

March 23, 2020

Update: Clean-up of the Church Site Begins

The clean-up of the site of the destroyed church building began today, Monday, March 23, 2020. The process should take about two weeks.

Upon the recommendation of the Building a Church...Continuing the Mission Committee and with the approval of the Archdiocese of Newark, Most Blessed Sacrament Church hired Mike Jost Excavating of Franklin Lakes to perform the work.

Prior to starting the clean-up, our Pastor, Father John Job, led a prayer and blessing at the site. In attendance were parish committee members Frank Bivona and Mary Anne Clark.

The crew members are working carefully and prudently as they excavate the site so as to retrieve any sacred and liturgical items (including but not limited to the tabernacle) that may be uncovered.

Please note that only authorized personnel approved by the parish are permitted inside the fenced area. In addition, people should not congregate outside the fence without adhering to social distancing compliance. This is all being done for public safety.

As Father John indicated in his bulletin column on March 22nd, the parish has retained Foresight Architects of Schenectady, New York (in conjunction with LAN Associates, Inc., of Midland Park, New Jersey) to develop a schematic design for a new church building.

In his prayer, Father Job gave thanks to God that this work is beginning today. It is a very much needed sign of hope and encouragement from the Lord for both the parish and this local community of Franklin Lakes as we deal with the effects of the Coronavirus. Father Job invoked the intercession of Saint Joseph, and Mary, our Good Mother, to watch over the site and all those working on it as we build a church and continue the mission.