

MAY 1st TOWN MEETING

A. I want to thank you all for coming this afternoon. Your input is going to be valuable and appreciated for helping us take the temperature of enthusiasm for getting a church built.

B. I'd like to go over quickly how we've gotten to where we are today:

June, 2001: 1st meeting of the planning committee.

August, 2001: St. Mary Council authorizes planning committee to conduct a study and make recommendations for the future.

Autumn, 2001: completed facilities analysis of churches and parish hall.
Conducted demographic study of geographic areas served by St. James/St. Mary.

December, 2001: Phil and Marilyn Fahey donate property for new church.

January, 2002: architect and liturgical consultant selection process begun.

Spring, 2002: Diocese approves planning process to proceed.

Summer, 2002: final architect list narrowed to 12 firms. Architect interview criteria established.
St. Mary Council approves monies to contract services of Angus-Young
and John Buscemi.

November, December, 2002: feasibility plan startup.

April, 2003: conceptual plan accepted.

April, 2003: vote: 2/3 must approve.
255 yes, 53 no. 550 ballots sent out.

Autumn, 2003: Phoenix Fundraising chosen from list of applicants.

Autumn, 2004: Phil and Marilyn Fahey donate additional 2.5 acres.
Findorff chosen as contractor.
Joint parish councils recommend building entire complex.
Diocesan Bldg. Commission approves conceptual plan and encourages us to move ahead
with fund-raising.

C. A couple weeks ago I thought it would be interesting to count up how many different zip codes are represented by how many in our registered congregants. -- Many