

Mary, Queen of Peace Church



Over the past few months, the progress at Mary, Queen of Peace's new church in Mandeville has been quite impressive and a true result of the cohesive teamwork of the entire project team. Our project team has embraced our construction schedule milestone dates to expedite this project's completion date, which is on track for early August.

We are currently well underway with the exterior work surrounding the church, which will give the church a remarkable appearance on the outside. The front entrance to the church consists of brick pavers that curve completely around the entrance wing. Each side of the church will be fully landscaped with numerous trees, shrubs, several different flowers and plants. An underground irrigation system is being installed to service the entire landscaped area. One section of the curved walkways will consist of engraveable brick pavers to commemorate the new church.

The work inside the church is nearing completion and the interior finish selections are of exceptional quality. The doors leading from the Narthex to the Nave are mahogany wood stile and rail doors with tempered glazing, which sets the stage for this beautifully appointed natural setting when you enter and exit the church. The Nave area includes porcelain tile flooring and a linear metal ceiling panel system. Several pendant light fixtures hang from this ceiling, which greatly compliment the light from the circular dormer windows at each side of the Nave and the impressive curtain wall window behind the Tabernacle. Cove lighting illuminates the Stations of the Cross that are positioned below the dormer windows. There is an immersion Baptistry adjacent to the Altar consisting of a marble basin complimented with gold mosaic tiles. The CMU walls supporting this marble basin have an applied marble finish as well. On the opposite side of the Altar lies a raised choir area. Additionally, the walls adjacent to the Altar are finished with a wood wall covering with mosaic tile panels surrounded by recessed light fixtures. The interior design and finishes truly give this church a very "welcoming" feel that the parishioners will certainly appreciate.

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From the President

We again want to thank everyone who participated in this project including Pastor Ronald Calkins, Mr. Jack Donahue of the Building Committee, Mr. Andre Villere of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the entire design team at Fauntleroy & Latham Architects – Mr. Kieran Weldon, Mr. Alan Riecke & Mr. Steve George, as well as all of their engineers. We also commend our Project Superintendent, Mr. David Perilloux, whose dedication to our firm's goals and the schedule for this project has not gone unnoticed. The number of hours Mr. Perilloux has sacrificed to accelerate the completion date far exceeds expectations. Mr. Perilloux and our entire team have demonstrated our guiding principle of delivering a successful project and providing construction services beyond expectations. We sincerely thank Mr. Perilloux and all Team members for "raising the bar."

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Center for Restorative Breast Surgery

The construction on the new expansion phase of the Center for Restorative Breast Surgery is well underway. This expansion consists of the renovation of a 2-story, 14,000 square foot existing historic building and the new construction of a 3-story, 23,000 square foot building that will be adjacent to it.

In the existing historic building, the metal stud framing on the 2nd floor has been completed and 85% of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing has been roughed in. On the 1st floor, the slab on grade has been poured, and the fireproofing of the structural steel has been completed. The metal stud framing on this floor has started, and the ductwork, sprinkler piping, and overhead plumbing is being installed.

On the new 3-story building, the structural steel erection is complete, and the concrete on each floor has been poured. The exterior metal stud framing will be completed within the next two weeks with the sheathing and plaster work to follow thereafter. The mechanical, electrical, and plumbing trades have all started roughing in their respective systems in the ceiling spaces. The interior stud framing will be commencing in the next week.

Campo Architects, Associated Design Group, and Morphy-Makofsky, Inc. have provided the design for this facility. Once completed, the new expansion will combine the look and feel of an upscale hotel with a state of the art medical facility. Construction is scheduled to be complete in December 2008.



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Visitation of Our Lady



Construction of the new 32,122 square foot multipurpose building for Visitation of Our Lady began in January of this year. Since then, the driving of approximately 840 treated timber piles has been completed, as well as, the pouring of all three foundations.

Currently, the Metal Building structure is close to completion, as is the installation of all concrete masonry units. The critical path will then move to second floor structural steel, brick veneer, metal wall panels, and the roofing.

The current projected completion of the project is May 2009.



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St. Michael's Special School



We are pleased to report that progress at St. Michael's Special School is moving along swiftly. The construction of the 11,000 square foot Vocational and Training Building, located in the Garden District of New Orleans, began in mid-March. Due to favorable weather and the hard work of our Superintendent, Beau Campbell, construction has gone smoothly. The exterior walls are nearing completion and the erection of the steel roof trusses is scheduled to begin at the end of June, along with the installation of the brick and split-faced block veneer of the building. This will give everyone a sneak peek at the finished façade of the building.

In mid-July, we expect the standing seam metal roof installation to begin, which will not only begin to bring the exterior of the building to a nearly completed state, but it will also allow the major interior works of the building to commence. Our expected completion date is November of this year.

We wish to thank the project team, including Andre Villere from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Jerry Ruple and Barry Fox from Barry Fox Associates Architects, Ltd., and last, but not least, Mrs. Jane Silva of St. Michael's Special School, who has been an absolute pleasure to work with. We look forward to our continued relationship and the successful completion of this great project.



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Port of Arabi/LISCO Relocation



Construction has commenced on the Arabi terminal Relocation of Lisco at the St. Bernard Port. The project's scope consists of a 73,000 square foot warehouse, complete with a dust collection system, a 2,324 square foot Stacker Shed and a 2,670 square foot Boiler Foundation. The project will include a 3,840 square foot Kiln foundation. The exterior shell of the warehouse will incorporate translucent wall lights. There are also ten overhead doors with concrete aprons being installed, which will be equipped for heavy machinery.

Pile driving, concrete paving, and underground utilities are the major activities that are currently underway. The project incurred unexpected delays due to the Northern flooding of the Mississippi River, but two pile driving rigs will be mobilized to achieve a completion date as close to the original date as possible.

The completion date remains in the month of January, 2009.



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D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home



We are pleased to announce the upcoming start of this exciting new project, located at the intersection of Broad Street and Washington Avenue in the heart of New Orleans. The over 12,000 square foot building, damaged severely by flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, is set to be completely renovated from top to bottom, including all new roofing, plaster renovation, and the addition of an exterior driveway, canopies, and parking areas. The interior of the building, comprised of structural steel joists and poured metal decking, will contain a large entrance lobby, as well as, three sizable parlors, all to be graced with fine finishes and furnishings.

We at F. H. Myers are extremely excited to be a part of this project and would like to thank everyone involved, including all members of the Rhodes family, the project architect, Washer Hill Lipscomb Architecture of Baton Rouge, and the project engineer, Avegno, Bailey, & Associates of New Orleans. We look forward to the opportunity of bringing D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home back to its former beauty.

Regions Bank - Lakeview



F.H. Myers Construction Corp. is proud to once again have been selected to work with Regions Bank in bringing a new location to the Lakefront area in New Orleans.

The Lakeview Branch, when completed, will be a new 3,800 square foot facility. The bank will be comprised of five drive-up lanes including an ATM, four teller stations, and a night deposit box. The exterior of the building will be finished with Arriscraft Block, Jenkins Menawa Modular Brick, and aluminum storefront glass systems at all entrances and windows.

The building foundation will be a pile supported slab. The structure will be structural steel, metal studs, and wood trusses. The interior of the bank will provide customers with a state of the art checkstand counter, as well as five new teller stations.

Currently, we are working on the commencement of pile driving. The bank is scheduled for completion in November 2008.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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"A Choice"

Mid-year – 2008, finds us well into an election for the Presidential leader of our country. Depending on the timing of our company's third-quarter newsletter, this could be my last opportunity to discuss our options. The Democratic candidate, Barack Obama, and the Republican candidate, John McCain, appear to have been solidified as their party's nominees. How did we get here? Name recognition on the part of John McCain and a new articulate speaker with a message of change. Whatever happened to qualifications?

Now that we are here, we need to look past the individuals and analyze what they stand for, or their philosophical principles that got them where they are today. The intention of my analysis is not to "persuade," "influence," or "sway" your choice for President of the United States, but to cause you to analyze the real "philosophical principles" of each nominee.

On one side, we have a movement for change. His message to Americans is that universal healthcare is a right of everyone. Homeownerships and bad mortgage decisions made five years ago are now the responsibility of those who opted for higher interest rates to avoid the current calamity. Our commitments to other countries should be compromised and/or withdrawn because it is getting difficult to stand up for the decisions that were made years ago. Corporations and personal wealth should be shared, at a greater level, to those less fortunate. The rewards for personal sacrifices and hard work should be shared by all, not only those who toiled. These are real changes, but are they the "American way"?

On the other side, the plans and objectives are different. A potential resolution for the mortgage crisis is for government, the lending agency, and the homeowner to work out a re-financing arrangement that will allow all responsible parties to work through this issue. On the international front, there is strong support to stand behind our commitments made by previous administrations. This war has been divisive and difficult, just as we were advised at the onset, but we must not abandon our commitment. If this occurs, there will be a long standing effect across the world.

Through the campaign, the business community has been brought to the forefront. Profits are now a bad word. Salaries of top executives should be approved by Washington and the American people instead of the Board of Directors. Therefore, let us increase taxes to allow more government spending and to give to the less fortunate.

Allow me for a moment to give you an insight to the corporate world. A real company, an average small business that shares success with its employees on a daily basis, F. H. Myers Construction Corp. First, let us review our benefit package.

- Paid Healthcare for all employees (3 – 5% of profits)
- Match fund to 401K retirement program for all employees, if they choose to participate (3 – 5% of profits)
- Incentive and performance bonuses (10 – 12% of profits)
- Paid vacation and holidays (3 – 5% of profits)

These benefits are provided for two reasons. The first is to share our success with our employees, and the second is to compete in the ever shrinking workforce pool, both skilled and unskilled.

After these pre-taxed benefits are paid, we are then subject to federal taxes between 33-35% and state taxes of approximately 12%. These funds run our government, provide for programs to protect our country, assist the less fortunate, and hopefully improve this great country we live in. At the end of the day, small businesses have provided 70% of its bottom line profits to the enhancement of our people and to fund government programs, and these numbers are not much different for "big businesses."

There will be a "tipping point" where entrepreneurs and business owners/stockholders say "enough is enough." The return is not worth the risk, and "cash out." The only employer left standing will be the government and without any tax revenue, how long will these jobs last? The free enterprise system works; we do not need government interference.

We have a "choice," much better than some other countries. Please vote November 4, 2008. People are sacrificing their lives to provide you the freedom to do so.



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