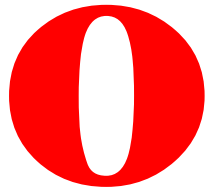


# February 1, 2024 Open Doors Update



ur construction project is fully underway now and our parish house is a mess! That is a good thing as it indicates that progress is being made. You will see many temporary walls and plastic barriers around to keep us safe and out of the way of construction. Please pay attention to these and don't wander through the parish house. Follow the arrows and paths that Drulyk, our construction company, has laid out for us to safely reach the Brewster room and the office area.

What has happened so far?

- Abatement work (removal of hazardous material) has been completed in many places throughout the building including the kitchen floor. This was a huge part of the project that was necessary at the beginning of the project and we are so glad that it is completed at last.
- The Montgomery Street lobby has been demolished to prepare for the installation of an elevator. Demolition has also occurred on the second floor for the elevator shaft. The Montgomery Street entrance may not be used at this time.
- The floor in the Sargent foyer has been removed in preparation for a new quarry tile floor and a new entrance in this area.
- Two of the three bathrooms adjacent to the Sargent foyer have been demolished. The third bathroom will remain available throughout construction. Eventually there will be three beautiful and enlarged bathrooms in this area.
- The kitchen is completely empty now so that the floor could be remediated. Eventually there will be new quarry tile installed and the walls will be painted. Until this is done later in the spring the kitchen will remain offline and our hospitality offerings will remain in the sanctuary.
- The Hansen dining room is a mess, filled with kitchen items including all the appliances that are temporarily stored there. The Brewster room is untouched and available for meetings.
- Some window restoration has begun. Windows throughout the parish house are being removed to be restored and will be reinstalled in the spring.

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We continue to include little construction reminders and updates in the weekly Courier and e-blast notices. Additionally, we are creating very short videos describing construction that you will find on our website. Just before submitting this article Judy created a video with Jeff Spain the Project Manager for Drulyk and it is on our website. Along with these update videos you will find other documents about Open Doors including the Fall Update that fully describes the current project.

We held a Q/A session following services on January 21. If you missed this or have any questions, please contact a member of our Open Doors steering committee which meets monthly to follow construction and fundraising efforts (see another article in this Courier about the Capital Campaign.)

Steering Committee members include: Rebecca Livengood, Fr. Philip, Betsy Elkins, Tom Cantwell, Doug Mouncey, Marion Greenhalgh, Dick Pilgrim, David Ridings, Cathy Wolff, Michael Mach and Bridget Fidler, our consultant from Partners for Sacred Places; Debbie Nettle is our Open Doors Administrator.

In addition, Fr Philip, Betsy Elkins, and Doug Mouncey are working closely with Drulyk Construction and meet regularly with them as well as with our architects from Crawford and Stearns.

We remain excited about our progress despite the mess and disruption to our parish life. We do see the light at the end of the tunnel now and the end results will be wonderful. Stay strong, flexible, patient, and grateful!

