

THE TREE TO CRUCIFIX JOURNEY



ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church New Building Site



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**The White Oak Tree is cut down to make room
for the New Church - July 23, 2019**

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church New Building Site



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**The oak logs marked and ready
to be hauled away - July 23, 2019**

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Trunk Length 14' 7"



Trunk Diameter 33"

Multiply the diameter by 5.0 if it is a white oak. The result is the approximate age in years. $33'' \times 5 = 160$ years old

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**Log being loaded & readied to haul by
Strittmatter crew - July 29, 2019**

Stoltzfus Lumber Co. - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Amish Owned
(no electricity or phone)



Charles Larochelle of Strittmatter, Inc.
delivering logs July 29, 2019

Stoltzfus Lumber Co. - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Logs ready to be milled to rough cut lumber
August 3, 2019

Stoltzfus Lumber Co. - Mechanicsville, Maryland



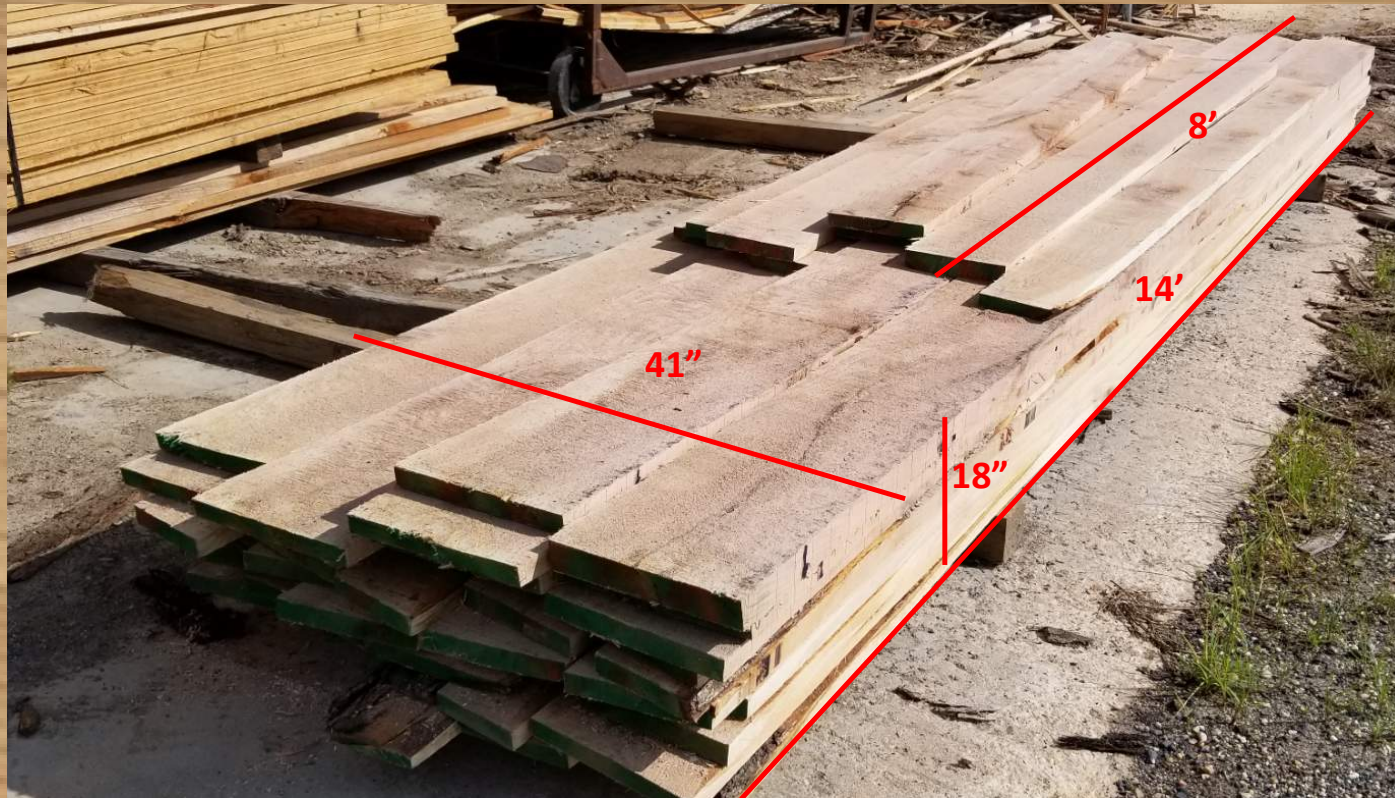
Chris Byler placing the log to be milled
August 3, 2019

Stoltzfus Lumber Co. - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Chris squaring up the 14' Log
August 3, 2019

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Lumber stack dimensions
August 3, 2019

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**Lumber being moved to be cut to 12' lengths & loaded
August 7, 2019**

Franks Wood Products - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Re-marking boards
for identification

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**Lumber being unloaded August 7, 2019
Boards air-dried until Nov.16th (14 weeks)**

Franks Wood Products - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Wood Burning Furnace



Kiln in use

**Charlie Franks explaining his kiln equipment process
August 7, 2019**

Franks Wood Products - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Inserting boards into kiln



Removing boards from kiln

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**Lumber placed in kiln for 4 weeks
Nov. 16th to Dec 15, 2019**

Franks Wood Products - Mechanicsville, Maryland



Removing lumber from kiln, planing & checking moisture
Dec. 15, 2019

Franks Wood Products - Mechanicsville, Maryland



**Lumber leaving Frank's and heading to Mountain View Millworks
Dec. 21 , 2019**

Mountain View Millworks - Hedgesville, WV

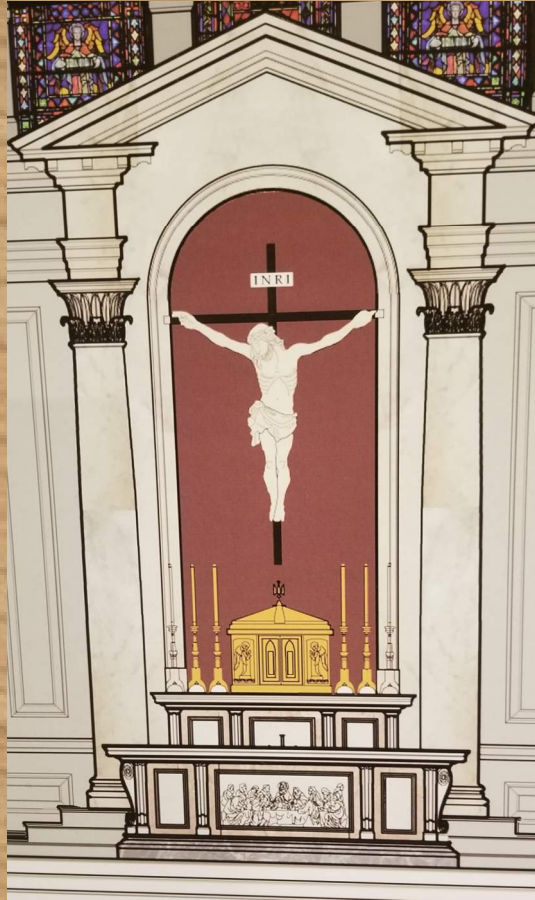


**Owner, David Tressler inspecting and unloading boards
Saturday, Dec. 21 , 2019**

Coakley & Williams and McCrery discussed ideas on how to use the lumber in the Church's architectural millwork



The cross of the Crucifix over the Tabernacle was selected



**The existing Corpus will be used
on the new white oak cross**

Mountain View Millworks - Hedgesville, WV



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**Craftsman, Chris Myers jointing and
planing the boards for cross - Sept. 3, 2020**

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Mountain View Millworks - Hedgesville, WV



**Cutting the boards for the cross to length
Sept. 3, 2020**

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**Layout and cutting cross lap joints
Sept. 3, 2020**

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**Assembling the cross
Sept. 3, 2020**

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**Chris staining and finishing the cross
Sept. 8, 2020**

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St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church (existing)

It took seven persons to safely lower the Crucifix

A reflection on the Seven Sorrows of St. Mary

Removing the Crucifix

1. Kenny Myers
2. Matt Taylor
3. Julio Rivera
4. Artemio Orellana
5. William Torres
6. Edilson Nunez
7. Gustavo Carransa

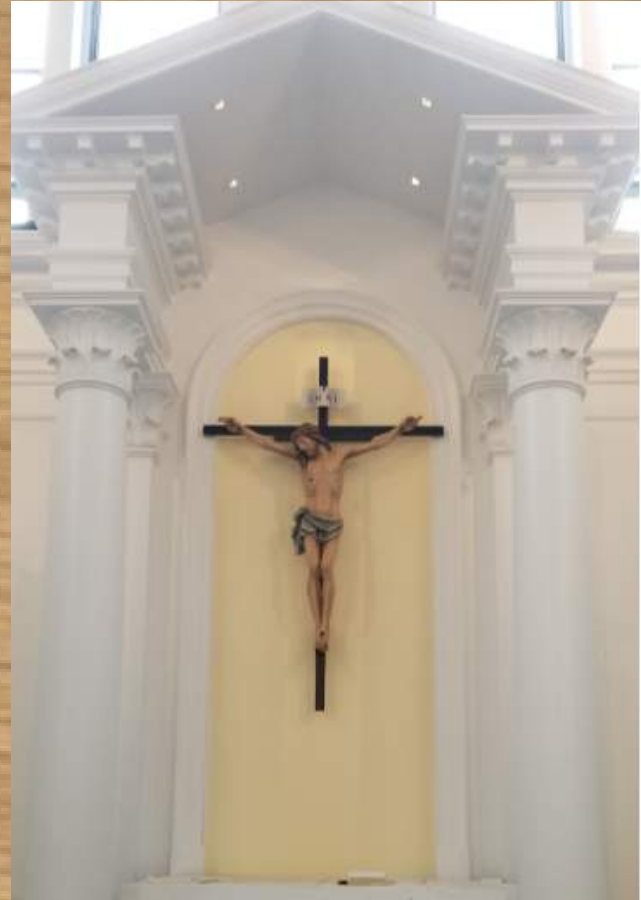


Removing the existing Crucifix – Sept. 3, 2020
Corpus to be used on new cross

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New St Mary of Sorrows Church



**Mountain View Woodworks installed Crucifix in
New Church Oct 26, 2020**

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New St Mary of Sorrows Church Dedication

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge



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November 15, 2020

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Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church
Fairfax, Virginia



The Tree
to
Crucifix
Journey



The Crucifix cross above the tabernacle was handcrafted from a 160-year-old white oak tree, which grew on the land where the new Church was built. The tree dates back to the year the parish was founded by Irish immigrants in 1860 and will continue to live on as part of the St. Mary of Sorrows parish history.

New Church Dedication November 15, 2020

Preserving this piece of the Church's history was made possible by Coakley & Williams Construction and McCrery Architects

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Wall Plaque

The Tree to Crucifix Journey Stats

- Started July 23, 2019 (tree cut down) - Finished Oct 26, 2020
- Total Duration of Journey...445 days = 15 Months
- Companies who took part in the Journey.....10
- Individuals that assisted in the Journey.....34
- Individuals that physically took part in the Journey...22

Processional Crucifix

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



Cutting & planing boards to size
Oct. 12, 2020

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



Dowels & gluing the boards together
Oct. 12, 2020

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



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**Making the pole caps
Oct. 12, 2020**

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



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**Building the Cross
Oct. 12, 2020**

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



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**Pole & stand assembly
Oct. 12, 2020**

Handcrafted White Oak Processional Crucifix



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**Finished
Oct. 29, 2020**

New St Mary of Sorrows Church Dedication

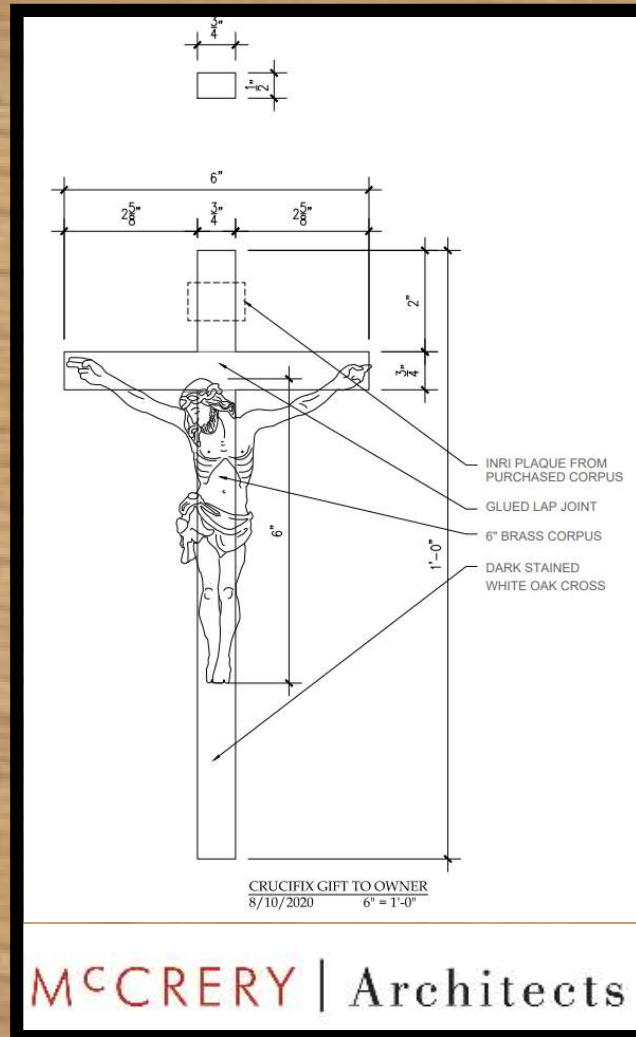


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**Processional Crucifix
was used in the Dedication November 15, 2020**

Handcrafted 6"x 12" Crucifixes

6" x 12" Handcrafted White Oak & Bronze Crucifix



12" Handcrafted White Oak & Bronze Crucifix



12" Handcrafted White Oak & Bronze Crucifix



Crosses assembled, keyhole cut, sanded & stained
Aug. 22, 2020

12" Handcrafted White Oak & Bronze Crucifix



Nailing the Bronze Corpus to the cross
Aug. 24, 2020

12" Handcrafted White Oak & Bronze Crucifix



This Crucifix (one of 50), and the large Crucifix in the sanctuary of the new St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, were handcrafted from the 160-year-old white oak tree previously on the building site. Church and Crucifix Dedication November 15, 2020



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