



This is the first in a series of updates on the status of the many components of the St. Bartholomew's campus improvements. The Architectural Committee (ARCH Committee) plans to issue this update communication every two months. The goal is to keep you apprised of what is happening, expected timetables, and information on about changes to the plans. There will also be ongoing opportunities for your input and participation in making St. Bart's a better place for all.

Chapel

We were pleased to complete the chapel renovations in time for St. Bart's Day. We have received a lot of feedback regarding the chapel worship experience and we know that there is still work to be done.

- A committee is working with a professional **glass artist** to choose a design and colors for the windows. Installation is expected to be in early 2020.
- **Window screening** to reduce the impact of the late afternoon sun has been preliminarily selected and will be reviewed and confirmed following the installation of the stained glass. These will be roll-up light-filtering screens that will not completely darken the room.
- Candle sconces, cross, and ambo are being made by the same carpenter who made the tables and altar already in the chapel.
- **Chairs with arms** will be added for those who need them. Delivery is scheduled for late January.
- An exterior, wall-mounted cross has been donated and installed on the north wall of the chapel.

The Architectural Committee welcomes continued feedback and suggestions for making the chapel a quiet and meditative space where we also share worship together.

Parish Hall

Removal of the parish hall and construction of the new parking lot is expected to begin in June 2020 and completed by September 2020. This work will bring about many positive changes and will require some short-term accommodations. This work is planned to occur before construction of the new Parish Community Center (PCC) based upon priorities voiced by parish members in surveys and meetings.

The **new parking lot** will increase the available upper parking from 10 to 48 spaces, provide 6 fully compliant accessible spaces, and the opportunity for multiple senior-designated spaces for Sunday services and evening events

- Preschool parents will be able to park adjacent to the school to walk their children to and from sign-in and sign-out registration each day.
- An **expanded playground** for the preschool will be created where the current columbarium walkway is located. This will meet state safety regulations allowing for the concurrent use of the playground by all the preschool age groups and provide the potential to increase the enrollment from 82 up to 154 students.
- New, **ADA compliant ramps** to the columbarium and from the lower parking lot to the chapel patio area will be built. This second pathway allows safe access to the courtyard during construction and beyond.

This construction will be noisy and dusty. While there will be no work on weekends or at night, the demolition and construction work will affect people on campus during the weekdays. Access to the upper parking lot will be closed during demo and construction. We will provide clear communication on timing of upper parking lot and safe access to courtyard and the campus during this time.



Youth Room/MPR

New tables and chairs for meetings and meals are now being used in this space, along with the enhanced audio/visual system. Light filtering blinds will also be installed in this room.

Additional furnishings for Youth activities have been identified and prioritized by the youth and youth leaders.

Chapel/MPR Restrooms

The **renovation of the restrooms** located between the chapel and the youth room was successfully completed. The renovated restrooms now meet ADA accessibility guidelines.

New Parish Community Center

Construction of the new Parish Community Center is anticipated to begin in either the summer of 2022 or 2023 with timing determined by receipt of pledged campaign funds.

As noted in earlier messages, cost increases for materials and labor, and more detailed forecasting exact costs as a result of developing more specific designs, show that costs exceed the targeted campaign goal of \$8 million. As a result, the project has been revised to a Phase A and Phase B plan. Phase A would be built within the \$8 million budget and includes:

- The ground floor of the building that includes three large meeting rooms, commercial kitchen, ADA bathrooms and showers with a fabric-covered roof patio.
- Construction of an elevator from the current parking lot level to the sanctuary level.
- Expanded courtyard for activities and events.
- Showers
- Sexton work room

Construction of the second floor of the building would be completed in the future with a new funding campaign. In the meantime, this plan creates a flexible-spaced building that can be used for meetings and events with the fabric-covered top as a space for events on days with good weather.

Grounds

In preparation for the planned community center we have had arborists survey the trees in the parking lot area. The results show that almost all of the pines are diseased and cannot be saved. The arborist recommends removal of all 38 diseased stone pines and suggests that future plantings are restricted to species with a mature height of no more than 30 feet. When landscaping is developed for the renovated parking lot we will look to follow these recommendations in consultation with the City of Poway. No date is currently set for the removal of the diseased trees.

Sanctuary

There are some great opportunities for us to look at revising the interior of the sanctuary. Please see the separate handout for more information.

Architectural Committee

Please contact Mark Davis at davis@vmarch.net or 858-775-0132 or any of the committee members listed below if you have comments on the campus redevelopment or you would like to be more involved in the work. We always welcome new help!

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If you have any comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please send them to Costa Dillon at ranger92077@yahoo.com.



SANCTUARY OPPORTUNITIES

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Re-Imagining the Sanctuary Space

A number of factors have arisen that make this an opportune time to consider some changes to the sanctuary. We realize that changes to the sanctuary can be emotional and potentially disorientating for some people, so we will explain why now is the right time.

Why Change the Sanctuary?

The sanctuary is the largest inside space at St. Bart's and we call on it to serve multiple purposes (worship, concerts, holiday pageants, parish meetings, weddings, etc.). By reconfiguring the interior we can make it more accommodating while enhancing our regularly-scheduled worship. By reconfiguring the interior of the building we can:

- Add flexibility for a variety of worship and music. We are a liturgical church – flexibility enables greater choreographed movement for liturgical party/choirs.
- Accommodate expanding choir and musicians. Parish surveys indicated that the music ministry was one of the most important functions of the church.
- Allow the music to be more visually involved in worship in front of the parishioners and not alongside or behind them.
- Create a design more accommodating to wedding needs.
- Allow flexibility, better access, and improved accommodations for disabled parishioners.
- Create a more intimate seating and worship arrangement for smaller groups such as funerals and other lightly attended services.
- Create a space available for large parish events including banquets and concert performances.
- Create easier sightlines and more sub-aisles for easier access and “coming and going.”
- Have a space where we can break bread throughout the week.
- Accommodate greater numbers without affecting safety.

What Will Not Change?

First and Foremost – These Will Not Change:

- St. Bart's is a place for everyone:
- All Are Welcome – No Exceptions.
- St. Bart's is a welcoming church where all can find a home in Christ.
- St. Bart's is a safe place.

There is no final plan yet, but it is anticipated that many of the physical elements would remain as they are now, including:

- The suspended cross (may be moved to a wall)
- A baptismal area will be maintained
- False organ pipes remain
- No changes to preparation rooms
- All stained glass remains
- Exterior of sanctuary does not change
- Interior shape of the sanctuary remains as is
- Organ and pianos remain in the room
- Color of walls remains as is
- There will be an easily movable altar rail
- HVAC system unchanged
- Lighting unchanged

Why Now?

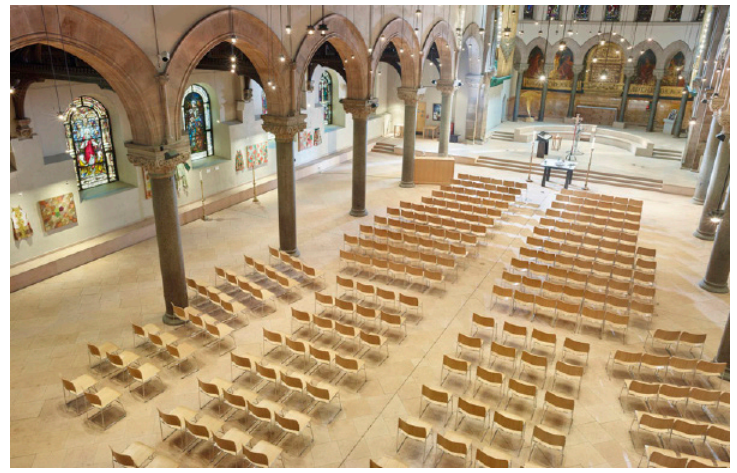
- Demolition of the parish hall beginning in June 2020 will remove that building from use.
- There are functional and costs efficiencies in making the changes as part of the overall campus renewal including permitting approval and costs, construction costs, planning costs, and materials costs.
- Adding flexibility to the sanctuary space will allow Feeding San Diego and other ministries to use the space – thus bringing people who participate in these activities to more fully enter the religious spaces of the church and reflect the influence of Jesus Christ on these activities.
- The church was recently awarded \$100,000 from the Department of Homeland Security to make safety/security improvements to our campus and buildings. Some changes are mandated by this grant. In addition to these improvements, we can take the opportunity to make other improvements that can save time and money from making these improvements piecemeal.
- Meetings that take place in the old parish hall cannot be completely accommodated in the MPR/ Youth Room and Chapel.
- A new configuration will allow additional ministries and organizations to use the sanctuary space.

What Changes are Being Considered?

We want to emphasize: NO FINAL DECISIONS ON CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. **This is an opportunity for us, as a parish, to engage in prayerful discernment on what we might accomplish to help make St. Bart's more welcoming and accommodating to our current and future needs.**

To create a more flexible and security-compliant space, these are some of the possibilities that have been suggested:

- **Replace the pews with chairs.** This would add flexibility to the space, improve accessibility, and improve family participation opportunities. Many other parishes use this arrangement.
- **Create a center aisle with the installation of a new entry from the narthex.** This would create an environment for ceremonies such as weddings, holiday pageants, and so forth.
- **Replace the carpet with a hard surface** that is easier to clean and maintain.
- **Purchase area rugs** as needed for ceremonies, such as aisle rugs for weddings.
- **Replace the railing and altar platforms with movable systems** that allow for a more flexible altar arrangement that can change as needed.
- **Relocate the choir risers, organ and pianos to an expanded altar area,** all at the main floor level.
- **Utilize previously purchased and stored second set of organ speakers** at expanded altar area.
- **Install projectors and screens to increase the flexible use of the room.** Screens will be hidden when not used so that the sanctuary will not look like a multi-purpose room.
- **Improve acoustics and noise control.**
- **Improve electrical control system** for lights and audiovisual devices.
- **Install security-compliant exterior doors** with electronic locks.



Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral



St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Chicago



Virginia Theological Seminary Chapel

How You Can Be Part of this Plan

Everyone's ideas and input are wanted. You can complete the survey form, you can attend an announced discussion session, you can join one of the work committees, or contact a member of the Vestry or Architectural Committee.