



The Anchor

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Did you know?

It is thought that the majority of St. Michael's beautiful stained glass windows were installed in the late 1880s. The windows appear to be part of the Aesthetic Movement, which was prominent in the late 1800s.

Read about the window restoration on page four!

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Fleet July 30

Maria Assunta Festa Aug. 13

St. Mary Bazaar Aug. 19

The Building of a Church

In the weeks since the raising of the heavy timber trusses, there have been amazing changes to the church structure with new



progress every day. *A recent photo of the reconstruction project under blue skies on a beautiful spring day.*

Thanks to the wonderful support of parishioners from St. Michael, as well as friends from St. Mary, St. Thomas More, and the local community, we have the structure of a church!

- The Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) have been installed, closing in the roof of the church.
- After laying out wall plate for the steel studs, workers have been installing the wall framing.
- The steel structure for the base

of the steeple was finished.

- The steel framing at the front entrance has been completed.
- The elevator shaft has been built. The elevator will be located in the new addition in the back of the church on the right side.

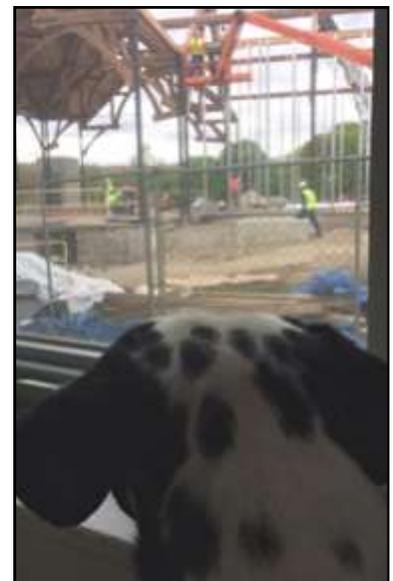
Be sure to check the bulletin, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the parish website at www.stmichaelpawcatuck.com often for the latest news on the reconstruction project!

Gallery of Recent Progress on the Site



Rain or shine, under blue skies or gray, the construction crews that have worked so diligently on the reconstruction and restoration project have made some amazing progress!

Clockwise from above: structural insulated panels (SIPs) are being installed to close in the roof; the steel framing for the interior of the steeple is being assembled; the elevator shaft has been completed; steel stud wall framing is being erected; Milo keeps a close eye of the site at all times; and the steel framing for the front entrance of the church is complete.



The Raising of the Trusses

Vermont Timber Works has posted a time lapse video on their website of the truss raising of St. Michael Church! The amazing video shows the entire raising, from the positioning of the first truss, to the placement of the evergreen tree signifying completion, and all of the skilled craftsmanship in between. Visit their homepage at www.vermonttimberworks.com, click on the Our Work tab, then click on Churches & Chapels. St. Michael Church has its own page.

The video is also linked on our parish website, and there are more photos of the beautiful trusses on the site as well.



There's Still Time to Join the Campaign!

The capital campaign is going strong thanks to the amazing generosity of St. Michael parishioners as well as friends from St. Mary, St. Thomas More, and the local community, but we still need everyone's financial support to begin Phase Two and bring this amazing restoration project to completion!

If you haven't had a chance to join the campaign yet, your support would be most welcome! All gifts, from the smallest to the largest, are very much appreciated!

Some parishioners may find it advantageous to contribute securities. When donating stock, donors can take a charitable deduction for the full

face amount of the appreciated stock without having to pay capital gains on the appreciation. In addition, retirees required to receive an annual minimum distribution from a retirement account at age 70 1/2 are permitted to have the distribution go to a charity and avoid taxation. Please contact the Rectory at 860-599-5580 for more information.

There are also some sponsorship opportunities still available for pews, stained glass windows, and Stations of the Cross.

If you need a pledge form, please contact the Rectory at 860-599-5880. With all of us working together we can finish this wonderful renovation!

Stained Glass Window Restoration Update

Bovard Studio, www.bovardstudio.com, the experts who are restoring St. Michael's stained glass windows, have shared photos documenting their progress.

The historic glass has been carefully cleaned and assessed for any possible structural deficiencies. Any damaged or missing pieces will be repaired or created before the windows are set in new aluminum thermal-barrier frames and paired with energy-efficient insulated glass.

There are still window sponsorship opportunities available! Sponsors will be recognized with a plaque naming the donor or memorial. Several members of a family may consider joining together to create a special family memorial.

For more info, visit www.stmichaelpawcatuck.com/sponsorship-opportunities, or call the Rectory at 860-599-5580.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsors for stained glass windows, pews, and Stations of the Cross will be recognized with a plaque naming the donor or memorial. Plaques will be located beneath the window or station and at the end of the pew.

Front 14-foot Windows	\$50,000 each
Nave & Transept Windows	\$25,000 each
Church Pew Memorials	\$15,000 each
Stations of the Cross	\$30,000 each

All donors to the St. Michael Capital Campaigns will be acknowledged on a Donor Wall within the church.

Capital Campaign Revenue and Expenditures

October 2011 – May 23, 2017

Revenue

Capital campaign donations, and fundraising	\$ 3,403,019	
Estate of Owen Sherry	1,132,339	
Interest.....	<u>4,765</u>	
<i>Total Capital Campaign Revenue</i>		\$ 4,540,123

Expenditures

Pre - construction

Property acquisition and house demolition	\$ 399,806	
Building evaluation and planning activities ¹	252,226	
Removal of stained glass and pipe organ	<u>35,650</u>	
<i>Subtotal Pre-construction</i>		\$ <u>687,682</u>

Phase One Construction

Construction and construction management	\$ 2,059,599	
Architectural, engineering, and misc.	<u>266,750</u>	
<i>Subtotal Phase One Construction</i>		\$ <u>2,326,349</u>

Total Expenditures 3,014,031

Cash on Hand - May 23, 2017 \$ 1,526,092

Total Project Cost and Funds Needed to Complete the Project

Project Cost

Phase One	\$ 4,409,006	
Phase Two.....	<u>3,721,656</u>	
<i>Total Project Cost</i>		\$ 8,130,662

Less:

Phase One Expenditures.....	\$ 2,326,349	
Cash on hand - May 23, 2017	1,526,092	
Outstanding Pledges.....	<u>483,000</u>	
		<u>4,335,441</u>

Funds needed to complete the project..... \$ 3,795,221

¹ Includes engineering analysis of the church structure, architectural fees for the first two designs for a new church, and capital campaign expenses.



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I Now Set My Bow in the Clouds

Recently a beautiful double rainbow appeared over the St. Michael Reconstruction Project! As Father Perkins stated, it is the sign of good things on the horizon for St. Michael's!

“When the bow is in the clouds I shall see it and call to mind the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth, that is, all living things.” Genesis 9:16

