

## Case Study: Saint Francis of Assisi *Triangle, Virginia*

Sauder Worship Seating™ is known as a premier supplier of worship seating. Our reputation, combined with our ability to create custom pew layout design, has earned the respect and recognition of Catholic dioceses throughout the USA, including Saint Francis of Assisi in Triangle, VA. The parish, along with the guidance of the Sauder Worship Seating team, transformed their existing worship space from straight pews to a combination of Radiance™ curved pews and traditional straight pews.

The dialogue between Sauder Worship Seating and Saint Francis of Assisi parish quickly developed into a harmonious relationship as our CAD team assisted in developing a floor plan utilizing Radiance™ curved pews and traditional straight pews. Through the process, Sauder addressed the inefficiencies of the existing pew spacing and aisle locations by developing a plan where all aisles were located at the entrances and the intermediate aisles would direct the parishioners in a flowing radius walkway. This change maintained direct focus towards the altar. The make-over of the existing space assisted in updating and changing their worship experience by creating a sense of community.

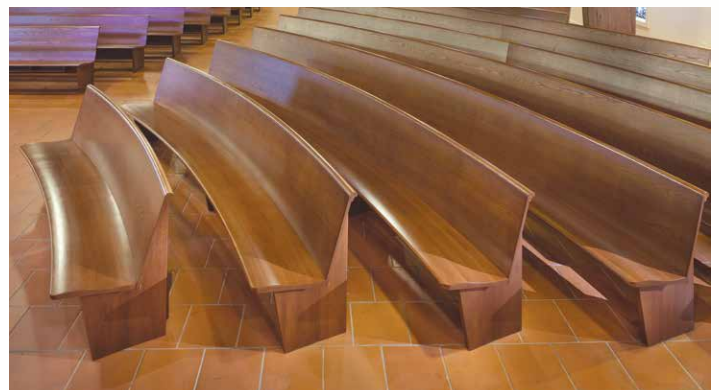
Through the collaboration between the Sauder Worship Seating team and Saint Francis of Assisi the selection, design, in-house coordination and installation of the Radiance curved pews resulted in an upgraded and comprehensive worship experience. Sauder Worship Seating also provided Unity® pew chairs for their choir area as well as the liturgical seating at the altar.



The main sanctuary of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church after installation of straight and Radiance™ Curved Pew item seating.



The choir area to the left of the altar after the installation of Sauder Worship Seating™ Unity pew chairs.



The curved shape of Radiance™ church pews provide a sense of community for the parishioners as well as maintaining the focal point towards the altar.

## About Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi in Triangle, VA, south of Washington D.C., was founded in 1957 to serve the military community at Quantico Marine Base. The original parish was built in 1957 and over time included a school on the grounds. The parish needed a new building which began in 1981 and was dedicated in 1984. Other additions to the building have included an administrative wing in 1996 and a preschool and nursery in 1999. For more history on Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, visit the "Parish History" section at [www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org).

## About Sauder Worship Seating

Sauder Worship Seating™, a brand of Sauder Manufacturing Co., began in 1934 in northwest Ohio with small, custom orders for worship seating. The company's reputation for handcrafted, top quality work became its springboard for expansion as increasing needs and changing church trends prompted the Sauder family to introduce new seating solutions and worship accessories. Today, Sauder Worship Seating blends skilled craftsmen, modern technology, and quality materials to create some of the world's best worship furniture. More information about Sauder Worship Seating may be found online at [sauderworship.com](http://sauderworship.com)

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*"The parish is thrilled with the quality of our new Sauder Worship Seating pews. We were particularly impressed with the timeliness of the pew installation process and the Sauder Team's attention to the critical install timeline. They listened carefully to our needs, paid strict attention to our Mass & Services schedules and completed their work on-time. We highly recommend Sauder Worship Seating to anyone interested in purchasing quality church seating especially Radiance™ pews."*

- Ed Knapp, Facilities Manager

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