

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Greetings to all on this Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier!

I write to share some exciting news with the entire parish: Bishop Burbidge has approved our making the small historic building (early 19th century) near the cemetery into the Chapel of St. Lazarus of Bethany! To this end, we will be carrying out some repairs and improvements to the interior of the building (the exterior was renovated some years back) over the next several months. During this time, we will acquire the liturgical items that have been chosen for the space and approved by the Bishop, these will include:

1. Wooden Altar (acquired from a site that resells Catholic furnishings and appointments taken from closed Churches);
2. Wood Lectern (likewise acquired from the same site)
3. Wooden Crucifix (after the design of the Crucifixes from Oberammergau)
4. Wall-Mounted Statue of Our Lady of Sorrows
5. Wall Mounted Statue of St. Joseph and the infant Jesus
6. Icon of the Raising of St. Lazarus of Bethany from the Dead (Monastery Icons)
7. Altar Candles (2-4)
8. Small crucifix for the Altar
9. Liturgical items and books for use in Mass, Funerals outside of Mass, etc.
10. Lockable wooden/metal cabinet for storage of items used for liturgies
11. Chairs for seating and for celebrant

When this chapel is ready and fully furnished (with the items above) the Bishop will come out to bless and dedicate the new Chapel and Altar...which will be a great day: then the space will be open, on a daily basis, for people to stop in for prayer when visiting the cemetery; as well as for use in small funerals and burial services, etc.

I am looking for those who may wish to help us cover the repair costs as well as the costs for the aforementioned items (perhaps in memory of a loved one buried in the cemetery already or buried elsewhere): we will have a plaque placed in the chapel listing donors (and "in memoriam") for those who wish to be so listed. I ask anyone wishing to provide financial assistance with this project to contact me at: frkevin@stjohnleesburg.com for more details.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Kevin Larsen, Pastor