

Continuing our Vision ...

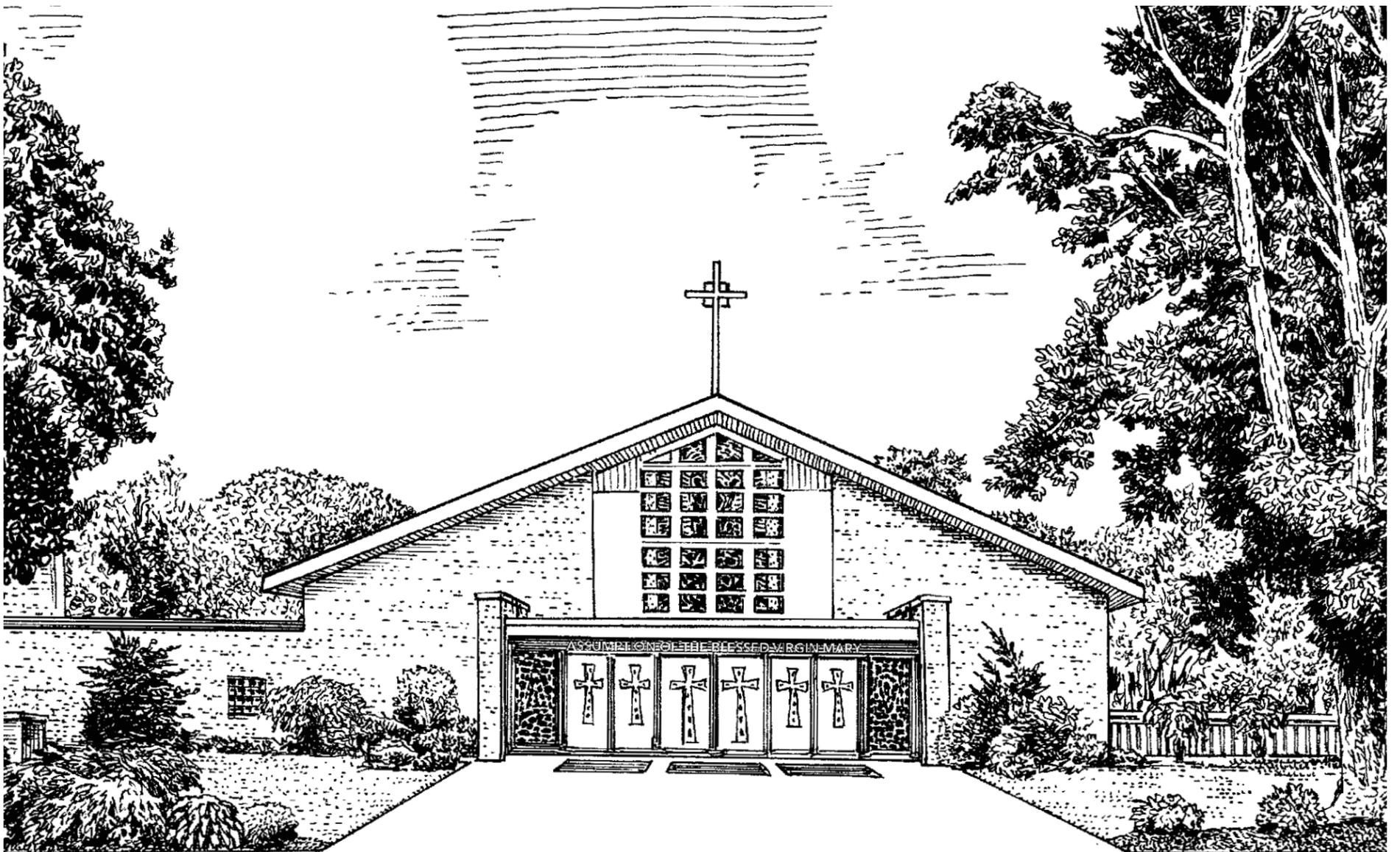
Our dream is to make Assumption the best parish it can possibly be, for this and all future generations. To make our vision a reality, we need the generous commitment of time, talent and treasure from every parish family. Our plan to repair and renew our church building and parking lot for the entire parish family will continue to foster and enhance the pride and tradition we share as a parish.

A project of this magnitude can only be done with your sacrifice and support. Prayerfully consider what financial commitment you can make and pledge according to your resources.

“Caring for God’s Household”

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Parish Renovation Campaign



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Dear Parishioners,

Since my arrival more than six years ago, I have come to know and love our Assumption Parish Family and the many dedicated parishioners who faithfully serve the community. During this time one of my primary goals has been to promote and foster this faithful spirit by providing opportunities to worship together as we grow in faith. Many elements are involved in achieving this goal, one of which is to make sure our buildings and grounds are in good condition so as to be a safe and inviting environment.

As you know, much has been accomplished in this regard: we relocated the parish offices to the school building thus creating a parish center which is functional and inviting; installed an elevator for better accessibility; reconfigured the second floor to provide much needed office space for our various ministries; and repurposed several classrooms to provide a better learning environment for our children. In addition, we replaced an old church boiler with a new energy efficient one, beautified the grounds and created a welcoming “plaza area” for gatherings.

Now, however, we must address additional concerns. Our church building is almost sixty years old and requires our attention. The roof and gutters on the church need to be replaced, the electric and lighting updated, the exterior window frames on the church are deteriorating and must be repaired, our flooring is ragged and threadbare, the pews and kneelers are worn down, badly scared and damaged. Most obvious of all, our parking lot needs to be repaved, restriped and additional lighting added for safety.

With that in mind, I am pleased to announce that this fall we are embarking on a fund-raising capital campaign entitled “Caring for God’s Household.” This campaign will enable us to raise the funds needed to accomplish these projects without depleting our remaining reserves. This brochure presents the campaign plan, indicating a goal of \$800,000 to be raised over a three to four-year period. Our fund-raising efforts will be a venture in stewardship - the careful use of our resources for the benefit of our entire parish family. I ask you to extend yourself in a spirit of sacrifice for the long-term future and good of the parish.

With the Lord’s guidance and your support we can accomplish the task that lies ahead, thus providing a strong, hope-filled future for our parish family. Thank you for all you do to make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community of faith. May the Lord bless your generous response!

Sincerely,

Fr. Chris
Fr. Chris Aridas
Pastor

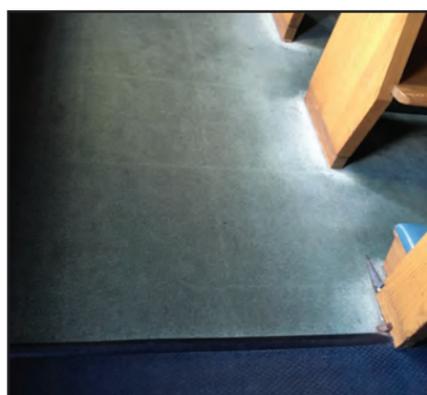
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Parish Renovation Campaign *“Caring for God’s Household” Goal \$800,000*



Our Parking lot suffers from severe cracking and improper drainage.



Window frames are deteriorating

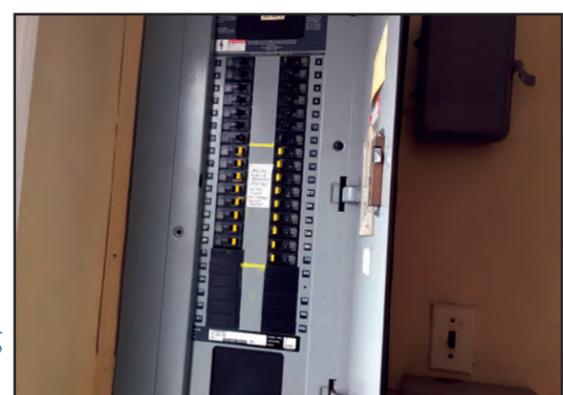


Pews are deeply scratched and carpeting and kneeler’s are worn out.



Our church roof needs to be replaced.

Our Electric and lighting needs to be updated



Memorial Opportunities

Your Gift can honor the Memory of someone you Love

Our Church is a living memorial to the founding members of the parish who made special sacrifices as pledges of their support, or to honor their loved ones, relatives or friends. Those who help secure our Church's future in this campaign will leave something that is lasting. Your generous support of this campaign provides a legacy for future generations of parishioners. All Memorials gifts (individual items or a gift plan) will be appropriately recognized on a new memorial wall located in the vestibule of the Church. Inscriptions for memorials can include the name or names of those you wish to honor.

Individual Memorial Opportunities will be offered for each of the newly restored pews at a memorial cost of \$4,000 each and for new lighting on each of the Stations of the Cross for \$5,000 each. These memorials will be recognized specifically on our new memorial wall. Please call the parish for more information.

If a donor wishes their gift can remain anonymous.

An Appeal for Special Generosity

Whatever you decide to contribute should have some relationship to how generous God has been to you. An appeal is made to those families who have been blessed by God with more of His material means. If you have been so blessed and you are able to pledge as much as \$10,000, \$20,000, or even \$25,000 or more, we ask you to be leaders in our campaign with these more substantial gifts.

Tax Advantages of Thoughtful Giving

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving. All annual contributions are deductible for tax purposes. It is particularly advantageous to contribute securities, real estate or other valuables. The current fair market value of securities or property is deductible and by transferring these assets to the Church the donor pays no capital gains tax.

Any questions, contact the campaign office at 631-585-8760 or send an email to rectory@abvmcentereach.com.

Other Types of Donations to Consider . . .

Stocks & Bonds	Annuities	IRA Transfer
Mutual Funds	Life Insurance Policies	Gifts in Kind
Wills & Bequests	Trusts	

The Challenge Ahead . . .

In 2018 our Church building will have provided sixty years of service to our parish. We look back with gratitude to those who generously shared their resources to help build and maintain it over the years. After extensive use, however, our Church building is in need of upgrade, repair, and preventative maintenance. In addition our parking lot, which was installed more than thirty years ago, needs to be completely repaved and restriped with additional lighting added for safety and security.

Our Newly Renovated Church and Parking Lot. . .

Our Church building will continue to be the center of our parish life. Our Pastoral Council and Finance Committee in dialogue with many parishioners through our recent parish planning study have worked to ensure that the successful completion of these projects will strengthen and support our parish for many years to come. The following is a summary of the items that need our attention and the priority in which they will be accomplished.

Proposed Work to be accomplished:

Phase I: Spring/Summer 2017	Phase II: Spring/Summer 2018	Phase III: Spring/Summer 2019
* Repair and paint the window frames	* Update the church sound system	* Install new flooring in the church
* Replace the church roof and gutters	* Install audio visual system	* Refinish and restore pews
* Repave and restripe the parking lot	* Update the lighting and electric	* Install new kneelers
* Add lighting and drainage as needed	* Stations of the Cross lighting	

There is much more that could be said about our proposed renovations, but this brief description gives you a glimpse of what we hope to accomplish. The top priority is having a safe, efficient and updated place for prayer, worship and parish activities, all to support our coming together for worship as one active faith community.

We have set a challenging goal to raise \$800,000 to fund all of the needed improvements. Now we, the parish family of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, are asked to respond as good stewards by making a generous commitment of treasure. Now is the time to take this step with conviction, foresight and most of all faith.

“Caring for God's Household”

You are Called to Participate

This special brochure, which contains all of the details of the Campaign, will be distributed to every household of our parish, thus beginning the “General Phase” of our Campaign. Father Chris and members of the campaign committee will be speaking at all of the Masses during the active weeks of the campaign encouraging every person/family to participate and consider our request for a pledge, and return their pledge response as soon as possible.

We hope to have as many pledges returned as possible by “**Commitment Weekend,**” November 12th and 13th. After that date parish volunteers will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of reaching out to those who have not responded. For those parishioners who have already made their commitment, they will gladly discuss any questions you may have. With your support, we look forward to a successful completion of our Campaign.

What we are asking you to do to help us complete our Campaign...

1. Read over the gift plans below and prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the best of your ability.
We are asking each family to consider a pledge of \$2,500 or more. This pledge could be paid with a 10% down payment and monthly installments of \$63 over a three-year period or \$47 monthly installment over a four-year period, whichever is best for you. If your situation permits a more substantial pledge, your extra generosity will be most appreciated. If your situation warrants a lesser amount, we ask that you respond as generously as possible.
2. Complete the enclosed pledge envelope. List the total amount of pledge, any down payment you will be sending in with the pledge and then complete the payment plan you prefer to use for the remainder of the pledge.

Make all checks payable to: Assumption Capital Campaign. Payment reminders will be mailed to you based on the schedule you choose: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

3. Please mail the completed pledge envelope, drop it in the collection or bring it to the Parish Office on or before November 13th. If we receive your response by that date, you will not receive a follow-up contact. If you prefer, a volunteer will contact you after “Commitment Weekend” and you can discuss the Campaign with them.

Commitment Weekend

On November 12th and 13th, the parish will conduct
“Commitment Weekend” when we ask each family to return their pledge

What You Are Asked to Consider Here is an example

Leadership Gifts Essential to the Success of a \$800,000 Campaign

SIZE OF GIFT	NUMBER OF GIFTS	CUMULATIVE TOTALS
\$ 25,000	2	\$ 50,000
\$ 20,000	3	\$ 110,000
\$ 15,000	4	\$ 170,000
\$ 10,000	7	\$ 240,000
\$ 7,500	10	\$ 315,000
\$ 5,000	15	\$ 390,000
\$ 4,000	20	\$ 470,000
\$ 3,000	30	\$ 560,000
\$ 2,500	50	\$ 680,000
Under \$2,500	Many . . .	\$ 800,000 Goal Reached!

Suggested Memorial Gift Plans

Gift Plan	Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	48 Monthly Payments
Grand Benefactor	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$ 625	\$ 469
	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$ 500	\$ 375
Benefactor	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$ 375	\$ 281
	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$ 750	\$ 250	\$ 188
Sustainer	\$7,500	\$ 750	\$2,250	\$ 563	\$ 188	\$ 140
	\$6,000	\$ 600	\$1,800	\$ 450	\$ 150	\$ 113
Guardian	\$5,000	\$ 500	\$1,500	\$ 375	\$ 125	\$ 94
	\$4,000	\$ 400	\$1,200	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 75
Steward	\$3,000	\$ 300	\$ 900	\$ 225	\$ 75	\$ 56
	\$2,500	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 188	\$ 63	\$ 47

As you make your pledge . . . Please Remember . . .

- * Payments can be made over a period of three or four years.
- * Pledge payments are in addition to your regular offertory contribution.
- * Pledge reminders will be mailed in accordance with your selected payment plan.
- * Please make checks payable to: Assumption Capital Campaign