

Emailed Responses – Administrative Offices Location Feedback

- I. “I believe that the Holy Spirit office is the best option. There is much more foot traffic at Holy Spirit and also it is the best choice for visitors with physical limitations (either temporary or permanent.) With the parking situation at Holy Trinity there are too many stairs for visitors with limitations especially if they need to park in the street.”

II. Good afternoon,
Here are a few things to definitely consider when making a decision on the office move.

1. Johnstown would need new carpeting throughout the office space, especially going into Michele's office. The carpet is shredding and will become hazardous in the near future. That was supposed to be done with Reigniting Our Faith funds.
2. The electrical would need to be upgraded to accommodate all the computers, space heaters and window air conditioners that are currently being used in the building. To many extension cords, fire department inspection currently fails unless these items are hidden during the inspection.
3. The chapel is located in Gloversville and we do have people stopping by that are not frequent adorers that we walk over and let them into the church.
4. The Gloversville office has new security systems that cost \$5,000.00. We also have a new street sign that cost \$5,000. Plus, over \$150,000 was spent on renovating the current office space.
5. more (foot) traffic and (more) handicap assessable in the Gloversville office.

6. If you are looking to rent out office space, it would require faith formation to either move office to Johnstown or find new office space in the building for Anns office.
7. If a centralized office is being looked at for Northville, Broadalbin, Gloversville and Johnstown, I think Gloversville would be more the more central location.
8. I do not feel at this time we would have much success renting/leasing the Gloversville offices. I think Johnstown would be more marketable. Plus, Johnstown currently is receiving over \$3,000 a month for the lease of the roof, which at this time Gloversville would sit empty with no income and a very high insurance assessment.
9. The Gloversville office has more control and efficient heating and cooling units.

P.S.

10. First #9, what I meant to say was we have more control over heating one room as opposed to having to heat the whole building when most rooms are not being occupied.
11. I was talking with Adam this morning and I wanted to see how old furnaces are in the Johnstown office.
12. apparently, there are 3 boilers, of which 2 are from 1985 and the other is from 1995. If you remember the Gloversville boiler was replaced last year at a cost of \$48,950.

- III. Holy Spirit campus in Gloversville would be the most likely to be used for community outreach as it is easier to access for both driving and walking traffic.

Therefore, Holy Trinity in Johnstown could be the permanent offices, but I do not know how many more folks need to consolidate there (Broadalbin & Northville staff). From what I know of the office, there appears to be room for more than just Liz and Michelle.

- IV. I believe the office space would work out better at Holy Spirit, although the decision is not at all easy. I am not familiar with the office in Johnstown but the Gloversville office is newly renovated and a very attractive work area. It is on the ground floor for accessibility and has ample parking. The remainder of the building I believe is in good shape and could accommodate all of our needs. The only thing I know about foot traffic is what Liz has said and that is the Gloversville site gets heavier use. In addition, the site is slightly more centrally located so if we did combine with Northville and Broadalbin the trip would be a little easier for those folks. On a side note, I hope we do combine. Many hands make for light work.

I know very little about the outreach end of things so I cannot give a pro or con. The same goes for Faith Formation. I do know that we may be 2 church buildings but we are 1 parish and we want no parishioner to feel slighted or hurt. No matter what the outcome is I hope we move our Holy Day Mass schedule to the 2 in Johnstown and 1 in Gloversville to help with the transition to the new weekend Mass schedule.

- V. Ann and I discussed during council meeting that maybe we could make HS the FF/YM hub and move all the other offices into HT. Consolidating in one capacity or another is a must. I've never seen all of the HS building but I think HT has more rooms while HS has more gathering spaces. Also, HT has the 762-AMEN number which I would hate to see go to waste. Is there really that much foot traffic to the offices?

Outreach ministries (Mother Teresa's closet, etc) need a more permanent home (is that all their stuff in the corner of the HT gym? the gym can be a space to rent out if we can get things cleared out of there). Can we block out a classroom in HS (literally like a walk in closet with a distribution desk) since that's the more "walkable" location? This will allow FF kids to do service activities helping in there - I'd love to see more service activities through FF and for adults (Jesuit educated much?)

I'm all for collaborative activities and meetings but again I warn the unintentional absorption instead of collaboration. Just something to be wary of as we collaborate more!

Rambling message but happy to discuss more!