

2nd June 2019 - Ascension of the Lord

Status Report on "Fixing God's House"

Our Parish's five-year fund raising drive began in October 2018 when we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Parish – our Quasquicentennial. To keep our donors and other parishioners fully informed, the following is a report from the Stewardship Committee on the status of "Fixing God's House" as of May 31, 2019.

Funds Raised and Pledges

Amounts received as one-time donations and as pledge payments:	\$ 66,396.32
Additional pledges for future payments:	36,445.00
Total Donations and Pledges to Date:	\$102,841.32

The amounts received include payments from individuals and from Parish Organizations, as well as the net proceeds from the Quasquicentennial dinner and the sale of souvenir items. Thank you so much for your generous support to the Parish.

Completed Projects

- Installation of security gates and barriers on windows and doors of the Parish Center
- Installation of security gate on front steps of the Parish Center
- Installation of additional fencing on the Marsilly Street side of the parking lot

Total cost of these projects: \$ 7,136.00

Unspent balance: \$ 59, 260.32 (\$66,396 less \$7,136)

Upcoming Projects

The Parish Stewardship Committee has identified the following as the next projects to be completed:

- Replacement of the three sets of front doors of the Church
- Improvements to the emergency exit door and ramp on the Choir-side of the Church
- Installation of emergency lighting and exit signage in St. Anne's Hall under the Rectory

The Near Future

- The heating system for the church

Additional improvement projects will be undertaken as funds are received. A listing of all projects was presented in the "Fixing God's House" plan was included in the development package previously provided to parishioners. Additional copies are available in the Parish Office.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has donated and pledged. There is still much to be done to maintain and improve the Parish grounds and buildings, all of which are over 100 years old. If you have not yet had a chance to make a donation or to complete a pledge form we hope that you will consider doing so soon.

Request for Assistance

Our planned projects involve a wide-range of specialized skills, including plumbing, heating, electrical, painting, woodwork, construction, glass repair, and others. If you have expertise in these areas, either in a specific trade or as a general contractor, we would invite you to consider joining a team to help advise the Pastor and the Stewardship Committee in decisions it will be facing over the next few years. Please speak with Father Agnel or any of the Stewardship Committee Members: **Joseph Matranga** or **Michael Bennett**. They can be reached by emailing the Parish office at saintjohnnevanglist@yahoo.com or calling at 415-334-4646 or and we will put you in contact with them. However you can help the Parish, we would be extremely grateful.

Parish Family Picture Directory

Continuing with our Quasquicentennial celebration, we will be doing a new family pictorial directory and we hope every family will be in it. Lifetouch will be at the parish doing family portraits for six days, July 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th & 21st. Make plans now to schedule your appointment on this our first sign-up weekend after all Masses. Each participating family will receive a free 8" x 10" portrait and a free copy of the directory when it is finished. There is no charge and you are not obligated to purchase more pictures and the parish gets no money from your purchases.

We hope you'll join us because our directory won't be complete without YOU!

Prayer to Christ Ascended Into Heaven O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards: Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, you will find cards in the vestibule of the church. There is a \$10.00 suggested donation for the cards. You may place your donation in the envelope provided and put it in the collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Father's day novena runs from June 17-25, 2018 with mass at 9:00 am Monday through Friday and 9:30 am on Sunday.