



# 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.

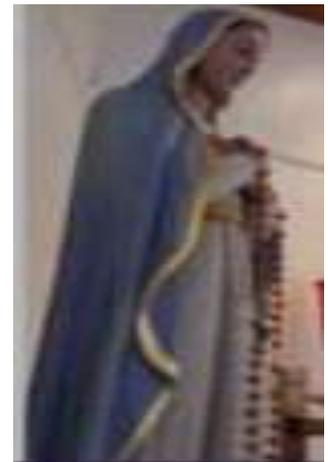


Officially Blessed May 12th, 1963

# 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 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 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
David Lilley	Bridget Marlin	Bruce McWhinney
Preston Reilly	Mary Beth Reilly	Jim Sabo
Anne Vandegrift	Don Vandegrift	Alicia Whiting
Mark Whiting		

- Please reach out to anyone on the building committee after Mass today or in the future if you have questions.