

RITE OF BLESSING
Building of a New Church
St Joseph the Worker Mission Church
Warrenton, NC
May 13, 2017

Entrance -- approach to the Construction Site

- Monsignor Michael Shugrue, Diocesan Administrator
- Fr. John Gillespie, Pastor

Greeting of the Assembled People

- Msgr. Shugrue
- Fr. John Gillespie

Reading of the Word of God

- First Reading
 - St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:19-22
 - Lector, Jim Hogan
- Responsorial (Psalm 118)
All: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."
- Gospel
 - Gospel of Matthew 16: 13-18
 - Fr. John Gillespie

Homily – Monsignor Shugrue

Blessing of the Site – Monsignor Shugrue

Ground Breaking

- Monsignor Shugrue
- Fr. Gillespie
- John and Nancy Riggan, Parishioners
- Ed and Gerleen Pitchford, Parishioners
(Riggan and Pitchford families were two of the original families that established the parish in the 1950's)
- Jim Sabo, Finance Council Chair
- Bruce McWhinney, Pastoral Council Chair

Concluding Rite

- General intercessions
Reader, Bridget Marlin
Response (all): "Bless and watch over your Church, O Lord"

Blessing and Dismissal – Monsignor Shugrue

Closing Hymn

Everyone is invited to a luncheon at the parish house immediately