

CHURCH HVAC UPDATE

At long last, the new HVAC unit has been ordered for the Church! This new 40-ton unit will be powered by gas, eliminating our need for oil. Jordahl Engineering and Mechanical LLC is the contractor hired for this work. They will work along with PABEC Systems Inc., who will do the electrical work needed.

Prior to the demolition of the existing equipment, asbestos will be abated by Bristol Environmental. The boiler room will be properly sealed and isolated before the asbestos removal begins. The asbestos removal work will be overseen and the air monitored by Pennoni Associates Inc., a professional environmental management company. At the present time, the asbestos abatement is scheduled to begin on May 27. This work will take 7 – 8 normal work days.

Demolition of the existing equipment will begin immediately upon the completion of the asbestos abatement. The 40-ton unit will be installed, ductwork from the new unit to the existing ductwork in the boiler room will be supplied, and other cutting, patching, and support work will be performed. A new gas line will be run to a new meter. Final work to provide a comfortable air balanced system is expected to be completed in mid-July.

If the asbestos abatement work can commence earlier than scheduled, the project timeline will change. We should, however, plan on no air conditioning from mid-May until mid-July.

When we first budgeted for the replacement of the Church HVAC, back in June of 2020, we expected the total cost to be \$200,000. We now expect the project to cost between \$295,000 and \$325,000. Our present funds for this project follow:

Shore Up the Future Year 2 Appeal	\$139,264
Archdiocesan Heritage of Faith Campaign	\$130,310
Additional funds received for Shore Up the Future	<u>\$ 15,555</u>
TOTAL	\$285,129

Additional funding will need to come from Parish Savings or additional donations received. Therefore, if you are in a position to make a donation for this project, we would be grateful for your support! And we thank those who have already supported this much needed project.

May Our Mother of Divine Providence bless you and our parish as we pray for a cooler start to the summer and for a quicker completion of the work! With prayerful thanks for your support.

