**GOD ALONE**

January 7, 2024

***Caring for the Gift of the Lord***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you today to be a part of our parish’s Capital Campaign, entitled ***Caring for the Gift of the Lord,*** which is a four-year initiative to replace and upgrade some of the essential elements of the infrastructure of our parish facilities. St. Kathryn Church and its physical plant has been a great gift from the Lord to so many people, and as our facility ages, we need everyone’s help to keep it going!

As many of you know, in the last year, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and I have been working hard to replace the lighting system in our Church, which has been failing over the past several years. After receiving permission from the Bishop to proceed with the project, our lighting system suffered a disastrous malfunction in the operating hardware this past October, which no longer allows control of the lights. Thus, this necessary project has become an urgent need!

However, our capital campaign needs to include other necessary upgrades and replacements, ***although our lighting system has become our top priority***. Attached to this letter is the outline of the various projects which need to be addressed over the next several years; updates about these projects will be made on a regular basis on the Capital Campaign’s website, as we move forward. Please be sure to check back often to remain up to date on our progress: [***www.stkathryns.org/caring***](http://www.stkathryns.org/caring)

As you know, St. Kathryn Church has been a place of worship which has ministered to so many of us and to the needs of the wider local community over the years, it truly is a **GIFT** from the Lord, worthy of our gratitude, our care, and our financial assistance.

This is why I am writing to all of us today, to ask us to prayerfully consider contributing to this needed work which cannot be accommodated by the ordinary offertory or operating income. The scope, complexity, and cost of these projects really need us to make a planned extra gift during the various phases of our campaign. With your generous help, we will be able to reach our goal, replace our lighting system, and begin working on the other projects which desperately need our attention.

I have asked parishioner and member of the finance council, Ed Caron, to chair the capital campaign. If you have any questions, please contact me at fr.michael@stkathryns.org or reach out to Ed Caron at edward.caron@comcast.net. Donations can be made by check, online at the website above, or in person at the office. Again, I sincerely thank all of you for your continued generosity every week, and for your willingness to prayerfully consider this important request.

 Assuring you of my prayers for you and your intentions, I remain sincerely yours

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Monette

Pastor

***Caring for the Gift of the Lord***

**Projects and Estimated Costs**

**Phase One**

Phase One will include two **urgent** undertakings. The first and most pressing project is the total replacement of the **Church Lighting**, which has a confirmed cost of $241,000.00, although we need to plan for any unexpected costs that may occur, once work begins, so we are estimating an additional $30,000. Phase One will also address the replacement of the **Parking Lot Lighting**, which has also begun to fail, estimated at $50,000.

**Phase Two**

Phase Two will address upgrades to and replacement of certain portions of the **HVAC System** in the Church. After twenty-three years, the HVAC system has begun to show various signs of failure, decreased efficiency, as well as heating and moisture control issues in the Church and Church Hall, resulting is some dangerous conditions, such as slippery flooring. This project is estimated to cost $150,000 or more to repair.

**Phase Three**

Phase Three will address the security of the Church and office through the installation of an **Electronic Access Control System**, estimated at $75,000. This will allow greater ease of use for parishioners who need to access and use the parish facilities, while at the same time, provide for more secure control of the premises.

**Phase Four**

Phase Four will address various smaller projects that need attention, such as the **painting and repair of exterior Church structures**, including the replacement of the gutters, estimated at $30,000, and **other small but necessary repairs**: proper external drainage around various sections of the property to stop flooding and seepage, and smaller upgrades to other parts of our facility such as entryways, restrooms, and other areas that require special focus. These projects are estimated at $24,000.00.

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Your response is greatly appreciated. Please fill out this form and mail it to:

***St. Kathryn Parish 4 Dracut Road Hudson, NH 03051***

***or give online at***

[***www.stkathryns.org/caring***](http://www.stkathryns.org/caring)

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