

You're invited to grow with our

# St. John's

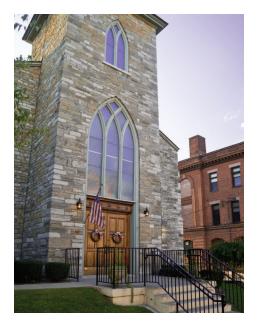
Stewardship and Capital Campaigns

### Our annual Stewardship campaign is the time to figure out how to meet the church's growing expenses. But that's just the beginning.

ike any organization, St. John's has bills to pay. Salaries. Heat. Lights. The costs of being a visible member of our community. So each year, we put together a budget and ask our parishioners to help us meet it.

People have many reasons to love St. John's. Perhaps you celebrate Christmas and Easter with us. Maybe St. John's was there for you during an illness. Or possibly regular attendance helps you keep your priorities straight.

Just as our connections with St. John's are as different as we are, so are our connections with God. Believe it or not, that's what the annual Stewardship Campaign is about. We know what your pledge does for St. John's, but do you know what it could do for you?



You help to cultivate the good work of St. John's, which is to say the work of God. Each dollar that you give is like a seed; you know where it starts out, but how it grows, changes, and eventually nourishes others can take an infinite number of paths. And there is nothing more satisfying than knowing you are helping others. In fact, you are doing the work that God put you here to do, and that makes your relationship with Him stronger. That's where we find true satisfaction and peace.

So please carefully and prayerfully consider what you can do for St. John's this year. But more importantly, please consider how a closer relationship with St. John's can help you grow.

"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard - things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity."

– Galatians 5:22 (The Message)

ur Capital Campaign is the extra work needed to make our church bear more fruit; the selective pruning and extra feeding that makes it possible for both plants and churches to develop their full potential.

The Stewardship Campaign shows your support for the day-to-day ministry of St. John's that so many people depend on. Therefore, your annual Stewardship commitment should come first. But, if you are

fortunate enough to be able to make an annual financial pledge and have additional funds left over, we invite you to participate in our Capital Campaign. Yes, this is a lot to ask, but as Luke tells us in 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

St. John's has been blessed by generations of parishioners that set aside money to enable us to grow when the needs of our community grew. This is a time of growth. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to revitalize our Hawkins Room and purchase the building at One Church Street when it became available. This purchase will enable us to keep pace with the expansion of our Sunday School, and to grow our ministries, both within St. John's and in our community. Join us in this mission of sowing seeds for the future.

#### Summary of Projects and Costs

Below you will find the menu of costs for projects that grew out of our parish cottage meetings. The goal for our St. John's family is to raise \$450,000 toward these projects. A community Capital Campaign will be launched in the spring to help fund the projects that benefit our entire community.

St. John's maintenance.....\$325,000 One Church Street remodeling......\$471,000

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#### One Church Street Projects **Roof Repairs** \$8,000 **NOAH** and Food Pantry The existing roof is generally in serviceable \$247,425 condition for the foreseeable future, with the exception of a persistent leak around One of the main reasons for acquiring the former YMCA building was the roof drain that has caused some interior to relocate the NOAH and Food Pantry programs into an accessible damage. The previous repair patch will be space that supports the dignity of the people served, and increase removed, and the area patched properly. the safety of our guests. The new space will allow broader use by the community and facilitate expansion of services. The work will entail construction of an elevated floor over the existing pool (\$135,600), rest rooms (\$16,075), and complete renovation of an existing locker room into a new kitchen (\$66,000) and food pantry (\$29,750). Community Welcome Center \$215,575 Another important reason for purchasing the former YMCA building was to develop safer administrative offices, and make the church staff more visible and available to the community. Church offices will be on the first floor of One Church Street and incorporate Mother Laurie's office, a staff office, Dr. Bob's office (\$53,725), multiple entry accessibility (\$48,000), meeting room (\$25,300), and a community gathering space (\$88,550).



## Memorial Naming Opportunities

Generous parishioners in the past have memorialized loved ones by donating to important parish projects in their names. The recent renovation of our stained glass windows provides one of the most visible examples of this. We want to provide the opportunity to those who donate to the Capital Campaign to do the same thing, so we have established a list of suggested memorial naming opportunities at various gift levels. We are also happy to receive suggestions from donors for particular memorials.



We look forward to talking to you personally about these important projects. Please call our Visit Coordinator, Pam Miller at (518) 762-6719 to schedule an appointment at a time that is convenient for you. We will celebrate our success as a parish at our Harvest Dinner on November 19!

\$ 100,000	Dining Room at One Church Street
\$ 80,000	Community Gathering Space at One Church Street
\$ 75,000	Bell Tower
\$ 60,000	Kitchen at One Church Street
\$ 50,000	Narthex
\$ 30,000	Food Pantry
\$ 30,000	Sound System
\$ 25,000	Sunday School
\$ 10,000	Parish Offices (each - there are three)
\$ 10,000	Meeting Room at One Church Street
\$ 5,000	Accessible Rest Rooms (each - there are four)

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