

St. Gertrude

Church Renovation Campaign



*“Preserve Our Past – Envision Our Future”*



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Since my arrival more than three years ago, I have come to know and love our St. Gertrude Parish Family and the many dedicated parishioners who faithfully serve the community. During this time one of my primary goals has been to promote and foster this faithful spirit by providing opportunities to worship together as we grow in faith. Many elements are involved in achieving this goal, one of which is to make sure our buildings and grounds are in good condition so as to be a safe and inviting environment.

As you know, our Church has become worn down and tired and is in need of our immediate attention. The roof and gutters on the church need to be replaced, the electric and lighting updated, the exterior window frames on the church are deteriorating and must be repaired, our carpeting is worn and the pews and kneelers are worn down. We want to install a Bathroom on the main level, improve Handicapped access and expand parking closest to the Church. We have completed a comprehensive review of our Church with the assistance of an architect and input from many of you. What has developed is a multi-year plan to repair, restore and update our Church and grounds.

With that in mind I am pleased to announce that we are embarking on a capital campaign entitled, “Preserve our Past – Envision our Future” that will enable us to raise the needed funds to accomplish this important effort. This brochure presents the campaign plan and a goal of \$1.5 million to be raised over a three to four year period. Our fund-raising efforts will be a venture in stewardship - the careful use of our individual and collective resources for the benefit of this entire caring community. I ask you to extend yourself in a spirit of sacrifice as you respond to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for St. Gertrude Parish. What is accomplished now will affect future families who will gather in this sacred space to celebrate their faith for years to come.

This is indeed a significant challenge, but I am confident from your past generosity that with the grace of God we will be successful. This is an investment in our spiritual life, so that we will be able to secure the future and continue the mission of teaching Christ here in Bayville. With the Lord’s guidance and your support we can accomplish the task that lies ahead with great hope for the future of St. Gertrude Parish.

Please join me in Renewing our Church and Parish for the future and supporting this ambitious effort by considering a generous pledge of support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. David Regan, Pastor

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# The Challenge Ahead – Renewing our Church

As a parish we look back with gratitude for those who labored to provide so much and rejoice in the many ways our parish family is active in worship, faith formation, outreach to those in need and we look forward to the future with great hope. After many years of extensive use our Church building is wearing down and in need of upgrade, repair and preventative maintenance. The following are the items that need our attention and the priority in which they will be accomplished.

## Proposed Work to be Accomplished

### **PHASE I Summer/Fall 2019**

**Approximate Cost: \$760,000**

These improvements to the Church are the highest priority and should be completed as soon as possible to ensure structural integrity, safety, address all exterior improvements and repairs and increase handicapped accessibility.

- **Replace the Roof and repair and re-stain all exterior Cedar Shingles**
- **Repair or Replace exterior Doors, Stairways and Railings at all entrances**
- **Install a new Bathroom and Handicapped Ramp for convenience and easy access in to the Church**
- **Repaint exterior trim and repair and repaint all deteriorating window frames**

### **PHASE II Summer/Fall 2020**

**Approximate Cost: \$300,000**

These improvements will address deteriorating conditions in the Church. If these items are deferred too long, the current conditions will degrade further and cause more problems with increased costs.

- **Update Electrical and Lighting**
- **Refurbish the existing Pews and replace the Padding and Kneelers**
- **Replace Flooring and update the Sound System**

### **PHASE III Summer/Fall 2021**

**Approximate Cost: \$440,000**

These represent improvements that are necessary and important and will complement the work accomplished in Phases one and two.

- **Expand the Parking lot on the West side of the Church**
- **Update Landscaping around the Church**
- **Enhance Devotional areas in the Church**

## **Exceeding the Goal – Preparing for the Future**

Any monies raised over our goal will help create a reserve fund to handle the cost of unexpected repairs that arise each year. We realize that raising more than \$1.5 million will take a concerted effort on the part of the entire parish community. Knowing the love and generosity of this parish family will answer the call, we ask you to join us in supporting this important campaign.

## You are Called to Participate . . .

This special brochure, containing all of the details of the Campaign, will be distributed to every household of our parish community and begins the General Phase of our Campaign. Father Regan and members of the campaign committee will be speaking at all of the Masses during the active weeks of the campaign, encouraging every person to participate and consider our request for a pledge, and return their pledge as soon as possible.

We hope to have as many pledges returned as possible by Commitment Weekend. After that date parish volunteers will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of reaching out to those who have not responded. For those parishioners who have already made their commitment, they will gladly discuss any questions you may have. We look forward to a successful completion of this phase of our Campaign with your support.

### **What we are asking you to do to help us complete our Campaign...**

1. Read over and prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the best of your ability.

We are asking each family to consider a pledge of \$3,000 or more. This pledge could be paid with a 10% down payment and monthly installments of \$75 over a three year period or \$56 over a four-year period. If your situation permits a more substantial pledge, your extra generosity will be most appreciated. If your situation warrants a lesser amount, we ask that you respond as generously as possible.

2. Complete the enclosed pledge envelope. List the total amount of pledge, any down payment you will be sending in with the pledge and then complete the payment plan you prefer to use for the remainder of the pledge.

*Make all checks payable to: **St. Gertrude Capital Campaign.*** Payment reminders will be mailed to you based on whatever schedule you choose: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or however you stipulate.

3. Please mail the completed pledge envelope, drop it in the Sunday collection or bring it to the Parish Office on or before Commitment Weekend. If we receive your response by that date, you will not receive a follow-up contact. If you prefer, a volunteer will contact you after "Commitment Weekend" and you can discuss the Campaign with them.

*Please Join Us on Commitment Weekend  
when we ask each family to return their pledge.*



## WHAT YOU ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER.....Here is an example

Leadership Gifts Essential to the Success of a \$1.5 Million Dollar Campaign

SIZE OF GIFT	NUMBER OF GIFTS	CUMULATIVE TOTALS
\$150,000	1	\$ 150,000
\$100,000	2	\$ 350,000
\$ 75,000	2	\$ 500,000
\$ 50,000	4	\$ 700,000
\$ 25,000	6	\$ 850,000
\$ 15,000	8	\$ 970,000
\$ 10,000	10	\$1,070,000
\$ 5,000	15	\$1,145,000
\$ 4,000	20	\$1,225,000
\$ 3,000	25	\$1,300,000
Under \$3,000	Many . . .	\$1,500,000 Goal Reached!

### Suggested Memorial Gift Plans

<i>Gift Plan</i>	<i>Total Pledge</i>	<i>10% Down Payment</i>	<i>3 Annual Payments</i>	<i>12 Quarterly Payments</i>	<i>36 Monthly Payments</i>	<i>48 Monthly Payments</i>
Grand Benefactor	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$3,750	\$2,800
	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$ 7,500	\$2,500	\$1,875
Benefactor	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$ 938
	\$40,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$ 750
Sustainer	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$ 625	\$ 469
	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$ 375	\$ 280
Steward	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 188
	\$7,500	\$ 750	\$2,250	\$ 563	\$ 188	\$ 140
Guardian	\$6,000	\$ 600	\$1,800	\$ 450	\$ 150	\$ 113
	\$5,000	\$ 500	\$1,500	\$ 375	\$ 125	\$ 94
Friend of St. Gertrude	\$4,000	\$ 400	\$1,200	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 75
	\$3,000	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 225	\$ 75	\$ 56

### *As you make your pledge . . . Please Remember . . .*

- \* Payments can be made over a period of three or four years.*
- \* Pledge payments are in addition to your regular offertory contribution.*
- \* Gift from an IRA, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual funds are encouraged*
- \* Pledge reminders will be mailed in accordance with your selected payment plan.*
- \* Please make checks payable to: St. Gertrude Capital Campaign*

# Memorial Opportunities . . .

*Your Gift can honor the memory of someone you Love*

Our Church Renovation Campaign offers a variety of selected Memorials for loved ones, living or deceased, for special intentions or for a prayer answered. A Memorial is a special way to show appreciation to God who is the giver of all gifts. **Memorial gifts of \$3,000 and above will be appropriately recognized on a Memorial plaque located in the Church. In addition, listed below are individual memorials that are available on a first come first serve basis.**

## Individual Memorial Items

New Bathroom in the Church	\$325,000	Reserved
New Front Entrance Doors (2)	\$25,000	each
New Handicapped Ramp (4)	\$20,000	each
Updated Sound System (5)	\$15,000	each
Updated Lighting (5)	\$15,000	each
New Side Doors (4)	\$15,000	each
Refurbished Pews (62)	\$5,000	each

Please note: the amount affixed to the memorial item is based on desirability of the memorial and is not determined by the actual cost.

If the donor wishes their gift can remain anonymous.

*Gift Plan Memorials begin at \$3,000 and up*

## An Appeal for Special Generosity

Whatever you decide to contribute should have some relationship to how generous God has been to you. An appeal is made to those families who have been blessed by God with more of His material means. If you have been so blessed and you are able to pledge as much as \$15,000, \$25,000, or even \$50,000 or more, we ask you to be leaders in our campaign with these more substantial gifts.

## Tax Advantages of Thoughtful Giving

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. All annual contributions are deductible for tax purposes. It is particularly advantageous to contribute securities, real estate or other valuables. The current fair market value of securities or property is deductible and by transferring these assets to the Church the donor pays no capital gains tax.

Any questions, contact the campaign office at 516-628-1113 or send an email to [ajwpdc@aol.com](mailto:ajwpdc@aol.com)

## Other Types of Donations to Consider....

Stocks & Bonds

Annuities

IRA Transfer

Mutual Funds

Life Insurance Policies

Gifts in Kind

Wills & Bequests

Trusts

# St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign

## “Preserve Our Past - Envision Our Future”

Goal: \$1.5 Million



The Church roof and siding are deteriorating badly and will be replaced



The window frames and trim will be repaired and painted



The carpeting will be replaced, pews refinished and kneelers and padding replaced



The lighting and electric will be updated and the sound system improved

The exterior doors, railings and steps will be repaired or replaced as needed



### We also plan to:

- Install a new handicapped accessible bathroom on the main level of the Church
- Expand the parking on the west side of the Church for added convenience
- Update the landscaping and devotional areas in the Church

## *Continuing our Vision . . .*

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*Our dream is to make St. Gertrude the best parish it can possibly be, for this and all future generations. To make our vision a reality, we need the generous commitment of time, talent and treasure from every parish family. Our plan to repair and renew our church building will bring exciting opportunities for the entire parish family and will continue the pride and tradition we share as a parish.*

*A project of this magnitude can only be done with your sacrifice and support. Prayerfully consider what financial commitment you can make and pledge according to your resources.*

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