
St. John the Evangelist Parish

Wellesley, Massachusetts



Faith in Our Future
Capital Campaign

A Message from Father Tom



Dear Parishioners,

It doesn't seem possible that it has been almost fifteen years since we did the major renovation of our parish church. The renovation has been a wonderful space for celebrating our life as a parish as well as those important sacramental moments that mark our faith journey.

While the parish has been blessed with great vitality, the building in which we celebrate our faith once again needs revitalization. Sections of the original part of the church, most notably the tower, are in need of significant repair and reconstruction. Our heating and cooling systems need updating and our parking lot needs repaving and improved lighting.

Our parish has launched a Capital Campaign "Faith in Our Future" with a goal of raising \$1,250,000 to address these important projects. As you can imagine, this is a most important and challenging task and now is the time to come together as a community. I ask that you please read through this brochure and prayerfully consider making a pledge to the best of your ability.

With your help and the help of many in our parish, I am confident we will meet the challenge ahead. I am grateful for the support of so many past and present who continue to make St. John the Evangelist Parish a vibrant community of faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Tom".

Rev. Thomas F. Powers
Pastor

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Our Building and Grounds Committee has been evaluating our parish facilities and assessing deferred maintenance. They have reported that sections of the original part of the church, most notably the tower, are in need of significant repair and reconstruction. Our heating and cooling systems need updating and our parking lot needs repaving and improved lighting. These are just some of the projects that have been deferred over the years because we are unable to address them through our regular operating budget.

<u>COST</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u>
CHURCH	
C1 Basement Floor cracks where wood meets cement	\$2,500
C2 Access to Ledyard Street side entrance	\$4,000
C3 Handicap accessible automatic door opener- Glen Road entrance	\$3,100
C4 HVAC new control system	\$50,000
C5 Replace all siding with hardiplank and trim with Azek	\$390,000
C6 Repair or replace damaged or worn slate roof, lead on steeple and towers	\$75,000
C7 Repaving and reconfiguring parking lot including improved lighting for safety	\$165,000
C8 Additional costs to repair and secure the tower	unknown
	TOTAL: \$689,600
RECTORY	
R1 Update or replace 19th century electrical service and wiring	\$46,000
R2 Replace back porch and stairs	\$12,000
R3 Replace old windows where necessary, 15 Windows and related work	\$10,000
R4 Heat zones to be re-worked to balance and efficiently heat	\$1,200
R5 Downspouts need to be modified to divert water from foundation	\$900
R6 Update bathrooms	\$15,000
R7 Structural support or foundation repairs as necessary	\$35,000
R8 Mandated changes to four wooden doors to install glass for meetings	\$1,540
R9 HVAC update	\$3,500
	TOTAL: \$125,140
CENTER	
PC1 Steps at side entrance	\$1,500
PC2 Window sills, strip, sand stain and finish	\$3,750
PC3 HVAC update	\$3,500
PC4 Update and repair bathroom 1st floor	\$10,000
PC5 Tree pruning on Washington Street and Parking lot side	\$3,500
	TOTAL: \$22,250
SCHOOL	
S1 Boilers- 50% parish use	\$89,000
	TOTAL: \$89,000
GARAGE	
G1 Additional support for garage floor	\$2,300
G2 Three new garage doors	\$8,250
	TOTAL: \$10,550
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$936,540
CONTINGENCY AND RESERVES	\$182,010
Total capital required	\$1,118,550

St. John the Evangelist Parish - Proposed Improvements



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A) Church Tower:
Structural Repairs
Images 1, 5, 6, 9

B) Church Re-Siding
Images 2, 3, 8

C) Ledyard Street Entrance:
Improved Access - Image 7

D) Parking Lot: Repaving and
Enhanced Lighting
Image 4

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WHAT YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO DO

1 Read over the information contained in this brochure and prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the best of your ability.

We are asking you to consider a pledge of \$4,000 or more to the campaign. This pledge could be paid with a 10% down payment and monthly installments over a three or four year period. 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.

Remember, not everyone can give at the same level. However, everyone can make the same sacrifice.

2 Complete the enclosed pledge envelope. State the total amount of your pledge, enclose your down-payment check, and select the payment plan you prefer for the remainder of your pledge.

Payment reminders will be mailed to you based on the schedule you select on your pledge envelope: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or however you stipulate.

3 Please mail your completed pledge envelope to the parish or drop it in the Sunday collection. **We are asking all parishioners to make their pledge within two weeks.** This will give our campaign the needed momentum for success.

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	36 Monthly Payments (3 years)	48 Monthly Payments (4 years)	Daily Sacrifice (4 years)
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$938	\$31.25
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$625	\$469	\$15.50
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$188	\$6.25
\$7,500	\$750	\$188	\$141	\$4.75
\$5,000	\$500	\$125	\$94	\$3.00
\$4,000	\$400	\$100	\$75	\$2.50
\$3,000	\$300	\$75	\$56	\$1.90

As You Make Your Pledge, Please Remember...

- Payments would best be made over a period of 36 months.
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular Offertory contribution. The Sunday offertory collection pays for the day-to-day operations of the parish, while your pledge in this campaign will be used specifically for renovations to the church.
- Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan.
- Pledges are not legally binding, but rather are an indication of your intention.
- Annual payments toward your pledge are deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to the "St. John Capital Campaign."



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

No one can tell you how much you should give. You are the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since everyone's financial obligations are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. All contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in a spirit of committed Christian stewardship.

AN APPEAL FOR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Whatever you decide to contribute should be related to how you live and to the blessings God has bestowed upon you. If you are financially able to pledge as much as \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 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 to our campaign are tax deductible for those who itemize their deductions.

It is particularly advantageous for some people to contribute appreciated securities (stock), real property, 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.

Because each family situation is unique, we urge you to discuss your commitments within your family. You may also wish to discuss it with your financial advisor to see which plan would be most beneficial to you and to St. John the Evangelist Parish.

For more information on stock transfers, please contact the parish office.

TO MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

Parishioners wishing to donate online should visit our website: www.saintjohnwellesley.org
You will be able to set up a campaign pledge or one-time gift.

"Each of you must give as you have inwardly decided; not reluctantly, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." -- St. Paul (2 Cor 9:7-8)



A CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Loving God, we thank You
for the abundant blessings
You have bestowed upon our parish
of St. John the Evangelist.

You cherish and believe in us
and as You entrust to us now
the repair and renewal
of Your Church,
You entrust to us our future.
Open our eyes to see this call as Your
gift to us and to the future generations.

Christ Jesus, we ask You
to walk with us.
Support and protect us as we work
to build up our parish community.
Transform all our effort
into a labor of love for You.

Holy Spirit, give us the grace
to make decisions pleasing to You.
Inspire us to be generous with our
time, talent, and financial resources.

We thank You
for the treasure of our faith life and
beg You to make strong this faith,
fill up our storehouse of hope,
and renew the depths of our love.

Grant us daily courage
to respond to Your call
so that our Parish
and all that we do will be
to Your praise, honor and glory.

Amen.

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