



St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worcester Parish

Pentecost 2021

Special Capital Projects Edition

Dear Parish Family:

In my Annual Meeting Address, I said the following:

“We spent last year in survival mode. This year we need to find our way beyond simply surviving. ...How we live as the Church has changed – and many things are going to stay even when it is safe for our more vulnerable members of our Parish Family to come back into the building. ...How are we going to be the Church in a post-pandemic world? This is the question with which we are going to have to wrestle. I ask your thoughts and prayers as we move forward together. I know that we can do more than just survive – we will thrive by the grace of God! AMEN.”

One of the ways in which we are moving from surviving to thriving is that after many years of “kicking the can down the road” we are addressing much-needed capital improvements. As I write this article, the new roofs have been put on the church, Neville Hall, and Sunday School/Office wing. The painter is going to begin working at the beginning of June, and we have contacted the Stained-Glass company who originally produced our windows to set in motion a plan to preserve the windows starting in August.

We are blessed that we have an endowment, which means that instead of borrowing money from the bank, we are able to borrow the money (with no interest) from ourselves. We now need to begin the process of gathering donations to replace the money borrowed for these important projects.

In the following pages, you will find more information on the projects as well as various levels of support. Some have the means to donate to sponsorships, while others may be able to sponsor a brick. All donations are received with great thanksgiving for the generous hearts we have in our Parish Family. Please remember that the regular expenses of the Parish continue and so we ask you to consider this a request for donations in addition to your regular support.

I am happy to say that all the work that is being done comes with guarantees on materials and workmanship which mean that they will not have to be done again within most of our lifetimes. I am not planning on living until I am 104!

Once most of the work is completed, we will have a celebration as a Parish Family, and later invite the Community to celebrate with us as we continue with our traditions and explore new ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world.

In Christ,

Restoration Work on Windows



Epiphany & Presentation Window: There is bowing along the border on both sides of window running from the bottom to the top. This window will be removed and completely restored. Once restored the window will be re-installed and new laminated glass protection will be installed on the exterior. Prior to the installation of the protection glass, the exterior part of the window frame will be scraped, primed, and painted.



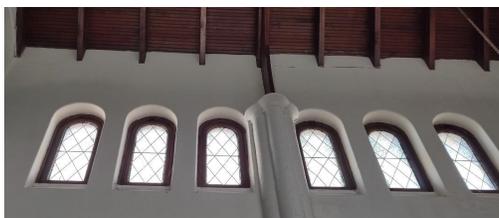
Apostles Window: The glazing compound around the exterior of the stained glass is dried out and breaking away from the window. There is a slight bow at the bottom of the window. The panel with the bowing will be removed and repaired. The exterior glazing compound will be removed and all stained

glass panels will be re-sealed at the perimeter. New laminated glass protection will be installed on the exterior. Prior to the installation of the protection glass, the exterior part of the window frame will be scraped, primed, and painted.



Ascension & Pentecost Window: There is bowing in the robe area of the right lancet. This window will be removed and completely restored. Once restored the window will be re-installed and new laminated glass protection will be installed on the exterior. Prior to the installation of the protection glass, the exterior part of the window frame will be scraped, primed, and painted.

St. Paul Window: There is daylight coming in at the top of the rose window. This appears to be caused by loose/dried out glazing material that has fallen off at the top of the window. The exterior glazing compound will be removed and all stained glass panels will be re-sealed at the perimeter. New laminated glass protection will be installed on the exterior. Prior to the installation of the protection glass, the exterior part of the window frame will be scraped, primed, and painted.



Colored Glass Windows above the Choir: The geometric diamond patterned windows on either side of the altar have a bow to them and some of the glass has already been replaced due to breakage. There is dried out glazing compound on the exterior perimeter that is falling off. These windows will be removed and restored. Once restored the windows will be re-installed and new laminated glass protection will be installed on the exterior. Prior to the installation of the protection glass, the exterior part of the window frame will be scraped, primed, and painted. This project costs \$25,000 and the Vestry will be looking at various options and we will report back to the Parish Family.

How you can help...

Capital Improvement Sponsorships



Roof and painting

Church \$18,250/side (Need 4 donors to pay in full)

Neville Hall/ Offices \$12,100/ side (Need 3 donors to pay in full)

“Gold Cross” Sponsorships: \$5000.00 – 10,000

“Roof & Tower” Sponsorships: \$1000.00 – 4,999

“Scaffold” Sponsorships: \$100.00 – 999.00

“Bricks & Brushes” Sponsorships: \$ 20.00 – 99.00



Windows

\$13,000 per window. To Preserve 4 windows and protect them

\$ 3,250 per window Protection for remaining 7 windows

We are grateful for all donations. You can use the enclosed envelope.