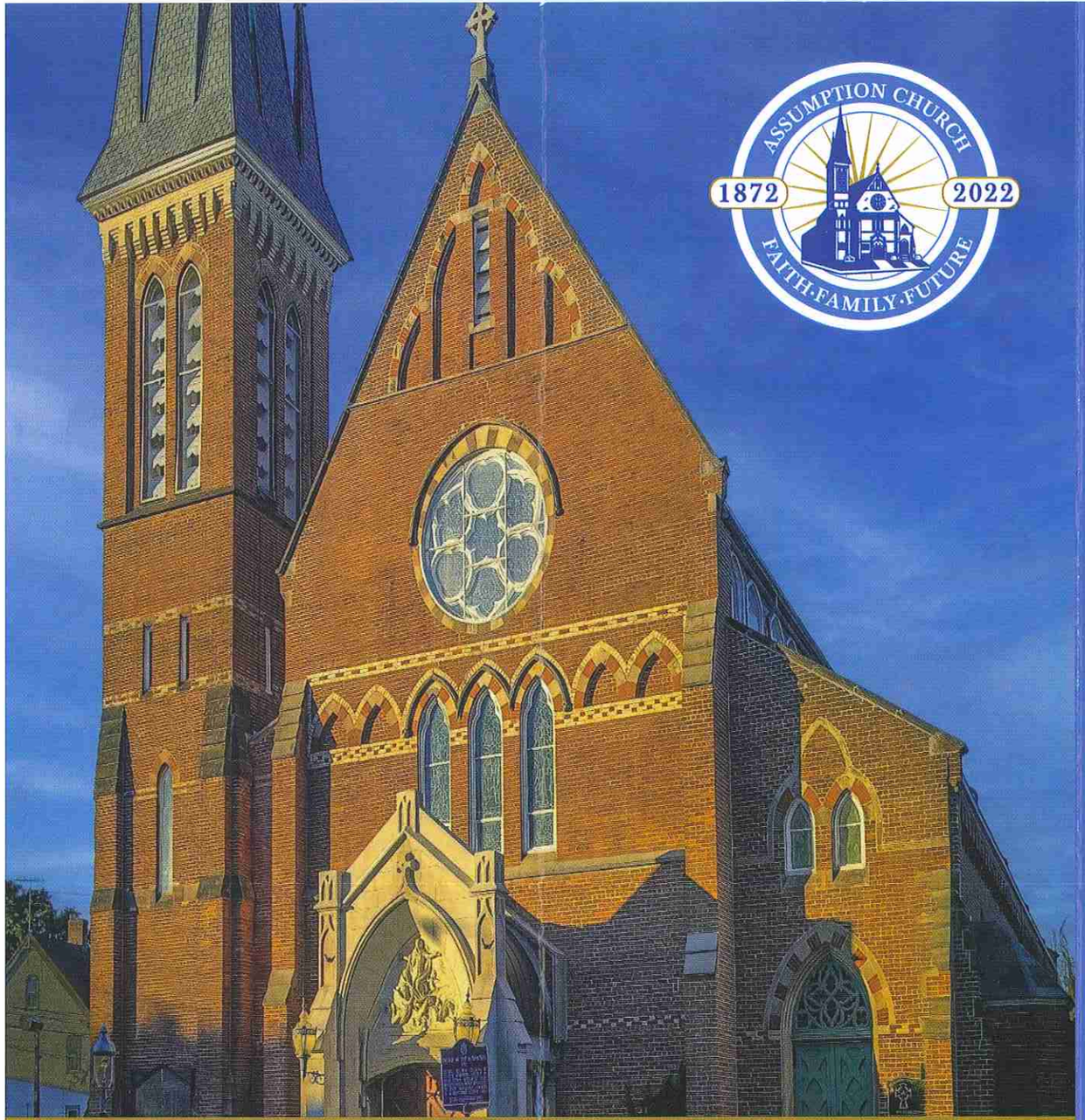

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FAITH FAMILY FUTURE
A Campaign for Assumption Parish in Morristown, NJ

Jeremiah 29:11

Plans to Give you Hope and a Future

A Message *from the* Pastor

Faith Family Future

When I think about what defines Assumption Parish for what it is, two things stick out in my mind: faith and family. We are a faith family that has gathered as a Catholic community in Morristown for 175 years and worshipped in our current church building for 150 years.There is something unique about this community that has allowed it to thrive for 175 years, and it is because of this that we have decided to take on the *Faith Family Future* campaign.

Our parish has been here long before any of us were here, and we want to guarantee its continued legacy. The *Faith Family Future* campaign is intended to allow us to ensure the longevity of the parish by addressing the pressing physical needs of our buildings. Like any structure that has been around for 150 years, our campus has plenty of necessities.We have created a plan to restore and renovate important parts of our parish, which will allow Assumption to continue to minister to our family of parishioners now and into the future.

I ask that you prayerfully consider your participation in our campaign to address Assumption's needs. Thank you for being an important part of our Assumption Parish Family and for all that you do.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John

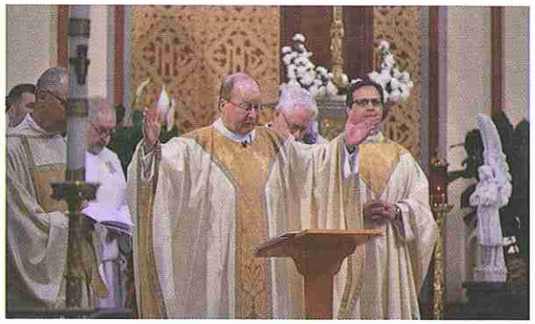
Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart
Pastor

OUR PLAN

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the parish as a place that "initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life; it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love."

This love manifests itself in the ways our community comes together: to worship God through sacred liturgy, to deepen our faith through catechesis and adult faith formation, to serve those in need through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and to celebrate the goodness of God's creation through Christian fellowship.

Assumption must renovate our parish facilities for us to continue these good works into the future. While blessed by the generosity of so many parishioners and friends whose regular offertory provides for the needs of our parish, these renovations will require resources beyond the scope of our weekly offertory.



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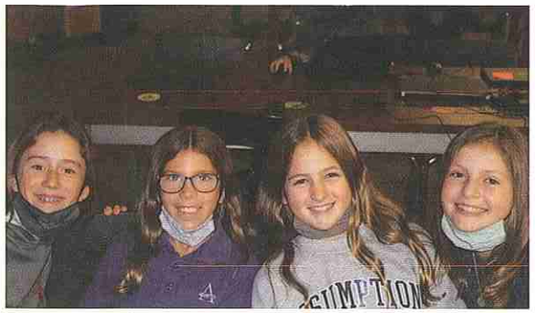


GUIDED BY GOD'S LOVE

Assumption will soon mark two significant anniversaries. 2023 will mark the 150th anniversary of our Church building and the 175th anniversary of our parish's founding.

What was built from a small fledging community of Irish immigrants in 1848 is now blessed to count 3,200 households as registered parishioners and over 35 active ministries where hundreds of Assumption parishioners go into the community, bringing the Good News of the Gospel to help those in need.

These milestones invite important moments of reflection: on our proud history and on the countless works of mercy our community has done in the service of the Lord throughout these many years. They must also inspire our plans to set the groundwork for future generations to continue to benefit from these good works and to joyfully proclaim Assumption as their spiritual home for many milestones to come.

As with all things, our faith in this path forward comes from our love of God who told the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 29:11 "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

OUR CAMPAIGN

The goal of the *Faith Family Future* campaign is to address the most pressing and strategic capital improvements of our church. Intially the campaign had hopes of raising $2.5 million dollars, but after prayerful consideration and early success, the campaign leadership decided to increase the goal to $4 million. This increase allows us to further address the needs of the parish that were identified in consultation with experts in architecture, engineering and construction management. It is our hope that all parish families will make the commitment to steward Assumption forward for future generations.

Strengthen our Church

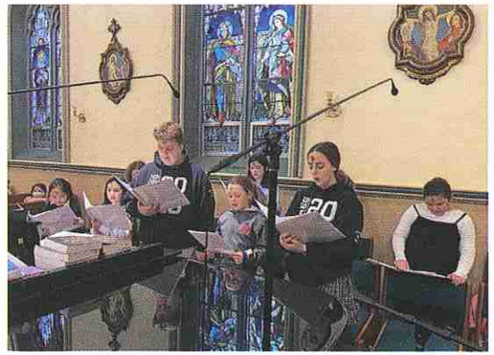
Ensure the safety of our parishioners and sustainability of our church's structure

- Restore the stained-glass windows
- Replace our current organ
- Address leaks
- Enhance insulation
- Enhance accessiblity to the church

Upgrade our school building

To enchance our beloved school as an ideal learning and gathering space

- Replace the roof
- Update the heating and ventilation
- Repair windows and ceiling tiles
- Install generators
- Install LED Lighting



"We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. Now, it is our turn to continue the Assumption legacy for generations to come"

- John Wooters, Campaign Chair

Uplift our ministry center

This vital hub of parish life requires several necessary upgrades

- Installing new windows
- Replacing an aging heating system
- Replastering of walls
- Replace the front porch

Enhance our rectory

We must provide our clergy with a home that is safe and comfortable

- Paint the interior
- Renovate the laundry room
- Address pointing on the cobblestone and brownstone

Sustain our parish Grounds

To foster a truly welcoming community

- Reseal the parking lots and replace sidewalks
- Reinforce the wall between the upper and lower lot

Elevate our parish office

To ensure the parish staff have a safe and comfortable place to work

- Address minor leaks
- Make various safety upgrades and repairs