



SAINT RITA PARISH

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Dear Parishioner,

More than 30 years ago, Saint Rita Parish saw the need of a larger, accessible, and more energy-efficient Church building. In 1992, we expanded the church's square footage to accommodate more massgoers, and the pews and carpet you see today were installed. Since that time, we have hosted nearly 25,000 liturgies and services, and welcomed approximately 5 million faithful to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries. This requires constant upkeep and preservation of the space.

Prior to COVID, the pews had begun to show their age. They were lived in – a sign of an active and prosperous parish! This was something we could have lived with; however, as we know, COVID changed everything. Throughout 2020 and 2021, the pews were cleaned and sanitized multiple times a day to prevent the spread of the virus. The constant cleaning, while necessary, took an immense toll on the wood finish and left us with pews sorely in need of some TLC.

As the Parish Office began to research the investment cost to refinish the pews, we found it to be an expensive proposition. But soon thereafter, we were presented with an opportunity to completely replace the pews, and the price of doing so was surprisingly much more competitive! This thereby renewed our passion for the project, and in 2023, the Cleveland Diocese approved a capital campaign to replace pews and carpet throughout our church. These new, ergonomic, solid oak pews and padded kneelers come with a 25-year guarantee. Along with painting and more lighting, these updates will transform our worship space and beautify it for many, *many* years to come – looking forward to our Centennial Anniversary in 2029.

With all that in mind, I am introducing our new capital campaign, ***Saving a Seat for You***. We invite you to prayerfully consider how your family can become part of this legacy project and help fund new pews in our worship space. The average cost to fund one pew is close to \$3,000. Every single person who makes a pledge toward this capital campaign will be remembered and celebrated! Whatever you're able to give, no matter how big or how small, is genuinely appreciated.

The **Rose Level** for those who donate \$2,500 or more

The **Gold Level** for those who donate \$1,000 - \$2,499

The **Silver Level** for those who donate \$500 - \$999

The **Bronze Level** for those who donate \$250 - \$499

The **Friend Level** for those who donate any amount under \$250

There is a sample pew in the Gathering Area for everyone to see and "try on for size." In addition, anyone who generously donates at the Rose Level will have their name printed on a Rose Plate that will be permanently installed directly on the sample pew. It will remain a permanent fixture in the Gathering Area.

It is with tremendous gratitude, a wonderful sense of purpose, and a bounteous hope that ***Saving a Seat for You*** commences and succeeds. Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Rita Parish. May God continue to bless you.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Thomas J. Behrend
Pastor



2023 Parish Pew Capital Campaign

	Friend Level \$0 - \$249	Bronze Level \$250-\$499	Silver Level \$500-\$999	Gold Level \$1,000-\$2,499	Rose Level \$2,500 and above
Recognition in bulletin after the close of the campaign	x	x	x	x	x
Permanent recognition on plaque in Gathering Area		x	x	x	x
Permanent recognition on pew that will remain displayed in the Gathering Area					x

Please complete this donor form and return to the Parish Office by dropping it off in the offertory basket or mailing it to: Parish Office c/o 2023 Parish Pew Capital Campaign, 32820 Baldwin Rd, Solon, OH 44139. Thank you!

Family name: _____

Sponsorship Level (Friend/Bronze / Silver / Gold / Rose):

Friend
 Bronze
 Silver
 Gold
 Rose

The names of donors at the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Rose levels will be included on the permanent plaque in the Gathering Area.

Name to include on plaque: _____

Contact person name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate if you have paid by check or PayPal: _____

(if check please include check number)

To pay by PayPal, please scan the QR code below:



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