "gym", we can certainly attend with appropriate reverence as a place to worship and give thanks to God. By the end of construction, however, we will realize our goal- That through God's blessings, our parish community has stepped up to the challenge and built its new church building.

Please remember you can direct your questions to our NCBC chairman, Jim O'Leary at ncbquestions@stpatnc.org

The STAINED GLASS we have obtained can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugdcBtjVfuk> or by searching You Tube for ' Stained Glass, Fayetteville NC'

