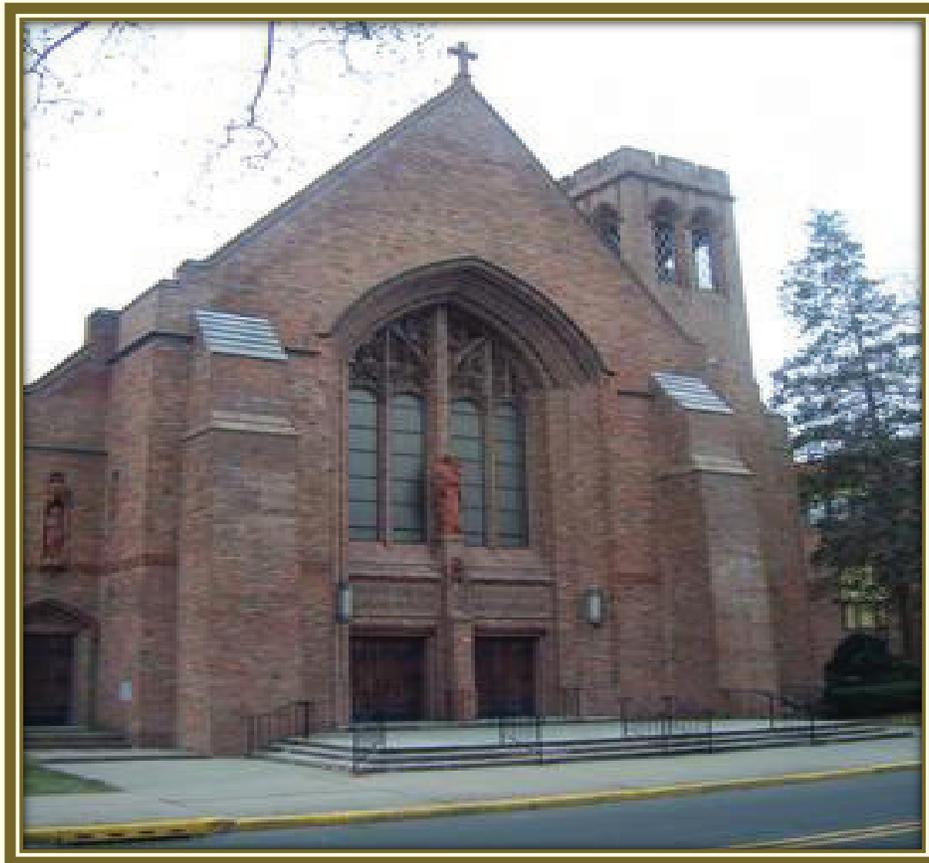


**The Church of  
St. Joseph the Carpenter**  
*Roselle, NJ*



*Legacy of Thanksgiving*  
**Capital Campaign**  
**2013**



# *More Than a Church, We are a Pilgrim People*

## *From Our Pastor*

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

The Parish of St. Joseph is a Catholic community, rich in tradition, dedication, service and devotion. We are a living family of faith, called to reflect the kingdom of God and to seek to grow as disciples of Christ Jesus in the Catholic Church.

We are committed to our current family of parishioners as well as those to come in the future. We are blessed with parishioners who have worked to tackle the pressing needs of our parish. After much prayer and planning, we are now ready to move forward to address the problems and needed repairs to our facilities.

Along with our Campaign Committee, I am pleased to invite all parishioners and friends of St. Joseph to participate in the ***Legacy of Thanksgiving*** campaign. This campaign is designed to raise the funds to support our plan to maintain and upgrade our buildings.

Our campaign is a way for us all to make an investment in the future of our parish, its activities, organizations and people. The campaign represents an opportunity for all of us to unite as a family of faith and to recommit ourselves to our mission. Only by acting together as a family of faith can we successfully raise the funds needed.

Please take the time to carefully review this brochure. Once you have read it, I ask that you prayerfully consider your own sacrificial commitment to our campaign and be a part of our parish success. As always, I am ready to serve you in any way I can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Rev. Krzysztof K. Maslowski*

Rev. Dr. Krzysztof K. Maslowski  
Pastor

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# *From Our Campaign Chairs*

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege for us to serve as chairs of the St. Joseph Parish Capital Campaign, "Legacy of Thanksgiving".

This parish has been a vital part of our lives. Over the years we have received blessings from our Church family too numerous to measure. We find great joy in knowing that our parish continues to serve as a central source of faith, hope and love for so many in our community.

Our current Church family is the latest in a long line of parishioners – disciples who have cared for Christ's message and the traditions of our faith. Many have sacrificed to build St. Joseph's into what it is today. We draw strength from all who have gone before us. Now it is our turn to add strength to this devoted procession.

Today, St. Joseph's faces the great challenge of preserving and caring for its legacy. We are encouraged by the plan to address our facility needs. The campaign will enable our parish to move forward, continuing to grow in faith and support the many ministries that serve our people and community.

Our Campaign Committee is confident that our parish family will come together, as we have in the past, to raise the funds necessary to address this financial challenge. To realize our goal, it is vital that everyone participate. We ask you to prayerfully review the needs outlined in this brochure and consider how you can lend your financial support to our campaign.

We look forward to your support as we undertake this challenge together. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Deacon Vincent Belluscio and Rich Biddulph*

Chairs, Capital Campaign

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## *Maintaining Our Home Plan for Repairs and Renovations*

For over a century, St. Joseph the Carpenter has been serving the Catholic community of Roselle. St. Joseph's School plays an important role to our Catholic neighbors as well as those of other faiths as it builds the necessary educational foundation for the youngest in our family, providing instruction to 332 children from pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Historically, St. Joseph's welcomed immigrants of European descent. Today, St. Joseph's is a kaleidoscope of ethnicities. We are represented by the presence of longtime Roselle residents, Haitians, Filipinos and a multitude of Spanish-speaking nations. Each of these groups is active in various ministries at St. Joseph's, including our Food Pantry, CCD Programs, Knights of Columbus, the Legion of Mary, Rosary Society, Guard of Honor, RCIA, Pre-Cana, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

In the spring of 2012, we began the process of assessing the state of our parish campus. While physical buildings do not make a parish, they are essential to fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education. Just like past generations who built St. Joseph, we are called to be good stewards of the buildings. A complete

analysis was conducted by the Archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration of the physical condition of the church, school, rectory, annex and convent. Following this assessment, it became clear that there are significant issues that require attention, in addition to ones that are clearly visible. We must make these capital repairs and improvements or risk further damage and the safety of the buildings. Superstorm Sandy compromised the roofs of



**View of roof needing repair**

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the church and annex, increasing the need for immediate action to address not only the water-proofing but also the brick work at the edge of the buildings. Below is an outline of the most pressing needs developed by our Parish Finance and Plant Management Council:

Facility	Project	Estimated Cost
Church Exterior, Sacristy	Water-proofing /replacement of sacristy roof, masonry repairs	\$120,000
	Front plaza & step restoration, accessible entrance, exterior doors, lighting and signage	\$80,000
Annex & School	Water-proofing and repairs, partial roofing system replacement	\$120,000
Church, Rectory, Annex & School	HVAC replacement, new gas boilers and A/C in school cafeteria	\$100,000
Church Interior	Necessary work on organ pipes and chapel of Black Madonna	\$30,000
<b>Total Costs</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>

There are additional projects that are not critical structural needs but will maintain our buildings and make our church more welcoming to our parishioners and guests. If the campaign raises monies in excess of the funds needed for the vital projects above, other renovations can be done as well.



**View of masonry needing repairs**



We look to the members of our church family to reflect on the efforts of past generations who, through their personal sacrifice, have enabled us to worship and grow in our faith. We now call upon our parish family to support these repairs and renovations with the same enthusiasm and generosity that our predecessors have done for the last 118 years.

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## *Ways to Give*



**Cash** - Those who wish to make an outright gift of cash should make their check payable to *St. Joseph Legacy of Thanksgiving Campaign*. Such gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



**Pledges** - Pledges shall be counted toward the campaign goal at the full face value of the pledge when properly documented by a signed pledge card. To be counted in full toward the campaign goal, the pledge must be payable in full within a period of up to three years from the date of the pledge. Other payment terms may be requested.

**In addition to a pledge, you might consider these other ways to give:**



**Securities** - Appreciated securities offer donors an income tax deduction for a charitable gift and donors avoid capital gains tax that would be incurred through a sale. Please consult your tax accountant.



**Life Income Gifts** - One can make a gift of cash, securities, or other assets to St. Joseph and receive both income for life and a charitable tax deduction in return. A variety of trusts and annuities facilitate such gifts. Upon the donor's or designated beneficiary's death, or at another prearranged time, the trust terminates and the assets are transferred to the parish. Please consult your financial adviser.



**Bequests** - Individuals may make a gift in a specific amount or a percentage of his or her estate to support St. Joseph. Please consult your attorney.



**Life Insurance** - St. Joseph may be named as the owner and beneficiary of a new policy or ownership of an existing policy may be transferred to the parish.



**Real Estate** - Real estate allows donors to both claim an income tax deduction for the value of the gift and avoid paying a capital gains tax on the appreciation of the property. Please consult your financial adviser.

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## *Three-Year Pledge Opportunity*

We ask that you consider making a three-year sacrificial pledge to this campaign. You may choose monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments to fulfill your pledge. While we welcome gifts at levels not listed below, let this be your guide in determining your support.

Total Pledge	10% Down	Annual (3)	Semi-Annual (6)	Quarterly (12)	Monthly (36)
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$562.50	\$187.50
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125
\$3,000	\$300	\$900	\$450	\$225	\$75
\$2,000	\$200	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50
\$1,000	\$100	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$25
\$750	\$75	\$225	\$112.50	\$56.25	\$18.75

### **How much am I expected to give?**

Your gift to the Legacy of Thanksgiving Campaign is a very personal decision, but sometimes families appreciate some guidance. Our challenge is to raise at least \$450,000. We are asking each individual or family to consider a sacrificial gift of \$3,000, payable over 3 years. A gift at this level works out to less than \$2.75 a day and it would help ensure St. Joseph remain a vibrant parish serving our community. **Some will be able to give more, some less, but you should consider prayerfully and carefully what this parish means to you, your family, and our community neighborhood.**

### **How long will I have to meet my pledge?**

Making a pledge as opposed to a one-time gift allows you to make a larger gift to this campaign over a designated period of time. We are asking parishioners to fulfill their pledges over a three-year period. Other payment terms may be requested.

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## *Frequently Asked Questions & Answers*

### **Why a fundraising campaign now?**

We must take positive steps to address the needs of each building. We cannot let the buildings deteriorate into disrepair. The goal of our parish campaign is to raise at least \$450,000 toward the repairs and renovations. We have a very long list of repairs for all our buildings, and if we raise more money we will make additional repairs.

### **When will renovations begin?**

St. Joseph Parish has several buildings in need of various repairs and improvements. When we have the cash in-hand to pay for particular projects, we will contract the work.

### **Why can't we liquidate our savings to make repairs?**

First, we don't even have enough in our savings to fix everything. More importantly, we need to be fiscally responsible. Our savings allow us to have a little cushion to cover any emergencies, cash flow issues, or other operating expenses. As a parish we do not have significant reserves.

### **I already give to the parish and/or the school. Why should I support the campaign?**

Funds raised in the campaign will go directly to make needed repairs and upgrades to parish facilities and this is separate from the regular collections. St. Joseph is grateful for all donations it receives annually. These gifts every week support regular operating expenses and are not designated for capital improvements or repairs.

### **How can I make my payments?**

We have developed a three-year pledge chart to help you identify a pledge level that you can reach. You will see that you can choose to make your pledge in a number of ways: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually. The parish office will send out reminders before each payment is due that will include a balance.

### **Is my gift tax deductible?**

Yes. The amount contributed is deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

### **What happens if I am unable to complete my pledge?**

A pledge to the campaign is a faith promise; it is not legally binding. St. Joseph is dependent on the generosity and ability of its parishioners and community friends to help meet the goal. While we pray that you will not experience any financial challenges, should your situation change, we will work with you to accommodate any unforeseen personal situations.

### **How will gifts be recognized?**

All gifts to this campaign will be thanked and recognized by the parish.

## *A Prayer for the Capital Campaign*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have made our Church a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. You draw us to you when we come here to worship, to find forgiveness and wisdom, and to rejoice and be strengthened by your grace. We thank you now for all the gifts you have given our parish family. We beg you to look kindly on our campaign as we strive to respond generously to our financial need, always recognizing that without you we can do nothing. Accept and bless all we are doing and grant that this place, our parish home, may continue to be a beacon of hope and of faith for future generations. Through Christ Our Lord. *Amen*

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