

ST. STEPHEN'S R.C. MAGYAR CHURCH



2021-2022

REPAIR CAMPAIGN

"RENEWING THE HOUSE OF GOD"

PROPOSED PARISH PROJECTS:

PHASE ONE:

REPLACING HVAC UNIT

UPGRADING ELECTRICAL PANAL

PHASE TWO:

REPAIRING/REPLACING FLOOR

STAIN GLASS WINDOW REPAIRS

BELL TOWER REPAIRS

ORGAN REPAIRS

LEAKS AND CEILING REPAIRS

PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT

MULTIMEDIA UPGRADE



STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIR



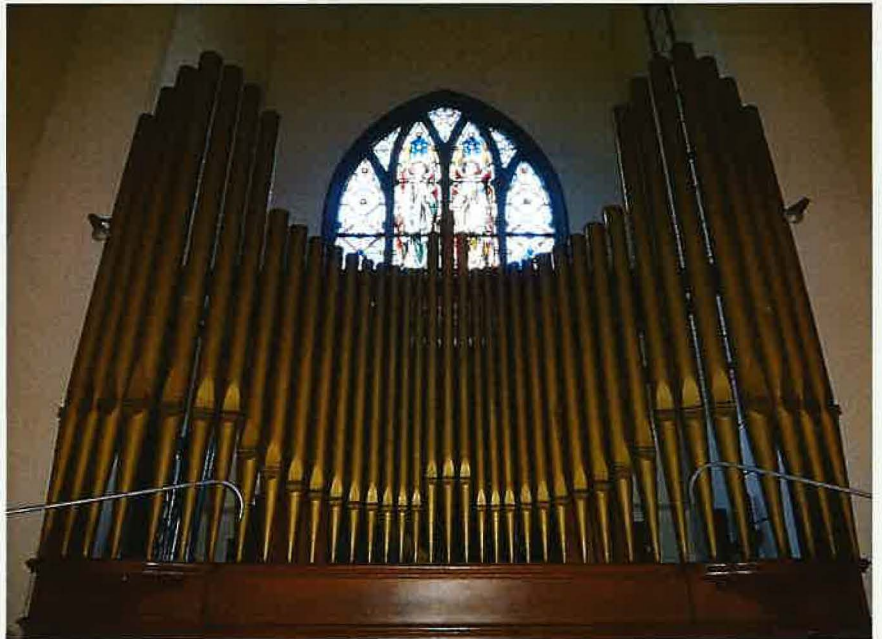
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Message from Father Laszlo

In 2023 our church will be 120 years old. In those years our Church has seen many changes and still proudly stand as the only official Hungarian Roman Catholic Church on the east coast. And as any older building that has seen many years go by, it has retained some wear and tear. As my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ – my second family – our duty to take care of our second home is at hand. This Church is a reflection of all those who served and are serving us over the years.

I am very grateful to those who have supported our Church for many years. Those who have raised their children with us and those who now join our Parish Community in recent years. As you can see by our Repair Campaign Packet, we have several issues that need to be addressed, which unfortunately, we are not financially capable of doing with our current income alone.

Therefore, I humbly ask you, our Parish family, friends, community, and our Church for help. I also ask you to reach outside of our community to your family and friends here and abroad. To please share our request. We have estimated the repairs to be at \$323,000.00 and have begun the process of starting the first phase of the renovations, with the approval of the Bishop of Paterson.

Donations are not limited to monetary contributions, but anyone who can provide services or professional trades are welcome and greatly appreciated. Attached you will find the outline of each phase of the renovations.

With your support and the continued blessing from God, our church will continue to thrive for many more years. Thank you and God Bless you and your families

In Christ

Fr. Laszlo Balogh, Pastor

St. Stephens R.C Magyar Church

Project summary and costs

This summary is a compilation the items deemed necessary for a collective upgrade to the Church building of Saint Stephens Passaic New Jersey. What follows is a short description of the upgrade as well as the criteria used for creating this Summary.

It is the intention of the parish to separate the repairs into two individual phases with the HVAC taking precedence (Phase One) starting ASAP.

PHASE ONE

HVAC

The existing heating distribution system is approximately 70 years old, although changes have been made to upgrade the furnace the remaining steam distribution system is still the original and has resulted in multiple failures.

The existing cooling system consists of two 3-ton split units. These units are approximately twenty years old and are vastly inadequate for the volume of the building.

Prompted by the health concerns of the aging population of the parish as well as cost effectiveness, we opted to replace the above-mentioned system with combination heating/ cooling gas fired units. This would be a hot/cool air system. To achieve even distribution, two soffits will be created along the side walls of the church. This would also require modification to the existing pews in the side aisles of the church. In doing so, temperature control will be seamless and automatic.

The engineering firm, Pro Design Engineering, has set forth the electrical and plumbing requirements to accomplish the above modification which includes utility upgrades for new 3 phase electric service to the building.

We have currently solicited three bids for the HVAC as well as the electrical. We are in the process of getting three bids for the plumbing. We did engage the HVAC with a retainer to lock in pricing and availability of the units. We will not be moving forward on the remaining work (PHASE TWO) until the summer of 2022.

Phase One Total Cost : \$140,360.00

PHASE 2

Floor Damage

In the examination process it was discovered That 2 rafter beams have been compromised from prior insect infestation. These beams have shifted down creating a slope in the floor that allowed the sub floor to move and crack the finish floor. Two new floor jacks will need to be installed for support along with multiple sister ribbing to rectify the issue. A New subfloor will be installed to level the modified floor as well as new finish floor. To facilitate this work, it will require us to shut down the building moving all services to the Mindszenty Hall for the duration of the repair. In doing so it will create an unrestricted work environment and speed the construction process as swiftly as possible.

Window damage

Further inspection revealed that the stained-glass window caulking is severely compromised or non-existing. This element of the widow system keep the windows weather proof and does not allow cold or warm air drafts to enter to the inside environment. Once installed, all caulking and trim must be sealed with paint.

Multimedia Upgrade

In the wake of the ever-changing Covid environment and the increase of remote viewers, an upgrade of the multimedia capabilities of this church is warranted. This work shall be conducted as to not interfere with the aesthetics of the traditional architecture of the building.

Parking Lot

After many years of use (approximately 60) and a few attempted repairs, the asphalt in the parking lot, church side, needs replacing. About 6 years ago the rectory lot was resurfaced, and an attempt was made to patch and seal coat the church lot, but to no avail. Numerous cracks and sink holes are surfacing creating tripping hazards. Additionally, the paved area on the school grounds, Market Street side, needs to be replaced do to improper water drainage. We have therefore included this repair in our summary.

Phase Two Total Cost: \$182, 477.00

We feel these upgrades are necessary for the safety and well being of the parishioners and will have a positive impact on their lives.

Therefore the St. Stephens parish council in unison with Pastor Balogh Laszlo respectfully submit this information to aid your review and approval of the {Application For Permission to renovate or Repair Building.}

August 20, 2021



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