

St. Martin, A Parish Community in Transformation: Excerpts from The Rector's State of the Church Address

Apparent Obstacles to Ministry Are A Means of Grace ?

The following are items for the repair or refurbishing of our buildings. Are they obstacles or means for Grace? Prayerfully reflect upon the mountain of items before us. Jesus said, "If you have the faith of a mustard seed you can move mountains." God is using these to show what only God can accomplish.

Kitchen Fire Suppression:	\$3,500.00-\$13,800.00
Fire Alarm System in Church Building:	\$24,998.00
Repair of Sea Wall:	\$106,000.00
Other Needed Repairs/Renovations:	
Nave Electrical Rewiring and Replacement of Light Fixtures	
ADA Renovations for Entrances and Bathrooms	
Church Building Sound System	
Replacement of Carpet in Church and Chapel	
Door Replacement on East Side of Office and Church	
Refurbishment of All Bathrooms	
Replacement of Office and Sacristy Windows	
Various Roof Repairs	
Completion of Fence in North Parking Lot	

Our Obstacles Are a Means of Grace and Ministry !

How do the seemingly insurmountable property needs become a means of Grace and Ministry? They become so by discerning God's will and purpose. We are discovering that God's will and purpose for St. Martin, and our surrounding communities, necessitates the renovation and rebuilding of our property. The faith vision we are exploring is:

- Redevelop North Lot for Commercial Use - Rebuild Ministry and Office Spaces in the South Lot
- Class Rooms for Education (Youth and Adult)
- Construct State of the Art Parish Hall and Kitchen with Exposure to the ICW. This Will Allow For:
 - Parish Events
 - Wedding Receptions
 - Community Activities
- Redesigning of the Nave/Worship Space
 - Reduce Size to Accommodate 250-300 Worshippers
 - Maintain Artifacts of Importance
 - Modernize-Restructure and Re-Fit With New Wiring, Light Fixtures, Sound System and Bathrooms
- Bring All Buildings to ADA Standards for the Handicapped and Elderly
- Meditation and Fellowship Garden
- Playground
- Strengthening of the Seawall
- Dock and Boat Slips
- Promenade Under West Atlantic Blvd. Bridge

Property Redevelopment Empowers a Vision for Ministry

How do we reach out and nurture our community in Christ? We are to feed the body and feed the soul! The following is our unfolding vision for ministry:

St. Martin Parish: A Spiritual Life Center

Feeding the Body: Agape Café

Feeding the Soul: The Arts:

Community Music Performances

Community Theatre

Art Shows and Displays

Painting

Glass

Wood Work

Culinary

Exercises in Spiritual Meditation:

Walking the Labyrinth

Guided Meditations/Yoga

Inviting the Community Into the Sacramental Life of the Parish and Into the St. Martin Community.

The redevelopment of our property will allow for these and more opportunities of ministry to be given birth and life.

Vestry News

New Vestry Class of 2017 and Officers Seated

At our Annual Meeting this past Sunday we elected by acclamation three persons to serve a three year term as members of the Vestry. The Class of 2017 are Charles Bolick, Al Fauss and Lena Norton. Welcome aboard good and faithful servants.

Thank You to Members Who Have Ended Their Term

A very special thank you to the members of the Class of 2014! They are Sr. Warden, Larry Norton, Sue D'Amore, Ted Friedt and William Meleski. Your faithful service to Christ's church is deeply appreciated by us all!

Welcome to Our Vestry Officers

Our Officers of the Vestry for the 2015 year are: Charmaine Comprosky, Sr. Warden, Marina Garrison, Jr. Warden, Janice LaVrar, Treasurer, Sylvia Pecaro, Assistant Treasurer, John Moore, Assistant Treasurer and Charles Bolick, Clerk.

Vestry and Leadership Retreat

Your vestry and parish leaders will be on retreat with Fr. Bernie Friday evening, January 23rd through Saturday afternoon, January 24th, at the Duncan Center. The purpose of their time together is to pray, share in fellowship and be discerning about God's purpose for our life as a parish community. We will share in vestry training and explore the areas of parish life regard the possible development of our property and the ministries this will offer. Please keep them in your prayers.



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Late one night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" The preacher said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer said, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."