

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



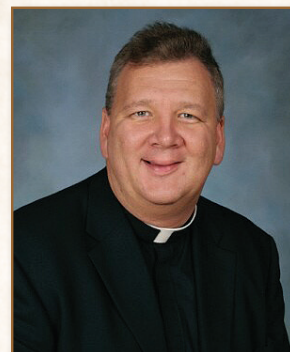
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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS: EMBRACING THE MISSION,
CONTINUING OUR TRADITION



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It was actually 1908 when it all began with the first Mass celebrated in Somers Point. With a mission church established in 1922, and the current church built in 1956, **St. Joseph Church** has been proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ as a parish family in Somers Point since 1946. This year is our 70th anniversary as a parish, and 60th anniversary of our current church building. What began with the dream of a small, but faith-filled community has grown into a lively parish of approximately 1,600 families. The church that we now enjoy came into being through the love and commitment of those parishioners who have gone before us.



St. Joseph Church has come a long way since its humble beginnings. In the New Testament, Jesus invites us to come and follow Him. The journey He invites us to is not supposed to be an easy one, but one that challenges to move us ever closer to Him. Throughout our history, the people of **St. Joseph Church** have met the challenges of providing and then sustaining two church buildings (the original now functioning as our parish office), a parish school, a convent, and rectory. Without that sacrifice and commitment, we would not have the wonderful blessings that we now enjoy. The sacrificial giving of so many dedicated parishioners throughout the years has enabled our parish to accomplish so much. Throughout the years as the journey continued and pastoral needs of the people grew, so did the parish response. Parish programs were born to meet the needs of an ever-changing society.



Today, we call upon each and every family within the parish to join us in our efforts and of those who came before us. We are all called to serve. This is our parish, our home, our future. It is only through our sacrifice and faith-filled commitment that we can meet the ever-growing needs of our parish and provide an even brighter future for **St. Joseph Church**. Please take the time to read the following pages, which outline our plans for our future.

Our parish church is truly a sacred space that throughout the years has been a house of prayer and is filled with sacred memories. *Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition*—this theme chosen for our Capital Campaign takes us back into the far reaches of history. The present challenge we face calls for a minimum of \$900,000. I believe that together we can meet this goal and meet the needs of our parish. Please carefully consider a gift or pledge to our *Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition* campaign. Together we can do so much. Together we will not only meet our present needs, but provide a space where future generations will continue to hear the Word of God and experience the Love of God in the celebration of the Eucharist and be given the opportunity to respond to it in their lives.

Finally, on the back of this brochure, you will find a prayer for the success of our campaign. I ask that you pray that prayer everyday during the campaign to ask God's blessing upon this endeavor.

May God bless you as we join together, so that after more than 70 years as a parish family we will be a people who continue *Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition*.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

(Rev.) Edward F. Namiotka, Pastor

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Campaign Vision

The sacrificial commitments made through this campaign will be used to address the many practical needs of our church property and facilities, preserve the beauty of our church, and allow us to advance our legacy of faith in the present and for future generations.

House of Charity...

Our campaign will work in unison with the diocesan *House of Charity* appeal. Under the traditional diocesan process, we will contribute 90% of our approximately \$100,000 first-year *House of Charity* assessment (individual parish goal) to provide for those less-fortunate in our diocese, foster priestly and religious vocations, care for elderly and retired priests, maintain various youth ministries, and assist poor and needy parishes and schools. The remaining 10% of the acquired funds will stay at the parish.

Mandatory Fire Code Renovations...

- Church Hall (basement) sprinkler system installation
- Church Hall (basement) exit and fire doors installation

Church...

- Church windows restoration
- Sound system and speaker upgrade
- 2 television monitors (each side of altar)
- Replace 60-year-old heat and air conditioning system
- Repair/replace deteriorating slate roofs on church building and rectory garage
- Organ and piano replacement/maintenance

Safety and Security...

- St. Joseph Office and Pre-school security cameras and buzz-in door
- Security cameras in St. Joseph parking lot and less-traveled areas
- St. Joseph Office handicapped access ramp construction

Additional Maintenance and Upgrades...

- Church parking lot repair, drainage solution, and potential expansion into adjoining property. *Parking expansion is to be determined. We are currently investigating this possibility and will only move forward if presented with the opportunity to expand into the property bordering our existing church parking lot.
- Preventative maintenance plan for HVAC system
- Church repairs, upgrades, and improvements
- Upgrade parish database and record-keeping system and software
- Church entrance landing rebuild

Potential Faith and Ministry Initiatives...

- We would like to consider expanding our youth ministry program and other ministries. However, we must first address our most immediate physical and financial obligations. Your support during our present capital endeavor will give us the foundation to build potential faith programs in the future.

Estimated Capital Goal:
\$900,000

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Sacrificial Giving

In an effort to recognize the families and individuals who make a sacrifice to our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition* campaign effort, we will create a **Giving Tree** which will be located in the vestibule of the church. The participants of this campaign will have their desired inscription listed in alphabetical order. We ask that each parish family or individual considers challenging themselves to participate within one of the following levels:

St. Joseph's Patrons (Gold Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$50,000 or more, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Patrons for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

St. Joseph's Benefactors (Silver Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$25,000 - \$49,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Benefactors for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

St. Joseph's Stewards (Bronze Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$15,000 - \$24,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Stewards for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

St. Joseph's Sponsors (Orange Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$10,000 - \$14,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Sponsors for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

St. Joseph's Supporters (Yellow Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$5,000 - \$9,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Supporters for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

St. Joseph's Circle of Friends (Green Leaf)

For those families or individuals who wish to make a gift to the campaign of \$3,000 - \$4,999, their names would be gratefully displayed as St. Joseph's Friends for our *Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign*

If you would like to remain anonymous please indicate so on your pledge card

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All Memorials, with the exception of the stained glass windows, will be gratefully acknowledged in the vestibule of the church. Memorial gifts are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and the quantity of each is limited. If any of these opportunities appeal to you, contact the parish office right away so we can reserve it for you.

Memorial	Pledge	Memorial	Pledge
Main Church Building			
Church Entrance Landing	\$20,000	Sacred Heart of Jesus (Small)	\$10,000
Sound System	\$20,000	Immaculate Heart of Mary (Small)	\$10,000
TV Monitors (2)	\$10,000ea.	Holy Spirit (Small)	\$10,000
Roof (100)	\$3,000ea.	St. Paschal Baylon (Small)	\$10,000
		St. Dominic Savio (Small)	\$10,000
Stained Glass Windows		Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Small)	\$10,000
Flight to Egypt	\$15,000	St. Ignatius of Loyola (Small)	\$10,000
Dream of Joseph	\$15,000	St. John Vianney (Small)	\$10,000
Wedding of Joseph and Mary	\$15,000	St. Aloysius (Small)	\$10,000
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	\$15,000		
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$15,000	Parish Office	
Our Lady of the Rosary	\$15,000	Handicapped Access Ramp	\$12,000
The Crucifixion	\$15,000	Parish Office Security System	\$10,000
Melchizedek's Offering	\$15,000		
St. Cecilia	\$15,000	Parish Grounds	
St. Pope Pius X	\$15,000	Parking Lot Security	
St. Pope Gregory the Great	\$15,000	Surveillance System	\$10,000
Choir of Angels (Small)	\$10,000		
St. Thomas Aquinas (Small)	\$10,000	Music and Worship	
St. Augustine (Small)	\$10,000	Piano Keys (176)	\$3,000ea.
St. John (Small)	\$10,000		
Baptism of Jesus (Small)	\$10,000	Church Hall	
Holy Trinity (Small)	\$10,000	Fire Code Renovation (30)	\$3,000ea.
St. Joseph (Small)	\$10,000	Heating and Air (30)	\$3,000ea.

** The subscription of a memorial is not set by its actual cost but by its privilege of designation.*

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As members of the St. Joseph's parish family, we are faced with a challenge that we can only overcome together. Addressing the urgent maintenance needs and securing the financial future of the parish is important to each and every member of our community of faith. It is only by our generosity in making a sacrificial gift that we will be able to accomplish our objectives.

We have established a goal of \$900,000 in order to accomplish our objectives.

While this seems like a large amount, participation by all members of the parish family will make this goal not only attainable, but surpassable.

Your Commitment...

We are asking each member of the parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$3,000 to be paid over the next 36 months. The pledge would be a sacrifice of a little more than \$2 a day in order to ensure a promising future for St. Joseph's Parish, and does not pose a burden for most parishioners.

Please Consider a Special Commitment...

Some of us have been especially blessed by the Lord with material means. A heartfelt appeal is made to those parishioners to reflect on their ability to make a very generous pledge to the campaign. We ask that those who are capable of making pledges of \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or more lay the foundation of success for this appeal.

Suggested Giving Plans...

In order to assist you as you consider making a pledge to this appeal, we have provided some suggested giving plans. We understand that each individual or family has different financial obligations and abilities. Even so, one of these plans should fit within the means of each member of the parish family. Please consider which plan best fits your monthly budget. This may be the best guideline for your commitment. **Remember, this campaign is based on equal sacrifice – not equal giving.**

Giving Plans to Consider				
Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	Suggested 36 Month Payments
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$625
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$500
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$562.50	\$188
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125
\$4,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$300	\$100
\$3,000	\$300	\$900	\$225	\$75

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Please Consider...

- Your commitment's payments are made over a three-year (36 month) period.
- Your commitment to St. Joseph Church's Celebrating 70 Years: Embracing the Mission, Continuing our Tradition Campaign is in addition to your weekly tithing contribution.
- Your financial contribution to this appeal will help ensure a strong future for the parish.
- As of March 2016, payment reminders and envelopes will be mailed according to your payment preference.

Planned Giving, Wills, Estate Planning, Life Insurance

There are numerous planned giving opportunities that provide donors alternative methods of making their gifts to the campaign. These include but are not restricted to:

- Gifts of assets including real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, etc.
- Making St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church a beneficiary of your will.
- Life Insurance: Naming St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church as beneficiary.

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many employers have matching gift programs that provide employees the opportunity to multiply their gifts to educational institutions, social organizations, and health institutions. We encourage you to inquire with your human resources department regarding the matching gift opportunities available to you.

Tax Advantages of Thoughtful Giving...

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. All annual contributions to our campaign are tax deductible for those who itemize their deductions. It is particularly advantageous for some people to contribute appreciated securities.

If you choose to contribute appreciated securities held more than 12 months, you will receive double the tax benefit through:

- Avoiding the capital gains, which would be paid if the stock were sold
- Receiving a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value at the time of the gift as opposed to the time of purchase
- Congress passed legislation in December 2015 to make the IRA Charitable Rollover permanent. When giving your required minimum distribution (RMD) or more from your IRA in a Charitable Rollover, individuals over the age of 70½ can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA accounts to our campaign without first having to recognize the distribution as income.

Procedure to Transfer Stock:

Please contact the Parish Campaign Office at **(609)-927-3568** if you wish to discuss making a gift of stock.

Please indicate on your pledge card the number of shares and the name of the company (ticker). Please also call the campaign office and notify the campaign director immediately so we can confirm that the securities were received, authorize the sale by our broker, and send you the appropriate acknowledgement letter.

Pledging

You may be contacted by a volunteer to make your pledge.

- You may pick up a pledge card on certain Sundays throughout the months of February and March in the church.
- You may drop off your completed pledge card at the parish office.
- You may also contact the parish office at 609-927-3568.



St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Campaign Prayer

Please pray this prayer daily for the success of our campaign:

**O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong,
so prompt before the throne of God!**

We place in you all our interests and desires.

**O St. Joseph, do assist St. Joseph's Parish by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for us from your divine Son all spiritual blessings,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
we may offer our thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.**

**O St. Joseph, we never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms;
We dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him in our name and kiss His fine head for us,
and ask Him to return the kiss to us.**

St. Joseph, patron of our parish, pray for us!

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