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### Construction on Major Addition to Our Lady of the Angels Church Set to Begin

#### ***Parish Capital Campaign Also Funding Improvement Projects at Churches in York, York Beach, and Kittery***

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SOUTH BERWICK---Later this week, construction will begin in earnest on a new addition to Our Lady of the Angels Church, located on 162 Agamenticus Road in South Berwick (**addition and floor plan design below**).

The addition will include a hall with the ability to seat 150 people, a stage, a full commercial kitchen, classrooms, and a small chapel for weekday Masses. Total costs for the construction will be approximately \$1.08 million. Pine Brook Corporation of Kittery will oversee the project.

“Our Lady of the Angels Church was opened in 2011, but it was in need of a hall, classrooms, and the other features to better fulfill the needs of the parish community,” said Bill Green, business manager for the Parish of the Ascension of the Lord of which Our Lady of the Angels Church is a part. “We have had the land since the church was constructed and now, thanks to the generosity of donors to the capital campaign, the dream of this addition can come true.”

That capital campaign will also benefit the other churches of the Parish of the Ascension of the Lord: St. Raphael Church in Kittery, St. Christopher Church in York, and Star of the Sea Church in York Beach.

Several projects at parish churches have already been completed with more planned for the near future:

#### **St. Raphael Church, Kittery**

The front exterior of the church, located on 6 Whipple Road, was restored, including framing around the stained-glass windows. Deteriorating brick work, which had allowed water to seep into the building, was fixed. The interior lighting was upgraded to LED lighting, and a fresh air system was automated to cool the church at night during the summer. Hall support pillars were also remolded. Remaining projects at St. Raphael include the replacement of flooring in the church and parish hall and the installation of a hood and fire suppression system over the ovens, grills, and burners in the kitchen. The Hall flooring is scheduled to be installed this summer.

#### **St. Christopher Church, York**

Heat and air conditioning pumps were installed at the church, located on 4 Barrell Lane, and the parish plans to replace the floor of the narthex (entrance lobby) and hall

windows. Also, parking will be expanded at the church's chapel located across the street.

### **Star of the Sea Church, York Beach**

In the 1990s, a series of renovations were made to the church, located on Church Street. Some of the electrical system still required an upgrade and a new circuit panel was installed. The organ was repaired, and speakers were given new amplifiers. A number of exterior shingles and trim were replaced. The lower fans on each side of the church have been replaced and rewired from the basement. Renovations on the hall located behind the church started last year, including repairs on the exterior wall and roofing. The hope is to complete restoration and utilize the space for church and local events.

In addition, a new roof has been installed on the Kittery rectory, and several bathrooms were upgraded in the parish center, which is also in Kittery.

"These improvements will help our parish thrive for future generations," said Fr. Mower. "I can't thank donors enough for their continued commitment to our shared mission and the spiritual growth of the Parish of the Ascension of the Lord."

The capital campaign has nearly \$1.2 million in pledges towards a goal of \$1.5 million.

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