

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the existing Upper Church

1. Why did the Parish spend money renovating the Upper Church if this plan was going to be put into action? Will the memorialized items go to the newly expanded church?

The re-orienting of the Upper Church took place as part of the Strategic Planning effort that was undertaken under the direction of Fr. Andy and was completed before this plan was even conceptualized. Once the Strategic Planning process was completed, recommendations were made for improvements to our worship space. The investment made in the re-orientation project will not be lost. The Upper Church enhancements will be leveraged at the new location.

2. Does the town want the property?

Yes, the town has shown interest in the property and will be holding a series of public meetings starting September 15th to outline the Township's vision for the land swap.

3. What are the anticipated refurbishment costs in the next 5 years to the Upper Church property and buildings if we were to stay?

The anticipated refurbishment costs to maintain the Upper Church Facility over the next 5+ years is estimated at approximately \$5M. This figure is an estimate based on the existing conditions of both the Upper Church building and the Rectory.

4. What is the distance for the buffer around the wetlands?

The distance for the buffer around the wetlands varies from 0-150 feet. Based on initial discussions with our land surveyor, it is anticipated that the existence of wetlands around the Little Church property will not be an impediment to the project.

5. What is the vision for the existing Little Church?

The Little Church will be the centerpiece of the "right sizing" of our Parish property and worship space. Parish leadership is in the process of interviewing architects for the project. Ultimately, the footprint of the Little Church will be expanded to create a singular worship space for the Parish. The façade of the Little Church will remain intact.

6. What will happen to the Parish Center?

The existing Township Library building would be acquired by the Parish as part of the proposed land swap. Ultimately, the Library building would be renovated and will become the Center for Parish offices, ministries, religious education and meeting space.

7. Will there be a capital campaign?

Yes, however, the size of the ultimate capital campaign cannot be determined until a final agreement is reached with the Town in connection with the land swap and a final architectural is in place.

8. Once the project begins, will there be any impact on daily and Sunday Mass?

Yes, because the Town will be acquiring the Upper Church property and building, and renovations to the Little Church will be undertaken, we will need to plan for an alternate location for Mass. Discussions with regard to potential alternate facilities for Mass have begun and further updates will be provided.

9. Has the Archdiocese approved our plans, to date?

Yes, we have received all necessary approvals for the project at this time. As the project progresses, we will continue to work with the Archdiocese to obtain all approvals, as required.