

A Message from the Pastor of St. Ann Church

Dear Friends,

After an almost ten-year journey of faith, perseverance, teamwork, and the Grace of God . . .
WELCOME!!!

Thank you for your presence today, and for all your support and patience throughout this whole process. This truly is the work of God, and all of you should consider yourselves instruments of God's plan for St. Ann. Well done, good and faithful servants!

This is a very blessed event for all of us to be a part of today. And as we celebrate this Mass and thank God today for our new church, let us also realize that the journey has been a blessing in itself. From the very beginning, we have placed this project in God's hands. Although it did not happen according to our "quick" timetable, as I reflect back on the past ten years of hard work, I cannot help but see the countless ways that God has provided for, and led us every step of the way. We have come together as a parish; we have prayed for God's will in this matter; we have discovered skills and talents in ourselves that have made this possible; and we have met many wonderful people that God provided to help us through this.

We are grateful to the Mills family, Roger Kessler and Tim O'Connor for their invaluable help with the real estate purchases, and for Archbishop Buechlein, Jeff Stumpf, and the Archdiocesan staff who have been so faithful and supportive every step of the way. We thank Nova Gilliatte, Stan Schultz, and Eric Atkins for their countless hours of service - above and beyond the call - and to Diane Guljas and all of the subcontractors.

Despite the weather, and the economic recession, and several little bumps along the way, we now celebrate the new St. Ann Church - completed according to God's perfect timeline. And as we do so, we thank God for the way He has worked in our lives and our parish through this process.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you, and may He continue to bless St. Ann's Parish, as we begin a new phase of ministry to His people.

Fr. Glenn