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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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A Message From Parish Council & Finance Committee

Friends,

This week's E news brings an unexpected message and one that is very disappointing.

Despite our coordination and planning with the construction company we were notified on Thursday at 3:15pm by the Town of Apex Fire Marshal that it is against their fire code to hold the Open House. Because the structure is a construction project and there is no Certificate of Occupancy, we are not allowed to be inside the space. We realize this decision was made with safety in mind, and we can't break the law.



So, unfortunately, we have to CANCEL THE OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR.

However, we are working on having a 'virtual tour' instead. We will have that presentation available after all Masses this weekend. From over 7,000 photographs and hours of video, you can witness what has been accomplished so far. In addition, we have already made posters and displays of the site plan, floor plan and some other visuals that will be available this weekend.

The best we can do at this moment is to 'make lemonade out of lemons'

By now, you should have received the letter to all parishioners regarding our cash needs. To reiterate, our current situation is mainly a timing issue. To build our Church, we are utilizing several sources of funds - cash on hand, a loan from the Diocese, and parishioner pledges. Unfortunately, not all pledges have been paid within the anticipated time frame and we are facing a shortage in available cash right as we begin our final purchases.

Our current need is to bridge the cash gap of \$750,000. This is a large sum of money; however, if each and every family in our parish pulls together and makes a donation, we can significantly reduce this gap. We can all begin the countdown of 146 days until the Church is open for all on Dedication Sunday July 15, 2017.

Some parishioners have asked 'can you provide a suggested donation amount.'" This is difficult to do since everyone's situation is unique. However, please consider that Father Staib will be 82 in April. He has been the heart and soul of this parish since day one. Perhaps you can honor him with an early birthday gift with a donation of \$820? This is

solely a suggestion; a donation of any amount is needed and no amount is too small.

Realize the Church **WILL** be completed and open for the Dedication but that this challenge with our available funds will cause us to delay the total completion of other spaces in the structure. We will likely not complete the Chapel at this time, and other furnishings and items will be postponed until we have sufficient funds on hand.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We have come so far as a Parish Family and are so close to achieving our vision, please do consider this appeal and prayerfully contribute to our Church!

Bob Callaway
Parish Council Chairman

Jim Galkowski
Chair, Finance Committee

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