



The Capital Campaign for
The Parish of the Ascension of the Lord



Our History

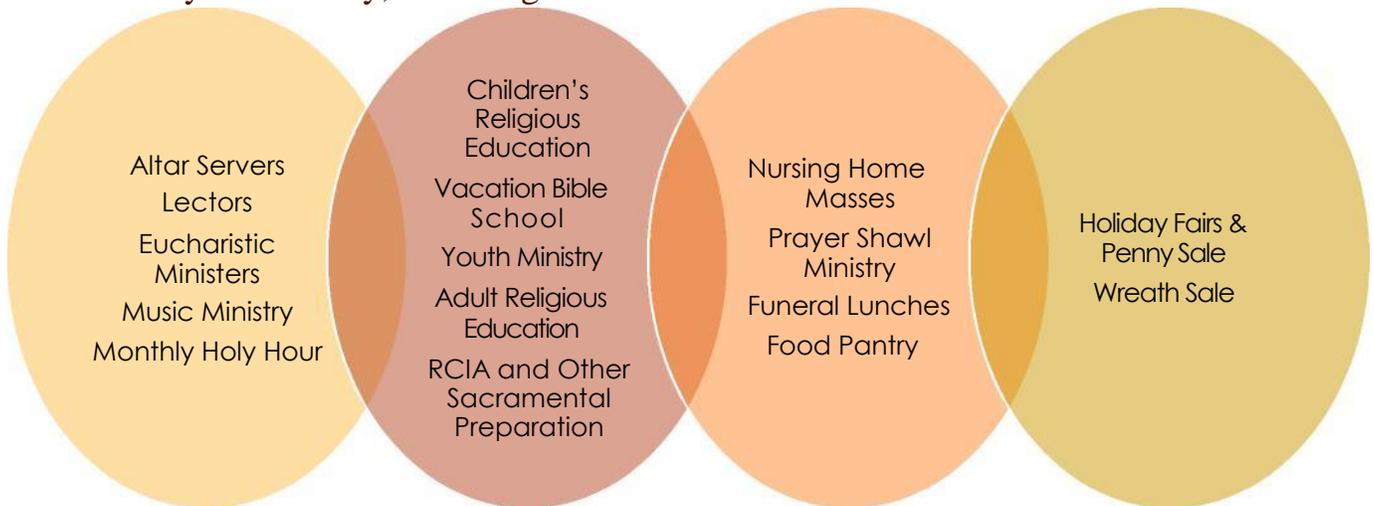
The four churches of Parish of the Ascension of the Lord have long histories of ministering to the spiritual and temporal needs of Southern York County. For more than 100 years, our ministry and our faith community have grown and changed along with the area and residents we serve.

We were united as a single parish six years ago to ensure a sustainable future for churches; better pastoral care and spiritual well-being for laity and priests; and a more active and welcoming community of faith. Since then, we have continued to fulfill our mission while striving to maintain our four beautiful churches and have provided essential services in a cost-efficient manner.



The Parish Today

Today, the Parish of the Ascension of the Lord is strong and vibrant, blessed with a growing community of approximately 2,500 families, of whom more than 600 are active participants in parish life. We are blessed with many ministries, programs, and activities that nurture our growing community and support the ministerial needs of our parishioners and the Southern York County community, including:



Our parish has been made strong through the many investments of those who came before us. In recent years, the parish has made it a priority to maintain our facilities and reduce costs in order to minimize requests of additional treasure from parishioners. While we have been good stewards of our churches, major projects remain. Now, we must do our part to leave a legacy of good stewardship by making critical investments that will enhance the continued vitality of our growing parish.



Our Challenge

The Finance Council gathered input and discussed the parish's needs over the past year. They determined now is the time to undertake a major capital campaign to enhance and maintain properly our four churches.

We are proposing a dramatic recommitment to our faith through a large investment in our worship sites. Although the cost of such efforts will be significant – estimated at \$1,500,000 – now is the time for action.

Our churches are our spiritual homes, and one of the greatest obligations of parishioners is to ensure we care for these churches well. We need your help and the help of all parishioners in this effort. We invite you to review this case for support and prayerfully consider taking a leadership role by making a significant pledge to the campaign and enthusiastically displaying your belief in our parish's future.





Our Lady of Angels Easter Vigil
Summer Vacation Bible School



St. Raphael's Church

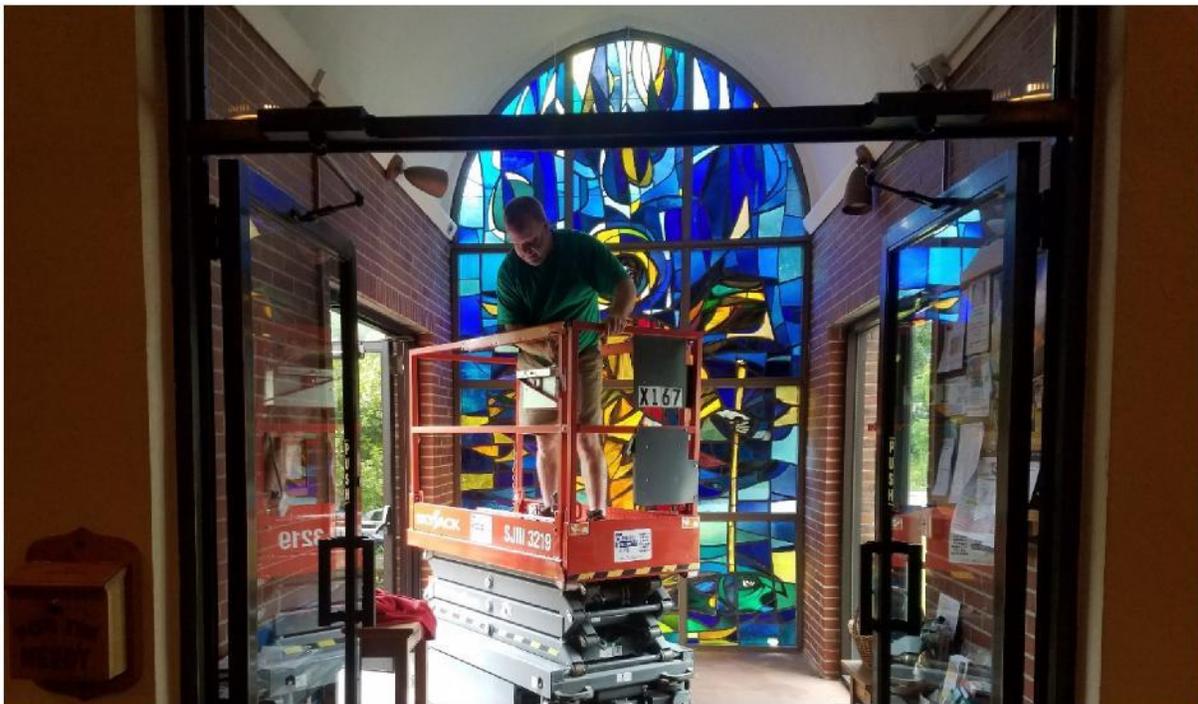


The front of St. Raphael's Church was in serious disrepair. The brick work deteriorated so badly that water was seeping into the church. Water damage has also caused the framing around our three beautiful stained glass windows to come loose. Trim and windows need repair and repainting before leaks begin there as well. This work was recently completed but much more work is needed.

St. Raphael's last major renovations were made more than 30 years ago.

The carpet in the church is old and the flooring in the Hall needs repair, presenting a tripping hazard to parishioners. To keep all parishioners and visitors safe, we must replace the flooring.

The current kitchen space needs a hood and fire suppression system. According to a study done by the National Fire Protection Association, the kitchen is the number one place of origin for religious property fires. To ensure the safety of our entire church community and the property, we must upgrade to meet current fire safety standards.



St. Christopher's Church



As the largest of our parish's four churches, St. Christopher's plays a critical role for our parish. However, its size also presents challenges. Each winter, we use as much as 6,000 gallons of oil to heat the church. By selling the rectory, we were able to purchase and remodel the former bank building across the street into Ascension chapel for weekday Mass and Adoration, which will enable us to keep the heat low in the church.

The narthex floor at St. Christopher’s is buckling and has become a tripping hazard. The floor needs to be restored to ensure parishioners’ safety.

The tile flooring in the church and hall also need to be replaced.



Star of the Sea

Star of the Sea Church opened in 1901. The extraordinary generosity of the Cavanaugh family allowed for a renovation of the Church in the 1990s. Unfortunately, some of the electrical system was not part of those renovations and now requires special attention. To bring the electrical wiring up to code and ensure power needs are met for all parishioners and visitors, we must upgrade the entire system. The Church and Hall need automated fresh air systems to keep the buildings cooler in summer months. Both buildings require ongoing repair and the Hall requires extensive exterior repairs and remodeling of the interior into a multi-purpose venue.



Due to its coastal location, Star of the Sea Hall offers a wonderful site for evangelization, wedding celebrations, and other community gatherings. The fresh salt air, however, has corrosive effects on the Hall's siding. The exterior of the building requires a complete overhaul. Holes in the building have been repaired but major work still remains. One exterior wall must be entirely re-sided. Part of the lower roofing has been replaced and one section needing replacing remains. Nearly all the windows, fascia boards, and trim need to be replaced. By repairing and remodeling, the Star of the Sea Hall will once again become a prime site for the community to congregate.



Our Lady of the Angels

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the beautiful new Our Lady of Angels church was built in 2011. To fulfill its mission and potential, however, the church needs to build a hall to host community events and hold classes. We can no longer hold large events – like turkey dinners – that were once such a large part of the life of the Berwick churches. Our kitchen equipment is in storage waiting for a new home. Our parishioners cannot enjoy the incredible energy and enthusiasm that annual events summon. Building a hall will mean more opportunity to engage new and fellow parishioners.



A small house sits on the same property as Our Lady of Angels will become a rectory for two senior priests, who could help to facilitate church activities on a year-round basis. Very little work would be required for this transformation, as the current floor plan would comfortably offer both private and shared space for two priests.



Serving All Four Churches

The parish center in Kittery is the hub of faith formation for our four churches and houses the business offices as well as the rectory. The roof of the rectory required emergency repairs last winter. In advance of the coming winter, we must finish the job to prevent additional damage and forestall further leaks.



The foundation of the parish center is in disrepair. The building is shifting, cracking concrete and loosening bricks and undermining the safety of the back staircase. To prevent further deterioration, now is the time to make repairs.



Maintenance helps preserve the integrity of our structures. When existing materials are regularly maintained and deterioration is significantly reduced or prevented, the integrity of materials and workmanship in our buildings is protected. Proper maintenance is the most cost effective method of extending a building's life. This is why we are seeking to establish a deferred maintenance fund to support our four churches into the future.



Our Campaign

It is time to make the necessary investments to improve, maintain, and repair our spiritual environment. Our vision is to undertake a campaign that will enable us to serve the needs of our parish now and make improvements that will allow us to grow and strengthen our faith community. We plan to publicly announce this campaign after seeking the early support of capable, generous, and committed parishioners – individuals like you, who have been supportive and generous in our previous endeavors.

St. Raphael's Church

- Seal the church's envelope: \$40,000
- Fresh air intake & AC installation: \$35,000
- Church carpet & hall flooring: \$20,000
- Stove hood & fire suppression: \$25,000
- TOTAL: \$120,000

St. Christopher's Church

- Finish chapel remodel: \$15,000
- Install heat/AC pumps: \$75,000
- Repair narthex floor: \$10,000
- Replace church & hall floor \$50,000
- Stove hood & fire suppression: \$25,000
- TOTAL: \$175,000

Star of the Sea Church

- Upgrade electrical system: \$25,000
- Remodel/repair hall: \$75,000
- Replace roof on hall: \$25,000
- TOTAL: \$125,000

Our Lady of the Angels Church

- Build a new hall: \$800,000 – \$900,000
- Convert house into rectory: \$10,000
- Install church stain glass \$50,000
- Install St. Michael's Bell in front of church \$5,000
- TOTAL: \$865,000-\$965,000

Serving All Four Churches

- Repair roof of the rectory: \$15,000
- Repair parish center's foundation: \$25,000
- Seed a deferred maintenance account for all four churches in the parish: \$100,000
- TOTAL: \$140,000

Fees

- Campaign expenses and professional fees
- TOTAL: \$50,000

Please Join Us

We need the help of all parishioners and we hope you will consider making a significant impact on this campaign. The commitments made to the campaign will be tremendous investments in the continued spiritual and physical growth of our parish and will help ensure that our properties and our parish will continue to thrive for future generations. The campaign will help make the necessary improvements at our churches a reality. The parish thanks you for your continued commitment to our mission and for your generosity.



Table of Gifts

The following table outlines the various levels of multi-year support that will be needed to achieve the \$1.5 million working campaign goal.

| Pledge Level | # of Pledges Required | Amount Generated | Cumulative Amount | Cumulative % of Goal |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| \$75,000 | 1 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | 5% |
| \$50,000 | 5 | \$250,000 | \$325,000 | 22% |
| \$25,000 | 9 | \$225,000 | \$550,000 | 37% |
| \$20,000 | 8 | \$160,000 | \$710,000 | 47% |
| \$15,000 | 8 | \$120,000 | \$830,000 | 55% |
| \$12,000 | 15 | \$180,000 | \$1,010,000 | 67% |
| \$9,000 | 20 | \$180,000 | \$1,190,000 | 79% |
| \$6,000 | 35 | \$210,000 | \$1,400,000 | 93% |
| Under \$6,000 | Many | \$100,000 | \$1,500,000 | 100% |

Gift Planner

| Pledge Amount | Annually (5 years) | Quarterly (20 quarters) | Monthly (60 months) |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| \$75,000 | \$15,000 | \$3,750 | \$1,250 |
| \$50,000 | \$10,000 | \$2,500 | \$833 |
| \$25,000 | \$5,000 | \$1,250 | \$417 |
| \$20,000 | \$4,000 | \$1,000 | \$333 |
| \$15,000 | \$3,000 | \$750 | \$250 |
| \$12,000 | \$2,400 | \$600 | \$200 |
| \$9,000 | \$1,800 | \$450 | \$150 |
| \$6,000 | \$1,200 | \$300 | \$100 |

Campaign Details

While multi-year pledges are expected to be the most frequent methods of giving to the campaign, other giving vehicles are available and may provide additional tax benefits.

Gifts of Cash

Cash gifts are the most common form of giving to campaigns, and are as easy as writing a one-time check or completing a pledge form to make payments over time.

Credit Card

Automatic credit card payments can be arranged as a way to fulfill a multi-payment pledge.



Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Transferring marketable securities that have grown substantially in value may qualify you for a tax deduction and may also help you avoid the long-term capital gains tax.

Gifts of Life Insurance

Whole life insurance policies that are fully paid up and are no longer needed can make wonderful gifts and may entitle you to a tax benefit for the policy's cash value.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Check with your company to see if your employer offers a charitable matching gift program and if donations to churches qualify.

For more information, to fill out an online pledge-card, and to set up a one-time donation or scheduled payments visit our web site

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Thank you!

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