

# St. Margaret's parishioners on pilgrimage to new church

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**GLASGOW** — St. Margaret of Scotland parishioners took a giant step toward their new home last weekend as Masses moved about two miles, to Christ the Teacher School from the temporary warehouse quarters used since the parish was founded in 1999.

But they must wait nine more days to go the final couple of hundred yards for Mass in their new church, said Father John Hopkins, pastor.

"We're going to move weekend Masses over to the new church Oct. 13 and 14," even though not all the liturgical furnishings will be in place, he said. Dedication will be at the 10:30 a.m. Mass Nov. 11.

The regional school, which opened in 2002, and St. Margaret Church are on the same tract of land at the intersection of Frazer Road and U.S. 40, near the Delaware-Maryland state line.

Parish offices moved into a building adjacent to the new church earlier this week.

Cost of the church came in at \$6 million, not including furnishings such as pews, the altar and the ambo, Father Hopkins said. It will seat 900.

Parishioners said goodbye to their home in the Pencader Corporate Center



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**Workers on Friday installed a stained-glass window in the new St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glasgow.**

the weekend of Sept. 22-23.

"From the outside it may look like a warehouse," the parish's Web site proclaimed of its old quarters, "but within it we've created a very special church

home."

At the final Masses there, Father Hopkins recounted the various liturgical services — Masses, weddings, funerals, and so on — and groups that have used the converted

warehouse space as the parish grew from 614 families in 2000 to about 1,400 today.

"Since we arrived here we have baptized 833 people and 651 people have made first Communions," he said. "It's really been a good space."

Should parishioners become nostalgic, they need only visit the chapel at Christ the Teacher or the new St. Joseph's Church in Middletown, which will be dedicated Nov. 25.

The Stations of the Cross and tabernacle used at Pencader Corporate Center will go to the school chapel, Father Hopkins said, and 500 chairs have been sent to St. Joseph's for its \$6.4-million church, which is nearing completion.

St. Joseph's deferred adding pews to keep costs down, said Father Steven Giuliano, pastor. Between 600 and 650 chairs will be used, with the remainder coming from the parish hall where Mass now is celebrated.

## The window

The photo on page 1 shows workers at the new St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glasgow preparing to install a panel representing St. Matthew, part of a 9-foot stained-glass rose window of the four Evangelists, as illustrated in the Book of Kells. The upper right panel depicts St. Mark, who is symbolized by a lion. The Book of Kells' images were chosen given

the parish's Scottish heritage, since monks on the Isle of Iona off the coast of Scotland are believed to have produced the book of the Gospels in the early eighth century. Newark stained-glass artist Cynthia Gallagher produced the rose window. The original book, known for its Gospel illuminations, is on display at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

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