

It's in God's Hands

It's finally here! Our Parish Center is now a visible sign that building for the future of Holy Rosary is possible. But the process hasn't been without stress and loss of sleep! Our setbacks were daily including complying with building codes, dealing with diocesan mandates and financial forms, working with builders, crane operators, myriad delays with holidays, and finally our recent snow and ice storm. But a wise parish priest would always say "It is in God's hands" and those words would provide a calming sense that God is always in charge of our lives, our property and our future.

What's Next

Our Parish Center is here but we are not ready to take up residence just yet. The builders are working to put the finishing touches on the inside and the outside of the structure. This includes setting up utilities, finishing the exterior roof, siding, and site work. The interior of the house needs to be finished as well, which includes floors, some walls, and more utility work. We have contracted another builder to construct a porch and a handicapped ramp as per government regulations. The timing is "in God's hands!"

Our Capital Campaign

As part of our financial plan, we asked you, our parishioners and friends, to assist us with raising money for this project. We promised the diocese that we would raise \$125,000 in 2025 as our share of the total cost of the project. Through your generous donations, we raised \$98,900, which also includes our yard sale and bake sale profits. To pay for this project we used money from our parish building and general fund CDs, secured a 50/50 matching grant from the diocese for \$50K and secured a diocesan loan for 10 years of \$100K with a 5% interest rate. The balance of the funds are to come from our Capital Campaign, so we need to fulfill our promise for the campaign in the coming year.

Some Other Updates

- This energy efficient, all electric building has four classrooms with open glass doors for the safety of our children. It also has a large conference room, spaces for our parish staff and offices for Fr. Ed and for the Diocesan Prison Ministries. There are two restrooms and a kitchenette. All classrooms will also be used for various parish meetings and many meetings can be held at once. We hope to use our new building for all meetings and save the parish hall for all-parish events. This saves on energy and wear and tear of our parish hall.
- We have applied for and received a Diocesan Grant for furniture for our building. This will help with moving costs and needed furniture.
- The Pastoral Center at Huttonsville has closed its doors, and the diocese is offering us some of the furniture there for our building. We need some able-bodied parishioners and friends to help us with the move. Would you be able to volunteer on a Saturday for this job? Let the parish office know, please.
- We will have an Open House and blessing of our Parish Center later on, probably in the Spring or early summer.

Our Giving Wall

Many of our parishioners have expressed a desire to donate money 'In memory of' or "in honor of" friends and family. To meet our campaign goal, we are suggesting another way of donating towards our building project. We are creating a "Donor/Recognition Plaque" which will be a perpetual and permanent reminder of those who have supported us with vision and generosity. We will construct a temporary wall on the bulletin board in the hall, then, towards the end of the campaign, we will permanently engrave the recognized names on a plaque which will remain on the wall of Marist Hall for all to see.

As of January 1, three levels of giving have been identified for recognition. Your donations, from now until our campaign is completed later in the year, will enable you to memorialize family, friends, or loved ones on our permanent plaque.

Gold Level: Gifts of \$5000 and above

Silver Level: Gifts of \$1000 to \$4,999

Bronze Level: Gifts of \$250-\$999

Your engraved plaque has two lines of engraving. Some examples are:

In honor of the
abc family

In memory of
Jane & John

The Happy
Family

We recognize many of you have contributed generously to the 2025 campaign, and we thank you with all our hearts. You will have a chance to remember loved ones on this plaque. If your donations were within the levels above, please watch for an email which will direct you about your wishes for recognition. We realize that many do not want their names or donations disclosed, and we respect that. We feel that this final campaign will help us raise the remainder of our Campaign Pledge to the Diocese. If you have not contributed to the campaign in 2025, please consider this your chance to help us update our parish properties at Holy Rosary. We appreciate all the many ways that you contribute to our parish.

In Conclusion

The Diocesan Catholic Sharing Appeal for 2026 will begin in March of this year. Asking for more money, you say?! Yes, but our goal is quite reachable, and remember, we get 50% back, plus every other bit of money after that at 100%. You will be receiving a letter from Fr. Ed soon which outlines our goals. Don't forget, though, that through the Catholic Sharing Appeal, our diocese has been VERY GENEROUS with Holy Rosary Church. We have received many large matching grants, and several small grants to help us with building and social concerns. So, the money comes back to us!

All donations to our building fund in 2026 should come directly to Holy Rosary. All donations to the CSA should go to the diocese, where I am sure they will share with us.

May God's blessings be with each of you this Lenten season. We are truly grateful for your support of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUR PARISH REACH IT'S CAMPAIGN GOAL. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE: (please print)

_____ IN HONOR OF _____

_____ IN MEMORY OF _____

_____ PLEASE KEEP MY DONATION ANONYMOUS

_____ I WILL DONATE WEEKLY TO REACH ONE OF THE GOALS BELOW

GOLD - \$5,000 AND ABOVE SILVER - \$1000-\$4,999 BRONZE - \$250 TO \$999



Let's Have More Fundraisers

Fundraisers are a fun and easy way to earn money for the parish without dipping into our personal pockets. Fundraisers are as many as your imagination, you experience them all around town! We already have another yard sale scheduled, so save your "stuff" for August. But we need more ideas, and parishioners to make the dreams come true. The money from these events will help us to reach our campaign goal, pay down our mortgage, and replenish our CD's for the future.