



St. Joseph Catholic Church
P.O. Box 116
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***Restoring Our Roots and Preserving Our
Faith for Future Generations***

June 2, 2018

Re: 2018 Capital Campaign

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners and Friends:

St. Joseph Catholic Church has been a timeless and beautiful place of worship for 170 years. Today our parish is the spiritual home to over 450 families who gather & grow in faith. The original church was built in 1848 and has had several renovations over the years, but as we look at the state of this wondrous building around us, it is apparent she is in need of repairs. From the steeple, attic and roof, to the plaster, paint and pews, the list of repairs has grown and we have come upon a time where we have started looking at possibilities for the future. Our church is more than a foundation with walls and a roof. It is a legacy of faith to those that built it. It is in this spirit that we embark upon the "Restoring our Roots" Capital Campaign.

The Parish Finance Council and Capital Campaign Committee have put together a total project cost that is estimated at \$1.7 million. Taking into consideration our current liquid funds of around \$292,000, our goal is to raise approximately \$1.4 million through this capital campaign. To reach this goal, we are asking each parish family to make a sacrificial gift. Please know that we understand each family is not in the same financial situation. Some may have the ability to give more and some will give less. We understand "equal sacrifice, not equal giving" may apply.

We enter this campaign after careful prayer, consultation and consideration. As you read through the brochure and pledge card provided to you, please pray and reflect on how you are being called to invest in the future of St. Joseph Church. I ask for your generosity as well as your prayers as we begin this capital campaign. Let us move forward working together as one Body of Christ so that we can meet the challenges ahead and look forward to the rewards of the future.

Fr. Anthony Viviano, Pastor
St. Joseph Church