

St. Rita Building Town Hall



Friday, September 23, 2022

Welcome

Tonight's Goal:

- Bring you up to speed on Building Committee progress
- Address immediate next steps

Nota Bene:

Planning for the future is affected, but not driven by timeline of neighboring development.

There is no rush for us to take on any big projects.

Please save questions and comments until the end

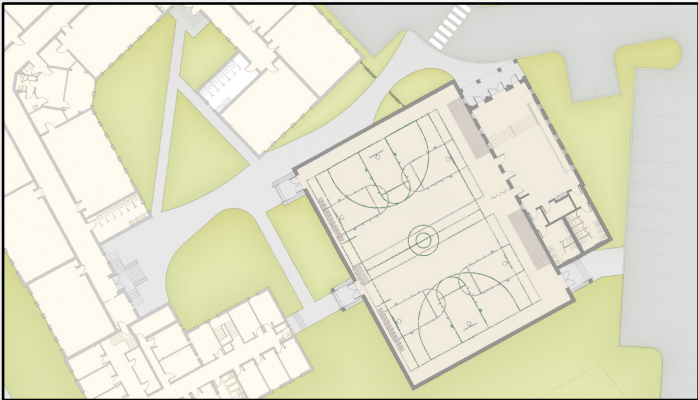
Building Committee

- Monthly meetings, since Nov '22
- Experienced Members: architect, builder, lawyers, parish and school representation
- Reviewed old plans and new ideas, based on your input
- Evaluated cost estimates, timelines, and feasibility of various projects
- Work continues to identify funding sources



Multi-Purpose Space: Designs

Design 1



Pros: Affordability
-No loss of parking

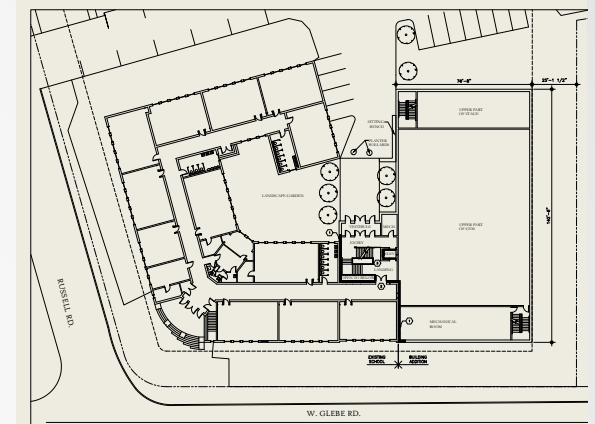
Cons: Bare-bones
-Gym only, NOT Multi-purpose
-Lack of aesthetic appeal

Design 2

Pros:
-True MP Space (gym and stage)
-No loss of parking

-Connected to School
-Maximizes campus space
-Could add a layer of classrooms above

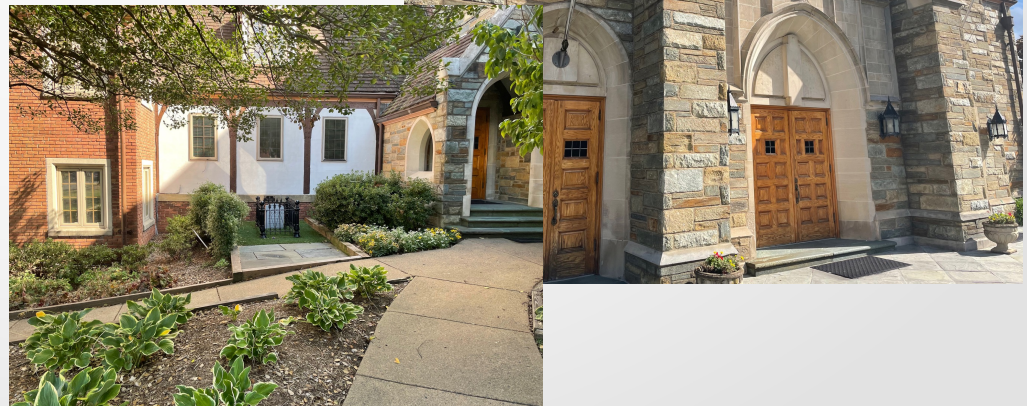
Cons: Affordability - \$13.3 million



Immediate Projects

5 Projects that require more immediate attention:

1. Playground
2. Security Fencing
3. Cemetery
4. Church Façade
5. Parking / Traffic Flow



Playground



- Current playground is 18 years old and is nearing the end of its life. Continual source of Diocesan safety hits.
- We are working with AllRec

Your big question: How much is this going to cost?

Surprise!

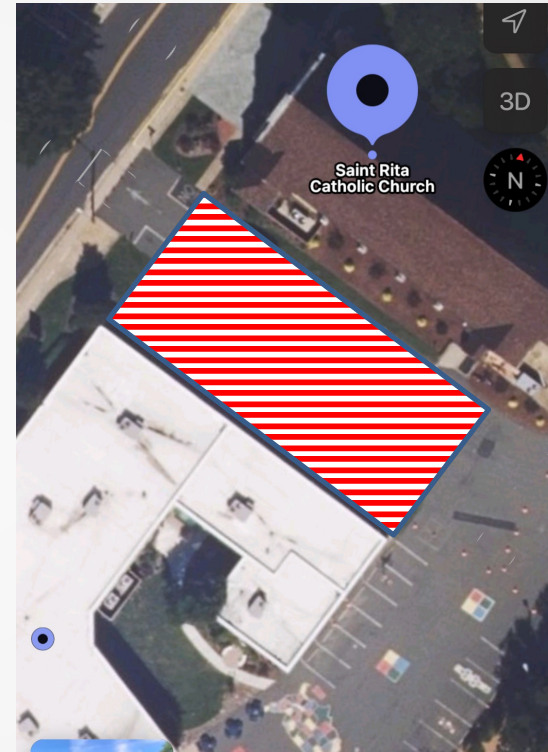


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- Author of several books
- Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami

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New Playground Location



Pros:

- Away from perpetual shade
- Away from balconies
- Makes room for MP Space

Concerns to be addressed:

- Noise close to Church → Reinforce windows
- Russell Road exit blocked → Create other egress
- Proximity to road → Security wall / fence

Design and Timeline

We will be seeking parent input for the design.

- Online survey
- Other methods

Our projected timeline has the project beginning after Memorial Day (May 29, 2023) and finishing before the start of the 2023-24 School Year.

Security Fencing

After Uvalde, everyone is on heightened alert, and this is as good a time as any to address known concerns.

The Diocese is also beginning to mandate some security measures that we have not yet put in place.

2 areas of focus:

- 1) Exit by Fr. Schierer's garden (orange netting)
- 2) Front of School, intersection of W. Glebe and Russell Rd.

Shrine of the Holy Innocents



We have 8 children buried here to date. I have buried 4 of them, and there isn't much room left.

- Expansion of plot to include hatched areas
- A small prayer bench (solid red rectangle)
- An angel statue (back left corner)
- Short fencing / gateway

This already peaceful spot has the potential to be a true place of prayer for St. Rita parishioners.

Church Façade

What is this??

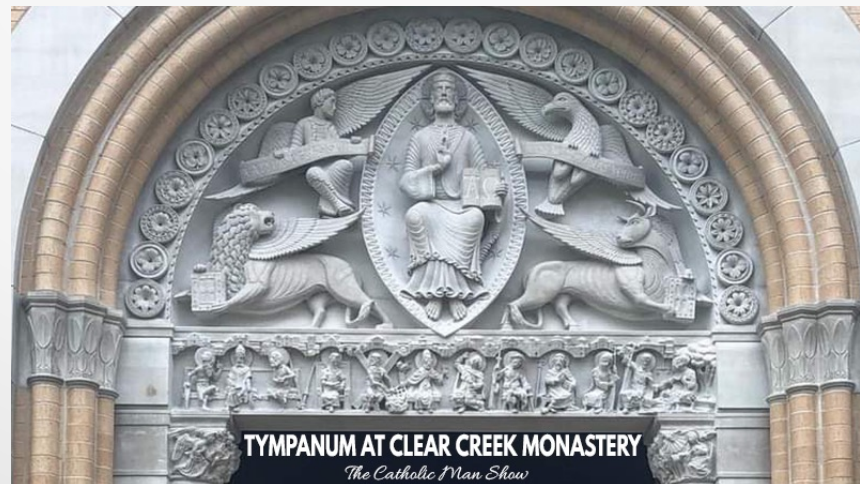


Church Façade

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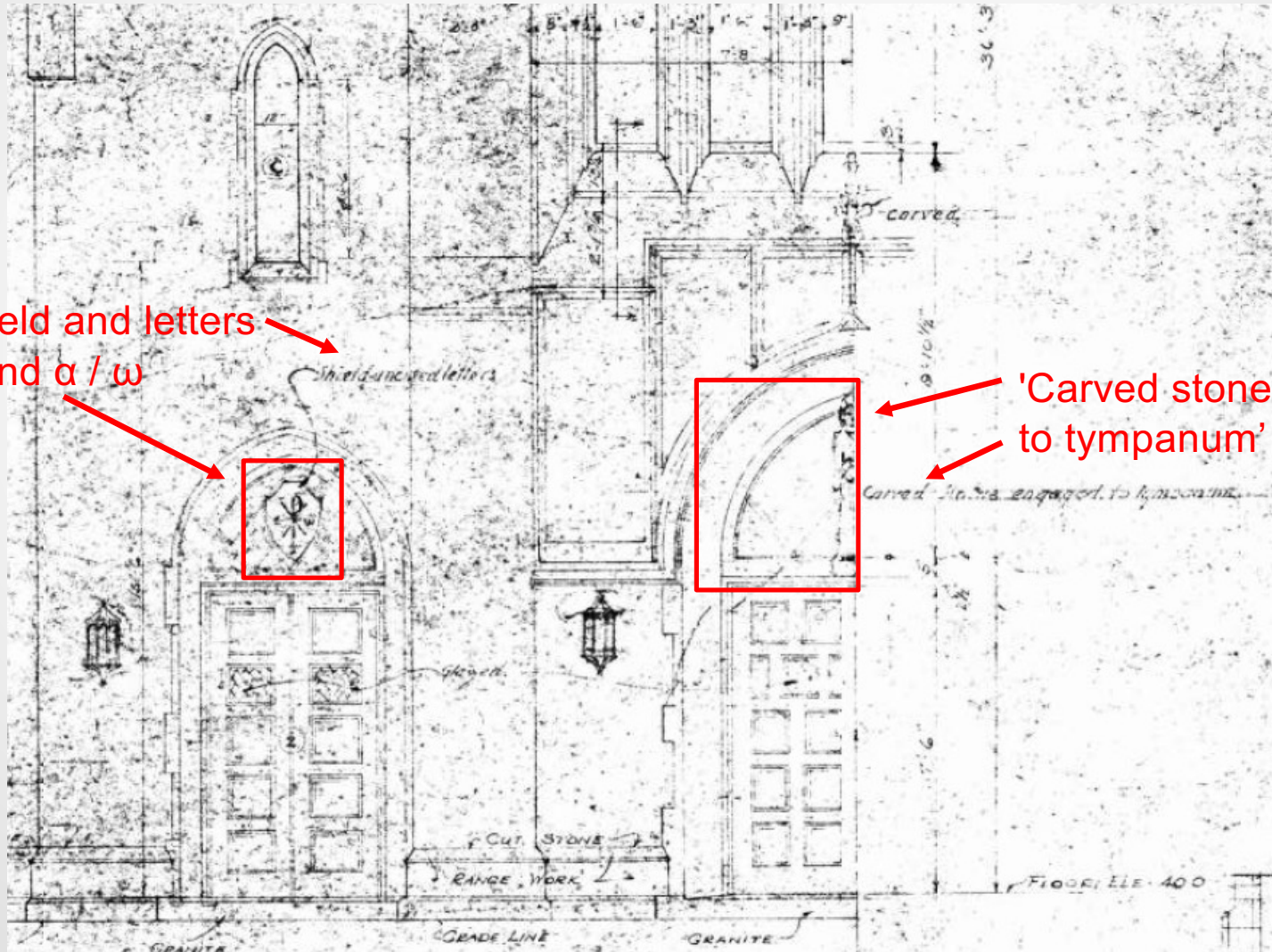
- “the semi-circular or triangular decorative wall surface over an entrance, door or window, which is bounded by a lintel and an arch. It often contains pedimental sculpture or other imagery or ornaments.”
(Thanks, Wikipedia)

Looking into the original plans of the Church, we discovered that that center stone was not supposed to remain as is. Nor was it supposed to have something hanging on it.



Church Façade – Original Plans

Shield and letters
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'Carved stone engaged to tympanum'

Parking

Parking has always been at a premium at St. Rita.

- Congestion between the 8 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11 AM Masses is particularly difficult
- People (rightly) want to stay and socialize, play at the playground, enjoy coffee and donuts, etc.
- This Sunday, we expect another influx of Traditional Latin Mass attendees due to the TLM restrictions in Washington, DC that went into effect on Wednesday, September 21.
- Next summer (2023), we expect our use of the municipal lot to be severely curtailed or taken away due to the adjacent development.
 - This will affect St. Rita at least 6 days / week – Pre-School and late Big School dropoff parking is removed, as well as Sunday overflow.

Current solution

- The Birchmere – we are very grateful for their permission to use their front parking lot for 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM each Sunday!

Parking

3 possible solutions:

1. Turn the “Grassy Knoll” on the far end of the Parish Center into parking and Pre-School dropoff location.
2. The space occupied by the current playground could be turned into a gravel lot until an MP Space is built.
3. Move the School fence that is along the alley so that the current parking spaces there are outside the fence, not inside, making them accessible during school hours.

Parking



Traffic Flow

Moving the Playground will affect Traffic Flow.

- Russell Road exit is no longer accessible

2 possible solutions:

1. Create a new exit onto W. Glebe Road, through the old playground and behind the Convent.
2. Expand the entrance from Russell Road by a few feet in order to make it 2-way.



Questions?

If not, let's move on.

Multi-Purpose Space

\$13.3 million is a lot of money!

If a project of this magnitude is to be feasible, we will need some private donors who would be willing to support us.

I have received, to date, a \$1 million gift – money is in the bank!

Please pray and talk about this idea.

Last Questions

