

A Message from Reverend Large

Our Patron, St. Paul, has provided a great prayer for me to reflect on. And so, I have presented my requests to God. Now, I come to you with these same requests.

In this, the 175th Anniversary Year of our founding, we have decided to rebuild actually, the same 2 churches our ancestors built for us. Now, it is our turn to protect and repair them, so we too can pass this great legacy of faith to future generations.

We, too, are the Church. We are the living, breathing manifestation of God's love. To rebuild our buildings is to rebuild ourselves. Will you help me?

Sincerely yours in Christ,
REV. JOHN J. LARGE, PASTOR

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4: 6-7)

Your help is needed in order for St. Paul Parish to continue serving its parishioners and community. A very short list of annual events includes:

- Blessing of the schoolbags for students beginning school
- Blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis
- Bereavement mass for families of those who have died
- Thanksgiving mass and food collection/donation
- Veterans mass and clothing donation
- Christmas and Lenten bible study
- Annual Procession in the Streets
- Multiple "leisure timers" events

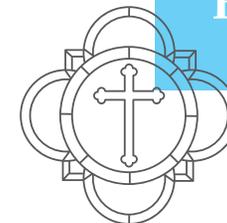
ST. PAUL PARISH

175th Anniversary
Capital Campaign 2018



For our next generation,

PRAY IT FORWARD



*For more information on the Campaign,
please contact the St. Paul Rectory at: 215.923.0355*

What needs to be done?

- Repairs mandated by the Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections totaling:
 - o \$445,000 for St. Paul Church
 - o \$215,000 for St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi Church
- Although mandated by the city, these repairs are motivation to plan for the future of St. Paul Parish and to ensure it can live up to its' mission now and in the generations to come!

When will this happen?

- The repairs will take 1-5 years to complete.
- The Campaign is taking place NOW and will continue through June!

WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN IMPORTANT?



- To ensure the legacy of tradition, outreach and Catholic presence remain in this historic South Philadelphia neighborhood
- In order for St. Paul Parish to continue to be a home to and serve its' parishioners as it has done for the past 175 years
- To ensure the Parish can continue its' dedication to service outside its' walls. We have never forgotten our indebtedness to those who came before us and our obligation to those who will follow.
- To build an even greater faith community

For I know well the plans I have for you says the Lord...

To give you a future full of hope

– *Jeremiah 29:11*

HOW CAN I HELP?

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have

– *Corinthians 8:12*

VOLUNTEER!

There are already many parishioners hard at work on the Campaign, but many more volunteers are needed!

DONATE!

Prayerfully consider the many and varied resources God has placed in your hands. Consider how your gift to the Capital Campaign is a response to God's continuing generosity to you. Be Thoughtful. Be Prayerful. Be Reflective. Be Sacrificial.

There are many ways to give:

- Pledges (can be given over a multi-year period, 3 years is recommended)
- Deferred Gifts
- Appreciated Assets
- IRA Charitable Rollover

Know that all gifts are wanted, needed, and greatly appreciated.

PRAY!

Please pray daily for the success of the Campaign and the future of St. Paul Parish!