

2020 Vision: Called to Holiness Capital Campaign



Over \$983,152 Pledged!!

Due to the generous response of parishioners and school families, the total amount pledged to our Capital Campaign is currently at **\$983,151.99** including **\$561,499.27** total in payments. This amount is the result of approximately 278 gifts to the campaign. Thank you to all who have responded thus far.

We are less than \$16,848 away from our top-end goal of **\$1,000,000 in pledges**. Won't you help put us over the top? Pledge today!

- ✓ The Newly financed Media Center,
- ✓ now stocked with New virtual reality goggles,
- ✓ The New LED lights inside and outside,
- ✓ The New Rectory Roof,
- ✓ The New Chapel Doors,
- ✓ The New Main Church Cooling Tower (soon to be up and running, if it's not already)

are all proof-positive of "your Campaign dollars at work." More dollars=more dollars at work toward:

- **The New Media Center's completion**
- **The New and Improved Parish Multi-Purpose Shed** (Food Pantry, Maintenance, Kitchen Supplies & Scouts Supplies)
- **The New Parking Lot** (will be all fixed-up, all cleaned-up, and fewer, lower speed bumps.)
- **New Coating and Gutters on the Main Church Roof**

And that's just for starters. Please continue to pray for the success of our Campaign, and please pledge if you haven't already. **Thank You!**

**In Jesus the Lord,
Fr. Baer**

The Excitement is Building!!

St. Mary's School of Piscataway has been part of the community since 1961. From the first building to the addition in the 1980s, the parish and school community has supported the continued improvement of our educational space. During that time, we have educated thousands of students who have gone on to excel in their chosen fields. We will be building on that foundation when we begin our library renovation into a Media Center.

Due to generous donations to the Capital Campaign, the renovations on the Library will begin with the last day of school, June 7th. The new Media Center will include both new technology and traditional books and library functions.

Below is a sneak peek at what our new Media Center will look like. Renovations are scheduled to be completed by August in time for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.



This is an overhead view from the door. We will have everything from new tables, to new computers to cozy reading areas designated by grade level. Below is the special reading nook for the younger readers to encourage a love of reading.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
– Walt Disney



Our Fourth Grade Students are already Published Authors!

Our Fourth-grade students published a book titled *Why Did America Fight In World War II?* through Studenttreasures Publishing. Mrs. Anne-Marie Ramsey worked with the class for many months to complete their book. The students were very knowledgeable about World War II and wanted to tell this story to help other young people understand it. In the class were Gavin Haight, whose great-grandpa liberated concentration camps and Frank Lupu, whose relatives' lives were lost because they were Jewish. The book is dedicated to Frank's relatives. The children drew pictures illustrating the story of World War II. To purchase a book, go to www.studenttreasures.com and then click on Parents > Order Book > Order Copies. Type in the code: 7325241. The cost ranges from \$19.95 to \$27.95. Shipping is \$5.95 per book. These students did a fantastic job! Please congratulate them when you see them!

