



Capital Improvement Committee Update – First and most importantly, **thank you** for your generosity towards restoring and preserving St Patrick Church. Second, why is it taking so long to see any renovations???? Our 1st phase (Windows, Gutters and Drainage) required us to undertake three planning trials followed by an application process for two approvals: 1) Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) and 2) Harrisburg Diocese. We recently obtained the first approval from HARB and the second approval will be reviewed by the Diocese on 4/17. In order to not waste time during this interim waiting period, we started the bidding phase. This process required us to obtain three bids from which we will then select the most appropriate one for each segment within the phase. Our plan for Phase 1 remains the same; which is to start work near the end of this school year and have it completed by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Once the final approval is received from the Diocese, we will share drawings and more information with you via the website, bulletin, and easels and monitor in the Narthex of the church.

Additionally, we have started meeting with architects for the Phase 2 internal renovations (pews, kneelers, flooring, relocation of confessional) that will take place Summer of 2019. We are in the early stage planning process for Phase 2 and will update you once we have a work product to share.

Part of Phase 2 also included a jump start project dealing with the choir loft railing and riser renovations. As reported in an earlier bulletin, the bid that was received to do this work was far above what the committee expected and therefore it was not accepted. However, several talented individuals on the committee volunteered to do most of the work and parish members were asked to volunteer to help with material handling and clean up. As a result, we will be able to complete this project for about 15% of the original bid. This project has already started and if you look at the very left-hand side of the choir loft, you will see a sample of the addition to the railing. Due to safety concerns, the remainder of the railing will be completed once the riser renovation is finished. We expect to complete the choir loft renovations by the end of summer leading to a safer and far more effective working space for our music ministers.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity and your patience while this project gets started. We know it must feel like a long time coming, but we are glad to report that we see no deviation in our completion dates. We are close to making things happen, but remain committed to taking our time to doing it right and spending your contributions in a way that brings quality and lasting value to our facilities. And as promised, we will always keep the parish informed.

Forever indebted to your support - The Capital Improvement Committee

**Glory be to St. Patrick's, as it was in its beginning,
is now, and will be for generations to come, Amen**