



**HONORING OUR PAST  
CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE**



**SAINT JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

GOAL: \$600,000



# WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so pleased to be writing to you regarding this long-anticipated project: The capital campaign to repair our Parish Center Classroom Wing roof and other needed upgrade projects. As I have shared with you previously, the genuinely positive response by many parishioners to move forward with this project is deeply encouraging to me. We recently completed our feasibility study with the support of the Diocese, and we are so grateful for the input from each of you who participated. Your thoughtful consideration of these needs strengthens our hope for the future of the parish. Each parishioner brings to St. Joseph his or her own talents and treasures, and I believe that this project will be a reflection of our collective gifts from God.

The feasibility study identified that parishioners understand and support the need to replace the roof on the Parish Center Classroom Wing. In the study, parishioners had a wide variety of opinions as to prioritizing our needs beyond replacing the roof, namely: Church Lighting, Church HVAC and the parking lots and sidewalks. In the spirit of good stewardship, I will be working with the Finance and Parish councils, and volunteers to secure bids on these three projects. As we receive funding and commitments, we will begin work on the Parish Center roof immediately and then we will prioritize and proceed with the appropriate next project.

Our financial goal is to raise \$600,000 from the parish. In consultation with the Finance and Parish councils, we believe that this is a reasonable goal for the parish to achieve. I truly believe that each parishioner has an important role to play in the success of this capital campaign. I ask for your prayerful participation.

As always, I am open to your suggestions and feedback during this dynamic process. I also ask for your prayers that the Lord continues to bless us with the resources and good stewards to guide St. Joseph Parish as we set out on this ambitious project.

Most Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy Selvester" with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Rt.) Rev. Guy W. Selvester Pastor



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What projects are planned for my contribution?**

The plans are to replace the aging roof on the Parish Center this fall. As funds are received, the pastoral and finance councils will work to price/bid the following projects:

- Church lighting replacement;
- Church HVAC replacement; and
- Resurfacing and repairing the parish parking lots and sidewalks.

## **When will the work begin?**

The Parish Center roof is going to be replaced this fall, as soon as funding is received. As more funding is received, we will to communicate how we will prioritize completing the remaining three projects.

Cost is one driver of how we prioritize these projects. Another concern will be timing. These factors and more will be considered by the finance and pastoral councils.

As always, parishioners will be encouraged and welcome to share their perspectives on these projects with Father Guy.

## **What will happen if we go over our goal?**

All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards grounds and building maintenance and upkeep. This will defray long term expenses and allow us to address future emergency projects.

### **What if I never make pledges?**

Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to St. Joseph's Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship.

Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

### **Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?**

Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. St. Joseph's will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

### **What about the Bishop's Annual Appeal?**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be satisfied from the Campaign funds as they are received. We will not be asking for a separate Appeal commitment in 2022.

### **What if I am currently unemployed?**

You cannot give what you do not have. However, you can still make a pledge and defer payment until your financial situation improves.

### **Who will be asked to support the Campaign?**

Each member of our parish family will be asked to consider a significant gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We will make a special appeal to parishioners who have been blessed by the Lord with exceptional earning ability or have been able to accumulate some assets. We hope each parishioner will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of St. Joseph's Church.

### **What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?**

Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED

## **Will there be additional information made available concerning the Campaign?**

Yes. Whenever there is progress to be reported, notice will be placed in the parish bulletin. We will also provide information on our parish website and social media when appropriate.

## **What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?**

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## **Do I need to make a Down payment?**

**We suggest a 10% down payment when your pledge is made, but this is not required. You may give less, give more, or make no down payment at all. The important step is to make the pledge.**

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## **How should I make my check payable?**

Please make your check payable to: Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church and note in the memo line: Church and Property Account



# YOUR COMMITMENT

## **Tax Deductible Gifts**

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

## **Online Giving**

Online Giving through your credit card or checking/ savings accounts is available. Please visit our website at <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1436> to set up your payment and account information. For any questions, please call the Parish Office at 908-689-0058.

## **Gifts of Assets**

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities. If you would like to make a gift of an appreciated asset talk with your financial advisor for more information on making these types of charitable donations.

If you are over 70 1/2 years old, you may also be eligible to make a charitable gift from your IRA assets (also known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution). These types of gifts must be transferred directly and count toward your minimum required distribution. Again, it is always a good idea to speak with your financial advisor for more information.

## **Wills and Bequests**

Providing for St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 908-689-0058.

## **Matching Gift Programs**

Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentives for their employees to make charitable donations. Many companies will especially match gifts given to capital campaigns that include a school or educational component such as we have. Please ask your human resources or personnel department for a matching gift form. The employee must initiate the process. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

## **Pledge Payments**

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to: Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church and note in the memo line: Church and Property Account

# SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS

Five Year Gift Table				
Total Pledge	60 Monthly Payments	20 Quarterly Payments	10 Semi-Annual Payments	5 Annual Payments
\$100,000	\$1,667	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$75,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$50,000	\$833	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$25,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$7,500	\$125	\$375	\$750	\$1,500
\$5,000	\$83	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

Three Year Gift Table				
Total Pledge	36 Monthly Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	3 Annual Payments
\$10,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
\$7,500	\$208	\$625	\$1,250	\$2,500
\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$2,500	\$69	\$208	\$417	\$833
* \$1,080	\$30	\$90	\$180	\$360
<i>* That's just \$1.00 a day!</i>				

The Suggested Gift Plan encourages financial commitments over a **three- or five-year period**.

The pledge card provides space for you to designate payment intervals: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Payment reminders will be sent in accordance with the schedule selected or you may enroll in our Online Giving program. We ask you to keep in mind that it will take gifts at these levels over 36 to 60 months to reach our goal. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability. As you consider your Christian stewardship, we ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift, which may be one of the largest gifts you'll give to your faith family.

Success will be ours if every family will set aside, over the next thirty-six months, at least \$1.50 a day or \$45 a month. If, however, you are not able to do this, your pledge in any amount is encouraged and will be gratefully received.



# Prayer for our Parish

Lord of the harvest, for one-hundred and fifty years the parish family of Saint Joseph Church has been faithful in love and service to the Catholic faithful of Washington and to all people.

As we contemplate the renovation of our surroundings, may we always keep in mind that we are Your church.

Grant that our efforts might be a worthy reflection of who we are, and let us in turn, be worthy of the work that we do.

We pray that all who come through these doors; in joy or in sorrow, in infirmity or in robust health; in times of property or in times of need; find healing, solace, and welcome here, in the hearts of the people of Saint Joseph Church.

We ask this, as all things, through Christ, Our Lord,

Amen.



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