Holy Trinity Church
Greenfield, MA

Honor Our Past
Invest in Our Future

Capital Campaign ~ Goal $500,000
Dear Parishioners,

As I have discovered in my fourteen years of being your pastor, the real beauty of Holy Trinity Parish is each of you, its people. Your dedication to God and to each other and to the community of Greenfield is extraordinary. As the Main Street church of Greenfield you have always reached out to help those in need and provided a sanctuary for our neighbors. And more so very many of you are active in volunteering in this effort. You are a fine example of "loving ones neighbor". Thank you.... It is a pleasure to share ministry with you.

Today I am asking for your prayers and support as we proceed towards renovating our church to restore its beauty and making it safer and more efficient.

Next spring, after Easter, we will begin a major renovation and face-lift to the church interior. It has been 30 years since her last renovation. If you look up you will see the chipping of paint, the fading and discoloring of surfaces. Also we need to begin to prepare for the parish’s 150th birthday coming in 2018. The state and local fire codes now require that we install fire suppression sprinkler systems. We have done this in the Father Casey Hall and now its time to complete this by adding them to the upper church and steeple. We will also add more insulation, especially above the ceiling, to make the church more energy efficient.

While it is not our intention to make radical changes in the church as was required in earlier renovations, we do believe a major face-lift that would provide the parishioners of Holy Trinity another 30 years of worship in this our beautiful church.

To accomplish all this we need your financial help. We need to raise $500,000 and have set this as a capital campaign goal. As is described in this brochure there will be several ways for you to consider giving.

During our almost 150 year history, we as the Mother Church have helped to launch all of the other Catholic parishes in our County - how proud we are to carry the title Mother Church of Franklin County. This was accomplished only by faith and generosity. Thirty years ago those parishioners had a campaign like this that gave us today’s church and now it is the time for us to do the same for those who will follow us and what a wonderful way this will be to begin to set the stage for our 150th birthday.

I thank you in advance for your support, for your faith and generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Rondal G. Yargeau
Pastor
Restoration Project Plans

Church Face-Lift:

† Resurface chipping plaster
† Repaint and restore walls and columns
† Install fire suppression sprinkler systems in the church and steeple
† Add insulation above the church ceiling

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The Suggested Gift Plan encourages financial commitments over a two-year period. The pledge card provides space for you to designate payment intervals: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Payment reminders will be sent in accordance with the schedule selected. We ask you to keep in mind that it will take gifts at these levels over 24 months to reach our goal. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the project rather than a one-time gift.

We are asking that you consider how generous God has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability. As you consider your own responsible personal commitment, we ask you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift.

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*Just $1.50 a day!

Matching Gift Programs
Many firms have matching gift programs to provide incentives for their employees to make charitable donations. Please ask your human resources or personnel department for a matching gift form. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

Planned Giving/Wills and Bequests
You can provide for Holy Trinity Church in your will and also realize significant federal and state tax advantages. There are many options for planned gifts, so please consult your tax advisor to select the best vehicle for your situation. You may also call the parish office for assistance.

Stocks and Bonds
Please consider the advantage of donating appreciated securities – stocks and bonds – to fulfill your pledge commitment. When you donate or “gift” appreciated securities you can take credit for a charitable gift at the present value of the securities, while avoiding the taxes on the profit realized from the original investment, in most cases. Consult your tax advisor for your specific situation.

Tax Deductible Gifts
All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. You will be provided with an end-of-year statement of your actual cash contributions for each year.

Pledge Payments
You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment plan you select. Please make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Restoration Campaign.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What projects are planned for my campaign contribution?
We are looking to renovate the church interior. We will be installing a new fire sprinkler system in the church and steeple and adding insulation as well. The plaster will be restored and new paint and wall coverings to make the face-lift complete.

Q. When will the work begin?
We would like to begin the work this coming spring to prepare for our upcoming 150th birthday in 2018.

Q. What happens if we go over our goal?
Should we go over our goal, the extra will be put into a maintenance fund for ongoing project needs.

Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?
Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. Holy Trinity Church will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

Q. What if I am currently unemployed?
One cannot give what one does not have. You might be able to pledge and defer payment until your financial situation improves.

Q. What if I never make pledges?
Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to Holy Trinity’s Campaign is a “time-payment plan” that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?
Each member of our parish family will be asked to consider a significant gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We will make a special appeal to parishioners who have been blessed by the Lord with exceptional earning ability or have been able to accumulate some assets. We hope each parishioner will play a conscientious role in restoring the heritage and renewing the future of Holy Trinity Church.

Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?
Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

Q. How should I make my check payable?
Please make your check payable to: Holy Trinity Restoration Campaign.

Q. Will there be additional information made available concerning the Campaign?
Yes. Whenever there is progress to be reported, notice will be placed in the parish bulletin.

DO I NEED TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT?
We suggest a 10% down payment when the pledge is made, but this is not required. You may give less, give more, or make no down payment at all. The important step is to make the pledge.
O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity and undivided Unity, help us to fulfill our mission, center our lives on the Word of God in liturgy, in sacred scripture, in the sacraments and in union with the whole Church. You have blessed us in the past. Help us now to prepare for the future by our gifts and sacrifices. Let the work of our hands prosper, O Lord, and may Your kindness be upon us who place our hope in You. We ask You this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.