

## **IMPORTANT CHURCH DEDICATION UPDATE**

December 31, 2020

*Hello Fellow Parishioners,*

*I hope that your Christmas celebration was blessed and filled with the joy and peace of our Lord. I pray for you and yours a New Year of all that is good and holy! I write to give you an update about the dedication of our renovated church that we have long anticipated and is such a sign of hope for better things to come in 2021 for our faith family. I recently announced at our Christmas Masses that the dedication liturgy would take place on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at our 5:00pm Mass, with Archbishop Etienne presiding. Already, there has been a change! I received a call yesterday from the Archbishop's office to let us know that because of a conflict in the Archbishop's schedule, that he could not be with us on that day. However, he will be able to be with us one week later on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the same time. He is very much looking forward to being with us, and for this we are truly grateful and blessed. This past year has certainly taught us how to weather the bumps in the roads of faith and life!*

*I do need to let you know, since many have asked, that because of COVID-19 restrictions, and following the mandate set by our Governor and by our Archdiocesan Coronavirus Task Force, that the capacity in the renovated church will be limited to 25% of available seating, or 115 seats. Very regrettably, what this means is that we will not be able to accept reservations for this liturgy and that attendance will be by invitation only. I know that this will be a source of great disappointment to many of you who would like to be there, and for this I offer my deepest apologies. However, this liturgy will be livestreamed for all of our parishioners who wish to be united in heart and spirit as we celebrate this historic occasion in the life of our parish community. I am grateful to each person who has helped to make our renovation possible in ways large and small through the gifts of your time, talent and financial resources. I thank God for you, and I thank you too, for your understanding and patience. Reservations will be accepted for our 9:45am and 11:30am Masses in our new church on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, and every weekend thereafter! May God bless us all!*

*In Christ's Peace!*

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