



ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Welcoming Faith Community Serving Warren County and the Lake Gaston Area



Building Our New Church

July 23, 2016

At the Beginning

Like in the Bible, let's start at the beginning to see our faith community's journey

40's-50's – Vaughan, Riggan, Mustian, Pitchford, Dore and Lynch families were early members.

1959 – the property was purchased from DE and Mildred Mules for the diocese by Father Parker's family – the pastor at that time.

Up to 1962 – Mass was held in private homes and then at the Colonial Lodge in Warrenton.

1963 – Lake Gaston growth precipitated the building of a permanent church in Warrenton - St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church.

- May 12, 1963 the cross was erected and Bishop Vincent Waters blessed the church.
- We started out with just metal folding chairs and kneelers.

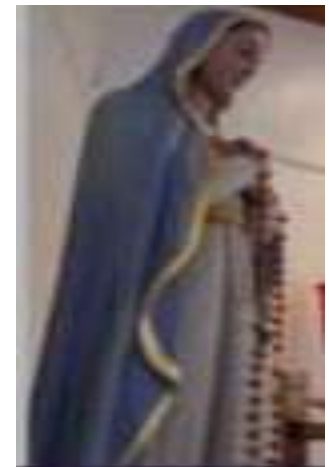


Officially Blessed May 12th, 1963

The Church and Parish House

1990 – 2016 brought additional growth

- **1990's** -- the parishioners and Father Thomas Davis designed and built the parish steeple.
- **2002** -- the diocese purchased the home next door for pastoral administrator, Sister Margaret where she lived until her retirement in 2010.
- **2010 to present** -- the attractive stained glass windows, baptismal font and statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary were added - all from special donations of parishioners.



New Church Rationale

GOAL: Provide a place for communal, personal worship and prayer which continues to nurture the growth of our strong faith community.

- Liturgical modernization in space and facility.
- Increase capacity for our growing community.
- Create a warm and welcoming place for all our parishioners – full and part time -- and for our visitors.
- Replace the current 53 year old building which does not meet diocesan requirements or building codes (e.g. ADA, heating system, roof, electric).



Making the Vision Come to Life

Work has begun to bring the vision to reality.

- Approval of Bishop Burbidge to build a new church – June 2016
- Initial sketches of the new church
- Overview of new church
- Cost estimates
- Budget analysis
- Fund raising and communications

Overview of the New Church

Key characteristics:

- Liturgical modernization – Eucharist and altar as focal point, sanctuary, adequate space, updated furniture, general liturgical environment, kneelers, reconciliation room. Will incorporate the current stained glass windows, statues and crucifix.
- Diocesan requirements – sacristy, sanctuary, kneelers, energy efficiency
- Capacity of up to 140 (currently 60- 76)
- Meets ADA requirements
- Bathrooms for men and women in front of church
- Narthex – gathering space



Cost Estimates

- Approximately \$600,000 to build the new church
 - Architectural design and drawings
 - Construction
 - Furnishings
 - Site preparation and finalization



How can you help?

- Goal – upon completion everyone can say:
“this is my church!”
- How
 - Prayer
 - Time
 - Talent
 - Treasure

Fund Raising

- Pledge cards and return envelopes available
- Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift over 3 years
- Please return pledge card by July 31st
 - Mail or put in the collection basket
- Payments may be monthly, quarterly or annually

Time Line

- Fund raising starts today -- July 3, 2016
 - Request for pledges
 - Community involvement
 - Website
 - On-line donations
- Construction
 - Start date – as soon as we raise needed minimum funds required by diocese
 - Targeting 2017

Monthly updates will be provided after Mass and on the Website.



Prayer for Building our New Church

Almighty God, Divine Architect, Creator of our Human Family;

Rise Jesus, Corner Stone of our Faith, Lover of us all;

Spirit of Wisdom, Builder of community, Our inspiration and Guide;

You call us to build up Your Kingdom.

Bless us with generous hearts, open minds, greater unity, renewed visions, as we seek to build a house for celebration and worship.

May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ for others.

Be with us and guide us in our efforts to serve you.

Amen



Building Committee

Father John Gillespie	Jim Hogan	Mary Krempasky
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- Please reach out to anyone on the building committee after Mass today or in the future if you have questions.