

## Carpet replacement update

There are preliminary plans for carpet replacement to start on **September 10** after Mass.

1. The first item that we need to accomplish is to remove all the pews from the Church after Mass September 10, and take the pews to a storage facility for safe keeping. If we can get a lot of volunteers to help remove the pews it will make light work. If we cannot get volunteers it could cost the parish \$10,000 to hire a company to do the removal and replacement of the pews.
2. The second step is for the asbestos company to begin removal of all the carpeting and asbestos tile under the carpet. The cost for this project is \$42,132. It is estimated that this will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete. During that time, no one will be allowed in the church building. The main church and church basement will be sealed off during the abatement process.

Due to a last-minute availability, Mass will be held at the Brush Middle School cafeteria (401 Howard Street, Brush). Originally, the district said there was no space available, so thank you for your prayers. **Mass will be held at the Brush Middle School Sept. 16/17, 23/24, & Sept 30/Oct 1.**

3. The third step of the process is to get the carpet installers to put in the new carpeting. The cost for new carpet is \$29,354. New carpeting will be installed in the main church, Sacristy, cry room, balcony, confessionals, vestibule, stairs and the classroom down stairs in the church basement; it does not include the solid carpet under the Altar that is still in good shape. Carpet installation should take approximately one week. The carpet that was selected is at the back of the church. A commercial grade carpet was chosen for its long lifespan, durability with foot traffic, and style to complement the existing carpet under the Altar.
4. The final step is to get all the pews reinstalled and ready to hold Mass. Volunteers will be needed, and a date will be announced later.

The cost of this project will be funded out of our building fund savings and general savings. We have been given permission from the Archdiocese to lower our savings below the 6-month budget threshold because the carpet is becoming a tripping hazard.

We know this is going to cause a lot of disruptions in our parish community, but the result will be beautiful new carpet that is safe for our parishioners. Please pray for this project and for the workers who will be working on our Church.

St. Mary's Parish Council