

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Update



Dear friends in Christ,

July 7, 2018

We'd like to share with you an update on the **Columbia-Greene Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel** project. We have received a good response from our Adorer Interest Survey and have been given the approval to begin work on the Chapel. We look forward to making the Adoration Chapel a beautiful, welcoming, and reverent space for all. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the surveys!

Father Anthony has been working with the Diocesan architectural board to coordinate the Perpetual Adoration Chapel project as well as other improvements to be implemented at Saint Mary's Church. As the current Reconciliation Room does not comply with diocesan standards, the renovation of the Victory Chapel to accommodate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is an opportune time to rectify the situation. At least one, perhaps two of the traditional confessionals located in the church will be restored to service, providing the opportunity for both face to face and anonymous confessions. Work on the confessionals will begin within the next few weeks.

Once the restoration of the confessionals is completed, the next stage will be the expansion of the current Victory Chapel by incorporating the space from the Reconciliation Room, thus restoring the Chapel to its original dimensions. A glass wall will be installed in the open archway to provide a sense of quiet enclosure, while allowing light and visibility for chapel adorers. The centerpiece of the wall will be a stained glass window of Our Lady and Jesus, now on view in the Chapel. The committee expects that the Chapel will remain open and accessible during this brief work period.

Included in this second stage of the project is the installation of new security locksets on both exterior entrances to the church, as well as new wiring to accommodate a heating and AC system in the enclosed chapel. The chapel will be appropriately outfitted with an altar, pews, a small library, and be handicapped accessible. The Honor Roll and artwork on the back wall will be preserved and remain visible.

We anticipate a final Adorer Sign-up Weekend in early September, with scheduling and training of Adorers to follow. The projected opening date remains October 19, the Feast of the North American Martyrs.

As you can see, there are several stages throughout the renovations. We welcome your help and your support at any time during these stages. To help with the physical preparations, contact either **Bill**

Meyer at **518-828-8412**, or **Jim Romanchuk** at **518-821-5518**. To assist with planning, catechesis or for any questions that you may have, contact **Elsie Turoci** at **518-929-0858**, or **Rebecca Romanchuk** at **518-799-5535**.

Should you be able to assist the Chapel project with a financial contribution, please contact **Elsie Turoci**. Checks can be made payable to *The Adoration Chapel Fund* and you may drop your checks in the Sunday collection baskets. Cash contributions can be left at the rectory, or contact Elsie for assistance.

We remain grateful for your patience during this process, and anticipate great blessings on our communities as a result of your time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please, please continue to keep the project and all the members of the committee in your *prayers* as we begin the arduous and detailed work of making the Perpetual Adoration Chapel a reality for us all. It's the best contribution you can give us at this time. Let's keep the graces flowing!

Respectfully,



Columbia-Greene Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Committee

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Proposed interior of Adoration Chapel with glass wall.