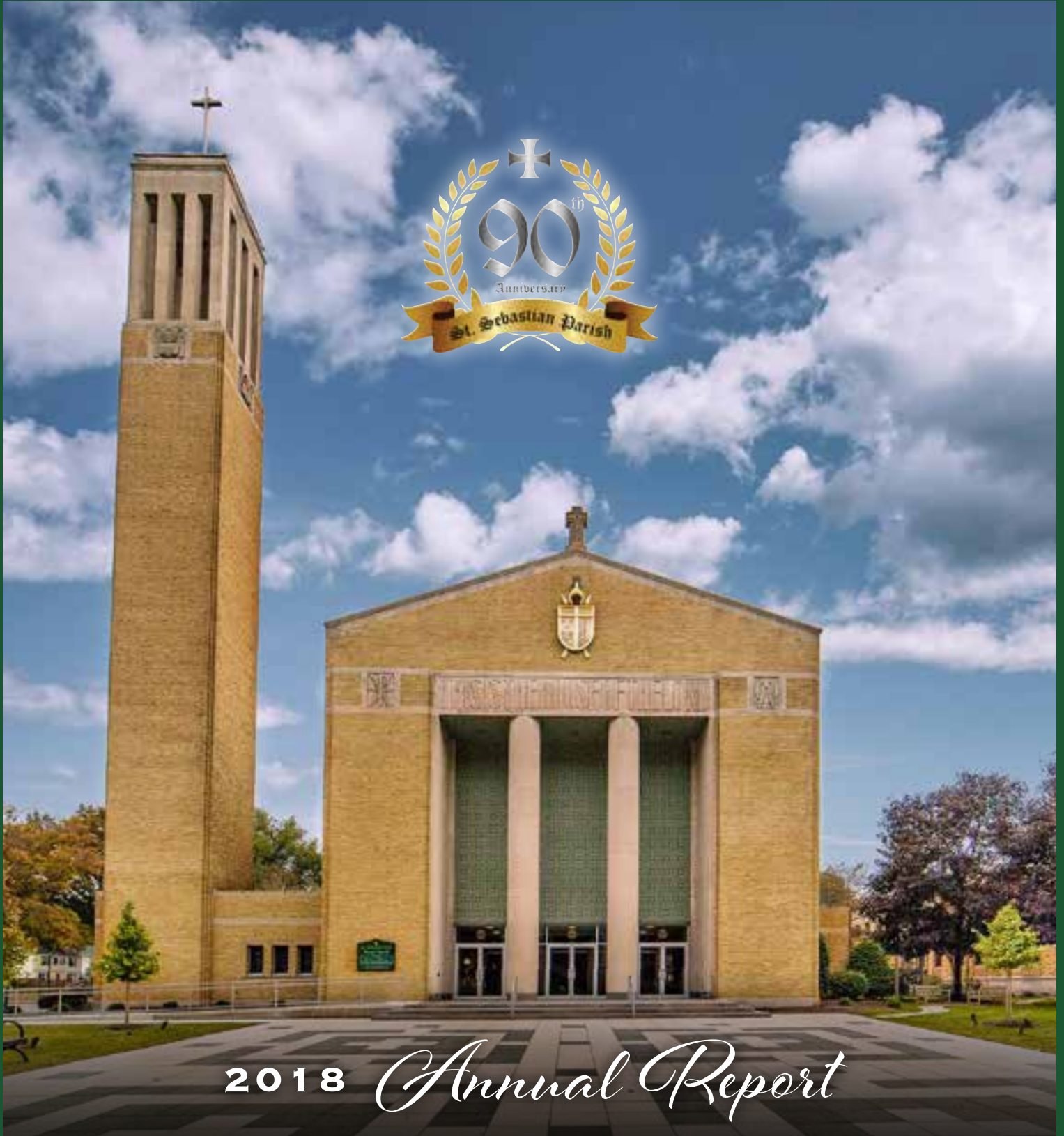




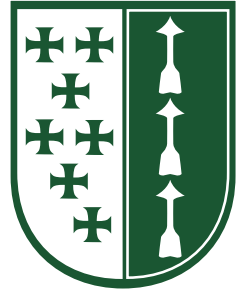
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



2018 *Annual Report*



From our Pastor



Greetings, and happy 90th anniversary! It was just a little over 200 years ago that the area that is now St. Sebastian Parish was not even a part of the United States, according to the Treaty of Greenville. When St. Sebastian Parish was founded in 1928, it arose out of some swampy fields in the burgeoning City of Akron, which was rapidly expanding westward. Since that time, the parish has been the cornerstone of West Akron, spiritually, educationally and as a source of stability.

In 1971 when the parish was 43 years young, some forward-thinking members of this parish wanted to make sure that the spirit and strength of St. Sebastian would be ensured for the future of this parish, her people and the people of West Akron. They established the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, whose sole task was to keep the parish financially stable so it could more effectively continue its mission by focusing more on its spiritual tasks than its financial burdens.

When Bishop Nelson Perez, the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, came to celebrate Mass at St. Sebastian, I took him for a walk around our campus. As we walked, I told him about the people who make up our community, all the ministries you do, and our hopes for the future.

I pointed out all of our buildings and grounds which, in the summer, were in their fullest beauty. I pointed to Byrider Hall and Forest Lodge and finally, walking to the top of the block, pointed out the new Julie Billiard School at St. Sebastian. He finally cut me off and exclaimed his surprise at the extent and beauty of our campus.

As we start looking toward the 100th anniversary of our parish, we must be mindful that these remarkable grounds and facilities, much of which were established under our founding pastor, Monsignor Zwislner, will also require steadfast and careful maintenance. While the collection plate helps the parish with our day-to-day expenses and ministries, the parish largely relies on the Foundation for assistance

in keeping all of our physical assets in top order. Additionally, the Foundation helps keep tuition lower, provides funding for parish activities, invests parish resources, helps in emergencies, and enables us to accomplish large tasks with less of a burden on the individual parishioner.

As you flip through these pages, notice how much has been accomplished through the advantage of having this Foundation, and also ***know that the Foundation does not exist without your prayerfully considered support.*** When you donate to any organization, you may wonder how effectively your generosity is being used.

With the Foundation, you can see it, touch it and experience it right here and right now. You can see it in the children in the school, you can hear it in the music at Mass, you can touch it in the beauty and cleanliness of our restored church pews. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has been actively participating in the current and future care of this remarkable parish.

Please consider being a part of the future strength of the work of this parish. Every gift will benefit our parish well into the future. On our 100th or 190th anniversary, may there be a pastor writing thankfully about your thoughtfulness in years past that helped keep the parish strong spiritually, educationally and structurally.

God bless,

Rev. John A. Valencheck
Pastor
St. Sebastian Parish

From our President

Dear St. Sebastian Parishioners,
Alumni and Friends,

What a year! In 2018, the Foundation completed the Cornerstone of Our Faith Campaign, meeting our \$1 million goal and disbursing those funds as work on the stunning 90th anniversary church restoration project was completed. As it does every year, the Foundation also disbursed funds to the parish and school

for student scholarships, instructional supplies, special ministries and projects, capital improvements and repairs. This year, in honor of the parish's 90th anniversary, the Foundation also made special disbursements to our school to cover costs to freeze tuition for one year and give cash grants to the faculty. All told, the Foundation disbursed over \$1.3 million in 2018, bringing the Foundation's total contributions to the church and school over the life of the Foundation to \$10.9 million. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and staff and to our generous donors for this amazing accomplishment.

We are so grateful for your years of loyalty to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Since 1971, the Foundation has supported the needs of our parish, and we are thankful for your donations that keep our Foundation financially healthy. The Foundation is strong due to the generations of donors who have supported our church and school through both restricted gifts and unrestricted gifts. Restricted gifts are important because they go directly to a specific endowment, fund or scholarship, which helps to sustain our vibrant parish and school and often impacts a student, special project or program.

As the Foundation Board of Trustees moves forward and plans for the future, we are focused on growing the Foundation's Unrestricted Fund. We do not yet know the opportunities and challenges that are in the future, but we are committed to serving the needs of our parish and school. Donations to the Unrestricted Fund hold a special importance



The entire St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board of Trustees came together in celebration of St. Sebastian Parish at the 90th Anniversary Gala on Nov. 10, 2018. Pictured here are: [first row] Steve Wilt; Fr. Valencheck (secretary); Orville Reed, III; Tim DelMedico; [second row] Tim Beringer, Sr.; Heidi Heinle (president); Brenda Pier Beck ; [third row] Patrick O'Neill; Lois Gerstenmaier; and Ken Contrera (treasurer).

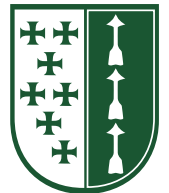
because they help defray operating costs and help pay unexpected expenses. It is due to the commitment of our loyal parishioners and friends of St. Sebastian that Unrestricted Funds are available to assist Father Valencheck, our parish and our school in times of need.

The Foundation Board serves the parish to help it provide a spiritual home to our Catholic families and a place of hope for the Akron community. With the many changes in the City of Akron throughout the years, there is comfort in knowing that St. Sebastian has been, and continues to be, a vibrant parish for many generations of families. Now, more than ever, the Board of Trustees and the Foundation office staff are focused on growing our Foundation to support the St. Sebastian campus and offer our community a dignified place to worship, celebrate the Sacraments and be a center for social events and spiritual growth.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, we appreciate your loyalty and commitment to St. Sebastian Parish.

God bless,

Heidi S. Heinle
President
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



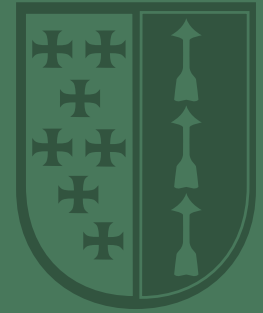
Thank you for your support of the Foundation.
You are cordially invited to the **2019 Meet the Board.**

Meet the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board. Enjoy wine & cheese and dessert. Ask any questions you might have!

Thursday, June 27, 2019 • 7:00 p.m. in Zwisler Hall

Limited Seating - Please RSVP by June 20th to Kathy Holaday
at 330.836.2233 x113 or Holadayk@stsebastian.org

Financial Statements



St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2017 and 2018. Contributions to the church and school from the Foundation from 1971 through 2018 total: **\$10,922,836**.

Assets	2017	2018
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 372,981	\$ 133,623
Long-term Investments at Market:		
Fixed Income	\$ 1,938,293	\$ 2,330,106
Equities	\$ 2,768,515	\$ 1,884,807
Total Assets	\$ 5,079,789	\$ 4,348,536

Liabilities and Fund Balances	2017	2018
Parish Monies Held for Church Improvement	\$ 0	\$ 191,837
Fund Balances	\$ 5,079,789	\$ 4,156,699
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 5,079,789	\$ 4,348,536

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses for the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2017 and 2018.

Income	2017	2018
Gifts & Fundraisers	\$ 749,481	\$ 828,608
Net Gains/[Losses] from Investments	\$ 508,760	\$ (194,082)
Total Gifts and Net Gains	\$ 1,258,241	\$ 634,526

Distributions and Expenses	2017	2018
Distributions to Church and School	\$ 291,143	\$ 1,355,964
Expenses	\$ 176,385	\$ 201,652
Total Distributions and Expenses	\$ 467,528	\$ 1,557,616

The Foundation value over the last four years.

Total Market Value

2018	\$4,156,699
2017	\$5,079,789
2016	\$4,289,076
2015	\$3,932,514

Unrestricted Value

2018	\$1,700,049
2017	\$1,986,487
2016	\$2,046,602
2015	\$1,999,157

Restricted Value

2018	\$2,456,650
2017	\$3,093,302
2016	\$2,242,474
2015	\$1,933,357

Snapshot of 2018 Distributions

The Foundation provides crucial, annual support to St. Sebastian Parish in so many ways, from support of special ministries and capital improvements for our buildings and grounds, to scholarships and educational supplies for our students and teachers. Below is a snapshot of how Foundation funds were disbursed in 2018. A snapshot of distributions over the last 10 years can be found on the Foundation website: foundation.stsebastian.org.

90th Anniversary St. Sebastian Teacher Grants	\$22,500	Music Endowment	\$1,945
90th Anniversary St. Sebastian Tuition Freeze	\$22,500	Catherine Paparella Memorial Scholarship	\$400
Boy Scout Troop #96 Fund	\$1,500	Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment	\$1,065
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab	\$674	School Financial Aid and Scholarships	\$90,549
Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$4,533	Frances L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500
Cornerstone of Our Faith Restoration Project	\$900,000	Social Ministry	\$4,200
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	St. Sebastian School Fund	\$4,831
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Endowment	\$638	John A. Trecaso Scholarship	\$500
Foley Adult Education	\$404	James R. and Marie T. White School Library Endowment	\$595
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$2,000	Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$1,616
GOAL Scholarship	\$2,000	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$135
Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,125		

From our Director

Happy 90th Anniversary, St. Sebastian Parish! I hope you have been enjoying the many ways our vibrant and active parish has been celebrating our anniversary. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our celebration! It is hard for me to fully express the extent of my tremendous gratitude and ongoing appreciation to you, our parishioners, alumni, school families and friends, for your continued support and dedication.

2018 was a fabulous year! The Foundation was tasked with raising funds for the parish's 90th anniversary church restoration project, Cornerstone of Our Faith. The Foundation completed the Cornerstone capital campaign in May of 2018 and exceeded our \$1 million goal!

By the spring, 2019 publishing date of this report, we have raised more than \$1,050,000 in Cornerstone donations. Thank you!

Any funds remaining after all Cornerstone invoices have been satisfied will be placed in the Church Improvement Fund, which was established at the Foundation in 2014 to support the church's capital needs. The fact that there now is an established balance of funds in this Church Improvement Fund is truly a tribute and reflection of our generous parish community.

I am pleased to share this annual report highlighting the efforts of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2018. Donations to the Foundation continue to arrive in all shapes, sizes and designations. Each and every donation is vital to the ongoing support of our church and school. As you can see in this report, many donations are "restricted gifts," or gifts designated for one of the Foundation's 70+ named endowments, scholarships and funds. We are thankful for the important support these restricted gifts provide to a wide range of causes in the parish and school.

The Foundation also receives "unrestricted gifts," donations that we consider to have a "mission critical" importance. Donations to the Unrestricted Fund help to support and maintain our church and school



The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation office staff greet attendees at the Parish Pasta Dinner. Pictured from left to right: Director of Development Kathy Holaday and development assistants Anne Dennée and Rosanne Burns. The Pasta Dinner, which was held January 20, 2018, was a sellout event that raised more than \$1,100 for the Cornerstone of our Faith Capital Campaign. Thank you to Marcy Smith '82 for spearheading this fantastic event!

in ways that are not always as publically heralded or visible, but unrestricted gifts are certainly crucial.

I hope you will enjoy the Cornerstone project recap provided in this report. We are filled with gratitude to all those who made it such a successful project, especially our staff at St. Sebastian Parish and our dedicated volunteers!

It is wonderful to be a part of this community and amazing to witness firsthand the generosity and kindness given to our parish and the Foundation. *We are so very blessed to have such an incredible parish family supporting this legacy of giving* and allowing the heritage and traditions of St. Sebastian to continue for many years to come. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Sincerely,

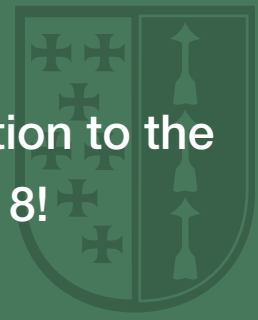
Kathleen Zehenni Holaday
Director of Development
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



Parish Coat of Arms: The seven crosses represent Saint Sebastian's conversion to the faith, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and the seven sacraments. The number seven symbolizes union with God.

The three arrows represent the Christian faith in the Trinity and the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2018!



The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is deeply thankful for the steadfast support of the St. Sebastian community. In addition to generous support of the parish's Cornerstone of Our Faith capital campaign, the Foundation was so fortunate to have the continued annual support of our loyal benefactors. Your donations in 2018 helped provide crucial annual support for our church and school through restricted donations designated for specific ministries, needs, and projects as well as unrestricted donations directed to the areas of greatest need. Listed below are the individuals and organizations who made a gift to the Foundation during the 2018 fiscal year (Jan. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018), excluding gifts to the Cornerstone campaign, which are reported on pages 13-20.

If we have incorrectly listed or inadvertently omitted your name, please contact the Foundation (330-836-2233 ext. 113, foundation@stsebastian.org) so we may correct our records. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation!

Restricted Gifts

Alumni Scholarship Endowment

Barbara Hilkert Andolsen
Anonymous (5)
Joseph Bachmann
Stanley C. Bernat
Roland and Sara Bertolini
Ramona Botzum
Thomas and Karin Bray
Barbara Farr Brizes
Teresa Redle Brostowitz
Anne Lynett Clark
Edward Dannemiller
Ralph* and Edna Del Greco
Anne Morgan Dennée
Amy DiFilippo
John F. Farmer
Marie Karg Graham*
Lawrence H. Halter
Caroline Hummel
Paul Hummel
Richard Keeney
Charles Kincaid
David and Sherry Marshall
Dennis McAleese
Michael McGuckin
Jeanne Ott
Maddie Petit
Olivia Petit
Sholar Petit

Michele Tomaski Pfrogner
Elizabeth Pinkerton
John Reichart
Tim Scanlon
Toni Schapansky
Jeff Shaffer
Paul J. Slaven
Michael R. Stiller
Patty Zachardy Van Pelt
Carley Whitney
Robert Zwisler, III

**Dr. H. Thomas and
Mary Rita Baumgardner
Scholarship Endowment**
Mark T. Baumgardner
Ken and Peggy Contrera

Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund
Rosemary and Frank Floccari
Jeannie and Julian Hillery

Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment
Anna Lee Cleary
Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Cleary
Patricia and Thomas Cleary
Patrick Cleary
Edward and Carla Sloan and Family

**Meyo Clarke Comunale
Scholarship Endowment**
Stephen A. Comunale

**Mary Jo Costigan Teachers'
Salary Endowment**
Jim and Peggy Costigan

**Dayspring Opportunity
Scholarship Fund**
Dayspring Foundation

**James E. and Yvonne Dietrich
Family Endowment**
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich

**Foley Family Adult Religious Education
Endowment**
Margurite Ahern
Maralyn Yanko

**Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship
Endowment**
Dr. and Mrs. John Gerstenmaier

**GOAL Endowment
(Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders)**
The H. E. Graves Jr. Family Foundation

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation oversees more than 70 named endowments, funds and scholarships. A complete list is available online at foundation.stsebastian.org.

If you would like to contribute to or start your own named endowment, fund or scholarship with the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, we can help! For more information, please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 ext. 113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org.

Restricted Gifts, continued

Grounds Crew Flower Fund

Shirley Foster
Rob and Marian Olsen

Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund

Ann Fairweather
The Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin
Foundation
Dave and Donna Young

**Hank and Eileen Hudson Scholarship
Endowment**

Harold Hudson, Jr.*
The Stephen and Carol Jost
Charitable Fund

Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel

Bereavement Endowment
Paul and Patricia Hummel, Jr.
John Whalen

**John and Joan Kelley Scholarship
Endowment**

Karen and Jim Amer
Mary Ellen Amer
Anonymous
Julia and Bruce Bain
Debbie Bandy
Shirley Bandy
John and Nancy Beringer
Anna Lee Cleary
Dr. and Mrs. Ranendra DasVarma
Jenny and Tim DelMedico
Dee Dee and Ed DiCresce
The Diocese of Charlotte, NC,
Development Office
Sonya Downing
Margaret and Rick Foill
Mr. and Mrs. William Greg Foust
John and Lois Gerstenmaier
Jonne and Albert Gilbert
Sandy Hamad
Dr. Chris Hanners Family and Staff
Karen Jones
Jim and Joan Kelley
Jim and Sally Klein
Tom and Debbie Klinger
Joan Kramer
Jean and Anthony Locastro
Debbie Martin
Edward Napolitano
Mary P. Oczechowski
Marie and Michael Parker

Timothy Scanlon
Margot and Ron Schroder
Kathleen Seikel
Debra and Vito Sinopoli
Melissa and Vincent Tersigni
Ann Towell
Ann Traverse
Marie Tuccillo
United Mailing Service, Inc.;
Mark Ingram, Principal/CMO;
Jim Heintz, Principal/CEO
Maureen N. Van Duser
Tricia Welch
Maralyn Yanko

Dr. Carl E. Krill, Sr. Family Endowment

Roberta Krill Hawkins
Kevin and Mary Lynne Krill

Music Endowment

Jim and Sally Klein
Rob and Marian Olsen
Ronald and Sally Scarpitti
Kathleen Seikel
Fran Sharp
Lois and David M. Weis

Natural Family Planning Fund

Daniel Slattery

**Esther Simonetti Owen Scholarship
Endowment**

Friends of the Family of
Esther Simonetti Owen
Brenda and Thomas Sheehan

**Plaza Fund (Zwisler Hall)
Commemorative Bricks**

Edna Del Greco
Virginia Morabito
Meri and Stephen Skiera

**Mary Jane Hudak Roberts
Mathematics Endowment**

James E. Roberts, Jr.

**The Lewis and Kathleen Seikel
Scholarship Endowment**

Doris Jane Seikel Hinton*
Tom and Katy Karg
Kathleen Seikel
Kristi Seikel
Tim and Wendy Seikel
Marie Ann and Ray Thomas
Theresa and Sean Walter

**Frances L. Sharp Scholarship
Endowment**

Frances L. Sharp

Sheeks Family Scholarship Endowment

Donn Cramblette

**Social Ministry Christmas Boutique
Sponsors**

Rebecca Adamczyk
Artists Inc.
Darko Brdarski
Laura Buehner
Lisa Burford
Carolynn Coleman
Cynthia Cook
Kathryn Dietrich
Laura Dinicola
Lois Gerstenmaier
Natalie Griffin-Kinney
Rachel Hagenbush
Kathleen Huckabee
Andrea Jopperi
Amanda Leffler
Danielle Petit
Alissa Danckaert Skovira
The Social Dept. LLC

Spectacular General Fund

Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Beringer, Sr.

**St. Sebastian School Fund:
#WeGiveCatholic**

All donations received through
the 2018 #WeGiveCatholic campaign
were earmarked for the school for
classroom improvements.
Our teachers and students thank
you for your generosity!
Anonymous (9)
Kenneth Buehner
Anne and Andy Dennée
Rich and Sue Edgar
Kathleen George
Jack Gerstenmaier
Ed and Brigid Hillmuth
Kathy and Mark Holaday
The Huber Family
Paul Hummel, III
Tom and Katy Karg
Kindbom Family
Michael Magee
Julie Musci
Cynthia Rodeman

The Rohr Family
John and Valerie Senko
Harry and Cathy Sivec
Marcy Smith
Laura Stallings
The Stummer Family
Lou and Micki Trenta
Carolyn Varner

**Lynn Frey-Steward Organ
Scholarship Fund**

Anonymous
Frances R. Caruso
Rita Reymann Czarniecki
Lynn Frey-Steward

Stiller Family Scholarship Endowment

William and Patricia Stiller

**Jay and Marilyn Stitz
Scholarship Endowment**

Jay and Marilyn Stitz Foundation

**John L. and Nellie A. Tormey
Rectory Restoration Fund**

John L. and Nellie A. Tormey
Revocable Trust

**John A. Trecaso Scholarship
Endowment**

John S. Trecaso
Marianne Trecaso
Michael Trecaso

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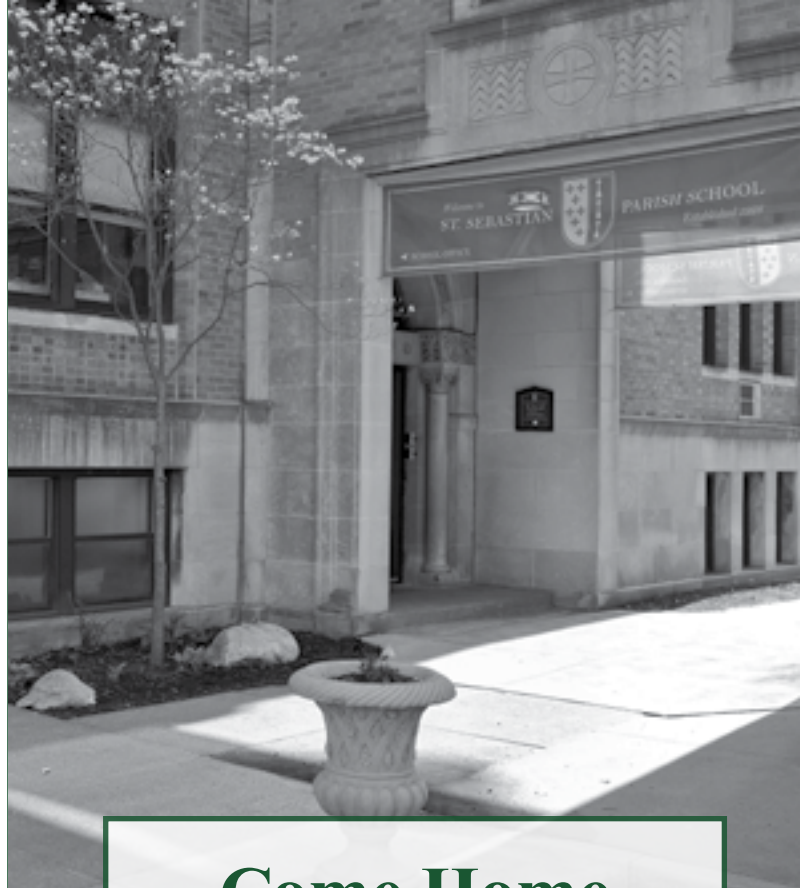
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photographs seen in this
report are provided courtesy
of parishioner Ed Balaun,
Class of 1976, Lindsay Jones
of Blind Eye Restoration, LLC,
and Mario Micale of Narrative
Digital Media. We thank them
for allowing us to showcase our
campus, our church and the
restoration project through their
beautiful photography.

Unrestricted Gifts

Akron Children's Hospital
Employee Foundation
Janice Alpeter
Anonymous (9)
Linda and Tony Aulino
Suzanne Balch
Roland and Sara Bertolini
Ann Amer Brennan
Anne Brunner
Robert J. Budd
Kenneth Buehner
John Kenneth Butler
Albert J. Caliri
Janet M. Ciotola
Ken and Peggy Contrera
Helen Conway
Frederick and Andrea Costanzo
Belinda Darr
Becky and Jeff Davis
Edna Del Greco
Francis Del Greco
Jacquelyn and Vincent DelMedico
Elyse Dennis and Hilarie Rogers
Marian and Jim DeVoe
Tom and Kathy Dietrich
Mary Jo Ederer
Kim Haws Falasco
John Frank
Donald Fraraccio*
John and Mindy Fulvimar
Thomas Gardner
John and Lois Gerstenmaier
Keith Goble
Christopher Godios
The Patricia and J. Harvey Graves
Family Foundation
Sandra Gray
Kelly Hartz
Hasenstab Architects, Inc.
Katherine Hatton and Richard Bilotti
Fund of the Princeton Area
Community Foundation
Albert Hilbert
Kathy and Mark Holaday
Susan and Charles Jackson
John C. Jost
Mark Jost
Whitney Kennison
Jim and Sally Klein
Lisa Kleines
Donald Kline
Susan M. Korosa
Maureen and Greg Kudlac

Mary Louise Kuehning*
Gregory Lancione
James and Lisette Lentine
Ann and Mary Loftus
Michael Magee
Nancy Maloyan
David and Sherry Marshall
Paul McCann
Richard McGuckin
Linda Miller
Kelly and Thomas MocarSKI
Ginny Morabito
Brenda Murphy
John and Kathy Negrelli
The O'Neill Group
Jeanne S. Ott
Jerry and Allison Petit
Ralph Petrucci
Elizabeth Pinkerton
Mildred J. Poole
Gerald and Yolanda Reeves
Wendy and Jerry Reeves
Nancy Ryland
Theodore Sadar
Basil J. and Anne L. Scaffidi
Charitable Trust
Margot and Ron Schroder
Linda Zumpano Sedita
Kathleen Seikel
The Shaffer Family
Christopher Slattery
Marcy Smith
Robert Sosenko
Richard Spangler
Glen A. Stalcup, Jr.
William and Patricia Stiller
Ruth Ann Struglinski*
June Tan
Colleen and Daniel Tate
Ronald Tedeschi
Mildred Telford
Ann Traverse
Diane C. Underman
Erin Vollmer
Jim and Betsie Walsh
Bud and Barb Wenger
Marty Wiesheier
Donald F. Williams
Robert and Mary Williams
Maralyn A. Yanko
Mary Yeager
Joseph H. Zwisler

* deceased



Come Home for the 90th!

Friday, November 29, 2019
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Zwisler Hall
Tours from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

\$5 per person
All are welcome!

Alumni, parents, teachers and friends of St. Sebastian Parish School are invited to come home to St. Sebastian in honor of the school's 90th anniversary. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is planning a night that will feature music, light refreshments, school tours, and a wonderful chance to reconnect and reminisce.

Please RSVP by November 15th
to Kathy Holaday at 330.836.2233 x113
or Holadayk@stsebastian.org.



St. Sebastian Parish Foundation
SINCE 1929

PROJECT SPRUCE UP!



Alumni Lead 90th Anniversary Hallway Improvement Effort

As the parish wrapped up its 90th anniversary celebrations in 2018, the Foundation began working with a group of alumni from the classes of 1969-1978 on a project honoring the upcoming 90th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish School, which was established in 1929, one year after the parish.

Project Spruce Up aims to improve the condition and appearance of the hallways that our alumni once roamed. Currently, the school's hallway floors, walls and stairwells are in need of repairs and upgrades to maintain a clean, safe and attractive environment. The hallways and stairwells are an important point of first impression of the condition and care of the school. As one of the few areas of the school building that is used by every student, every teacher, every staff person, and every visitor, the hallway floors and stairwells have experienced significant wear and tear and are in need of a major "spruce up."

The first phase of the Project Spruce Up work will focus on installing a polymer

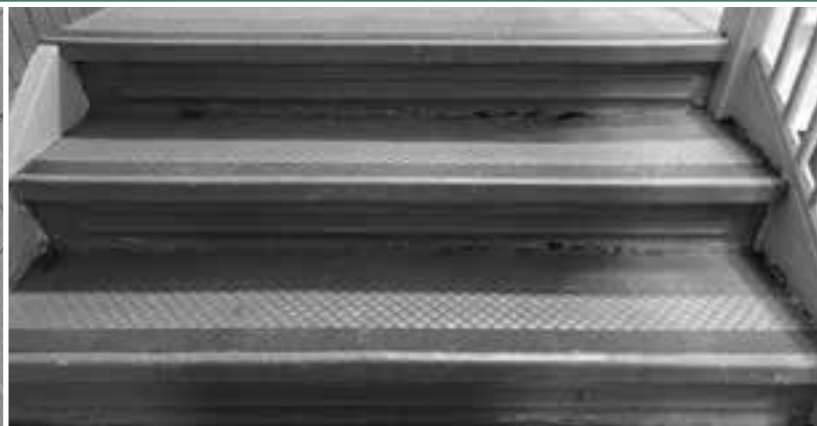
epoxy coating on all 7,150 square feet of the hallway flooring in the school, for an estimated cost of \$50,000. The second phase of the project work will focus on repairs/upgrades for both the stairwells and the upper, painted portions of the walls, for an estimated cost of \$50,000-\$100,000. Any funds raised in excess will be used for the stripping and cleaning of the brick walls in the halls and stairwells.

All alumni, alumni parents, parishioners and friends of St. Sebastian are invited to contribute to Project Spruce Up! Donations are being accepted throughout 2019.

Donations may be made online at foundation.stsebastian.org or via mail to:

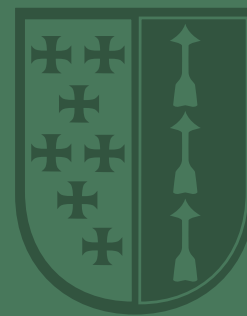
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation
Attn: Project Spruce Up
476 Mull Ave, Akron, OH 44320

Please feel free to contact Kathy Holaday if you have any questions at: holadayk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233 ext. 113.



Thank you

Gifts in Memory, Honor, Celebration



Memorial Gifts

In memory of the Deceased Classmates of 1958

Dennis McAleese

In memory of Stanley and Bertha Augustyn

Toni Schapansky

In memory of George Bachmann, Jr.

George and Jan Bachmann

In memory of Marjorie Bachmann

Joseph Bachmann

In memory of Arline Balch

Anne Brunner

John Frank

The Patricia and J. Harvey Graves

Family Foundation

Hasenstab Architects, Inc.

Ann and Mary Loftus

Nancy Maloyan

In memory of William and Arline Balch

Suzanne Balch

Belinda Darr

Lisa Kleines

Erin Vollmer

In memory of Dr. H. Thomas and Mary Rita Baumgardner

Mark T. Baumgardner

Ken and Peggy Contrera

In memory of Stanley and Irene Bernat

Stanley C. Bernat

In memory of Joseph, Louise and Raymond Bertolini

Roland and Sara Bertolini

In memory of David Brennan

Jacquelyn and Vincent DelMedico

Jim and Sally Klein

Margot and Ron Schroder

In memory of Thomas Burkley

Marjorie Burkley

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caliri and Marie Caliri

Albert J. Caliri

In memory of William Canterbury

Rob and Marian Olsen

Kathleen Seikel

Fran Sharp

Lois and David M. Weis

In memory of Lucy Cecchini

Ralph Petruzzi

In memory of Patricia T. Claypool

Helen Conway

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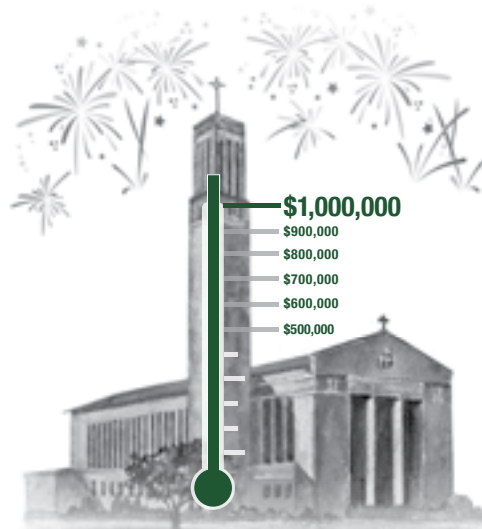
CORNERSTONE – OF OUR FAITH –

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH RESTORATION

THANK YOU for helping us EXCEED our \$1 Million goal!

In May of 2017, the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, at the request of Fr. Valencheck, launched Cornerstone of Our Faith, a \$1 million capital campaign to restore our beloved church to its full beauty and grandeur in time for the celebration of our parish's 90th Anniversary in 2018.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the Cornerstone of Our Faith campaign surpassed its goal just one year later in May of 2018. Restoration work began soon after, with the majority of the project work completed in three months between April and June, 2018. Project work included refinishing the terrazzo floors, restoring every pew and kneeler, installing new exterior doors, redesigning the main



entrance and plaza, restoring the altar mosaic, installing new lighting and a sound loop, upgrading the confessionals, cleaning the exterior, painting the interior, and restoration of the shrines, brass work, woodwork and marble.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Cornerstone of Our Faith Campaign! Your support of our church will have a lasting impact, ensuring that future generations will have the opportunity to gather and worship in our beautiful church. Listed here are the names of everyone who gave a gift to the campaign from its inception through December 31, 2018.

Primary Project Tasks



PEWS

Completely refurbished the pews by refinishing the woodwork, restoring the kneelers, and adding book racks.



DOORS

Replaced the exterior metal doors and thresholds (glass and metal) and painted the door jambs.



FLOORS

Reconditioned the terrazzo and marble floors, which were painstakingly installed by skilled craftsmen, including the repair of wear & tear and restoration of the floor to its original luster.



SOUND SYSTEM

Completed general maintenance and improvements (not a replacement) to the sound system.

SOUND BANK AND SOUND LOOP

Replaced the sound bank and added a sound loop.



WOODWORK & BRASS

Refinished woodwork (such as doors, cabinets, and confessionals), re-plated brass in the sanctuary and throughout the church.

Secondary Project Tasks



MAIN ENTRANCE

Redesigned the main entrance by pushing out the steps and adding a ramp to make the main entrance more handicap accessible. Redesigned the plaza to be more visitor friendly and visually appealing and improved outdoor lighting.



SHRINES & SANCTUARY

Refreshed the painting, treatment and condition of the sanctuary, shrines, statues, altar mosaic and Stations of the Cross mosaics.



ACCESSIBILITY

Improved the south west door entrance and ramp for greater handicap accessibility.



LIGHTING

Converted to energy efficient LED lighting, both inside and outside the church, including the lights in the altar baldacchino.



FINISHING TOUCHES

Applied fresh paint where needed, cleaned the interior masonry, and cleaned the exterior of the church building including the bell tower.

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Pews and Kneelers

One of the first and largest tasks of the restoration project was removing all the wood pews and kneelers so they could be taken off-site to a 10,000-square-foot warehouse for repair and refinishing. This work began the day after Easter, when a large group of volunteers from the parish's Knights of Columbus Council #14255 descended on the church. They spent countless hours disassembling the pews and kneelers as well as detaching all the padding and covers from the kneelers – removing about 10,000 screws in all (80 screws per pew for the kneelers, hat clips, floor braces, pew crests, etc.).

When the refinished pews and kneelers were returned, the Knights helped unload everything and went to work installing new padding and covers on every kneeler, while parishioners Joanne Welsh and Ellen Audin installed new rubber stoppers. Then, the Knights screwed everything back into place, including 224 new book racks. The beloved hat clips were not re-installed, but they were saved and made available for purchase as keepsakes.

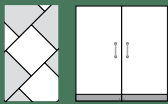
Special Thanks!

The parish is deeply grateful to our Knights of Columbus Council #14255 and especially Knights member Tom Welsh, a St. Sebastian parishioner and Class of 1965 graduate, who volunteered an immense amount of time to serve as the owner's representative for major portions of the project. Their efforts made the project go smoothly and saved the parish an immeasurable amount of money by doing this work as volunteers. Thank you also to Kevin Audin, our parish business manager, for his dedicated oversight of this project.



CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

113 pews & **240** kneelers refinished
10,000 screws removed
224 book racks installed



Floors and Doors

While the pews were out of the church, work crews refinished the massive expanse of terrazzo floors. In some spots, where the terrazzo was corroded or buckled, sections were cut out and replaced, a job that required a great deal of trial and error to find a match for the nearly 60-year-old flooring. The marble floors on the altar were also repaired and refinished. All of the floor work was done by Youngstown Tile & Terrazzo, whose founders were involved in the original construction of the church in 1959-60.

The church's 12 heavy exterior glass and metal doors were also all replaced. Although these sturdy doors withstood 60 years of constant use, they had significant wear and tear, and the trim was so full of different holes from the installation of different hardware over the years, that there was no usable space left for upgrades. The new, energy-efficient doors are a perfect match and are wonderfully smooth and easy to open despite how heavy they are.

Remarkably, weekend Masses continued to be held in the church throughout the project, even as the floors were being refinished. Work was carefully spaced so that every Friday, work materials were stored, and folding chairs were set up for weekend masses. Most weekday Masses were held in the chapel of the nearby Julie Billiart School of St. Sebastian, a new school for students with disabilities founded in 2017. The weekly school Mass was held in Zwisler Hall, just like the old days when Zwisler Hall was the parish church.

CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

- 10,700** sq ft. of terrazzo floors refinished
- 1,200** sq ft. of marble floors refinished
- 12** glass & metal exterior doors replaced
- 500** folding chairs set up every weekend



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Sound and Lighting

While the terrazzo floors were being restored, a new sound loop wire was installed in the floors. The sound loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by most hearing aids. In addition, the parish purchased 10 personal sound devices for those who do not have hearing aids or whose hearing aids are incompatible with the sound loop. These personal devices use headphones or earbuds (parishioners may bring their own or use disposable earbuds provided by the church) and are available by request from the ushers. Improvements were also made to the church's general sound system to optimize performance.

All of the church's lighting, interior and exterior, was replaced with energy-efficient LED lights. The light panels above the mosaic on the altar were repaired and restored, and the light panels on the outer edges can be directed toward the mosaic for greater focus. One of the most striking changes is the new bright lights in the baldacchino, the framed ceiling painting located above the altar.

Of special note are the contributions of the school children and their families to the new church lighting. In December of 2017, the second-grade students and teachers spearheaded a "change bandit" fundraiser called "The Light of Our Faith." Our students and families raised \$685, exceeding their \$500 goal and earning the whole school a dress down day.



CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

110 lights replaced with LEDs
\$685 raised by the school children
 and families for lighting
10 personal sound devices purchased



Woodwork and Brass

In addition to the wooden pews and kneelers, nearly all of the other woodwork and brass work in the church was repaired and restored. This includes the wood doors to the confessionals, the wooden altar furniture, the brass ambo and lectern, the tall brass planters, the brass candle sticks, and our beautiful brass tabernacle. While most of the woodwork and brass was restored off-site, the parish hired Lindsay Jones, owner of Blind Eye Restoration, to work on-site to restore the church's artwork, much of which is made of wood or brass/metal.

The giant metal coat of arms that resides above the church's front door was among the first items to be restored. It is about nine feet tall, measuring from the protruding arrows at the bottom to the giant plumed helmet at the top. The coat of arms was cleaned and all the finishes were restored, with patent gold leaf applied to 70% of the piece while Jones worked 50 feet in the air in a bucket truck. The finished product now gleams from its perch above the church plaza on Mull Avenue. The church's many pieces of gold-plated artwork were also restored, all of which was discovered to be crafted with 24-karat gold, even the golden mosaic tiles.

Another big and challenging task was the restoration of the more than 250 small (approx. 3 x 3.5 inch) bronze crests that adorn the pews and door handles. The previous varnish coat proved very hard to remove even though it was worn out. The new brass finish, buffed with wax, is not only much brighter but will be easier to maintain.



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CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

- 250** bronze pew crests restored
- 9 foot tall** coat of arms restored
- 100%** of the gold plating was crafted with 24-carat gold



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Mosaics and Shrines

For several weeks early in the Cornerstone project, Lindsay Jones of Blind Eye Restoration worked on repairing and restoring our beautiful and massive altar mosaic. The work was completed from atop a 40 foot-wide, five-level high scaffolding that was tall enough to reach the ceiling so the painting above the altar could be cleaned. Every section of the mosaic, which is made of 175,000 pieces of Venetian glass, was carefully examined, repairs were made to the grout and tiles, and then everything was cleaned with delicate tools that would not damage the mosaic. While she was close up to the mosaic, Jones took a fascinating picture of the face of Jesus (featured on the inside cover of this report), which is about three feet tall and full of colorful tiles. Each of the 14 Stations of the Cross mosaics located on the outer walls of the church were also restored.

The church's 14 shrine statues were removed and taken to a temporary workshop in the church basement. All of the statues are hollow and carved out of the same wood, including the statues of Mary and Joseph, which are slightly larger and are gilded in gold. Each statue was cleaned and repairs were made to all the feet and other areas that were worn and scratched from the loving touches of church goers over the years. Other repairs included carving a new toe for St. Francis as well as a new tail for the sparrow at his feet, repairing St. Joseph's shoulder (which suffered damage years ago from falling scaffolding), and applying a patina treatment and aluminum gilding to St. Patrick's crosier.



CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

14 statues repaired and restored
14 Stations of the Cross mosaics restored
175,000 pieces of Venetian glass in
 the altar mosaic cleaned and restored



Plaza and Entrances

The main entrance to our church was redesigned to include a beautiful, wide-open plaza. In place of the old rectangular flower bed, the plaza now features paving tiles set in a pattern that echoes the green and white tile pattern on the church façade. In addition, the church's front steps were pushed out approximately eight feet to create a larger portico. The portico is now wide enough to allow for a full ramp, which was added to the left side, without changing the appearance of the façade. The result is a more visitor-friendly and visually appealing plaza that can also accommodate wheelchairs. The new ramp is also better for funeral processions, which previously had the task of carrying heavy, unwieldy caskets up and down the steps.

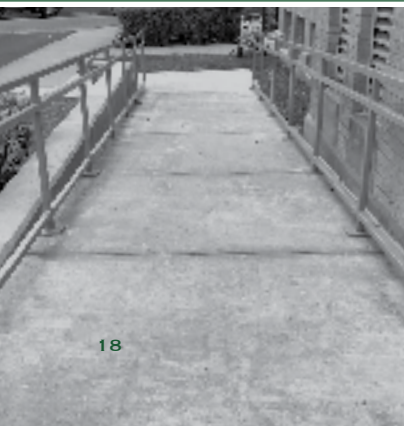
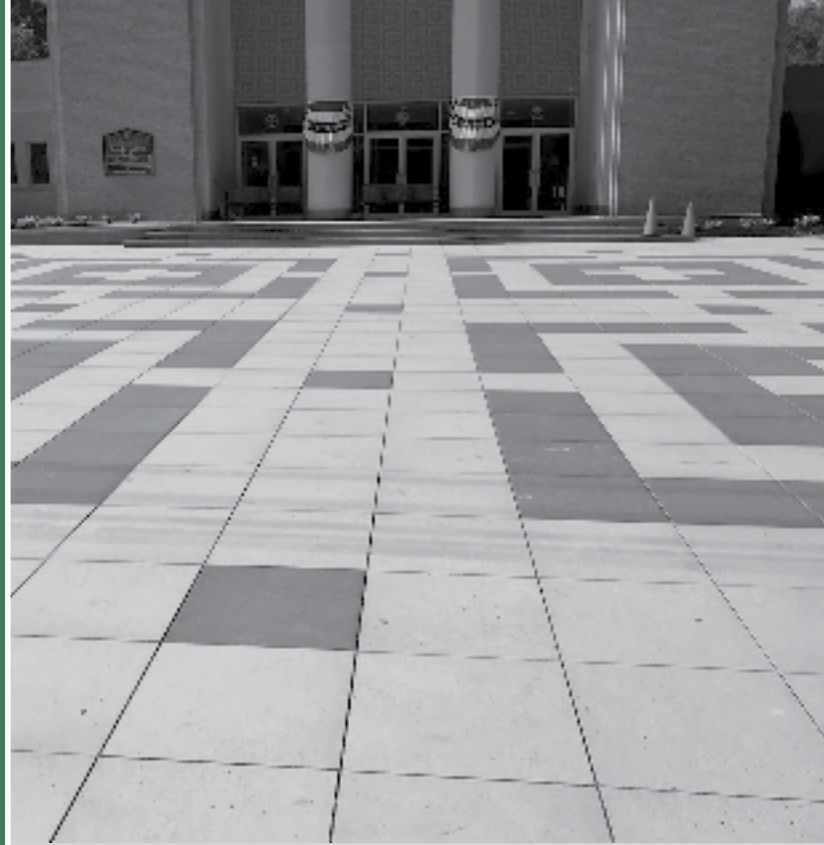
The ramp to the south entrance, nearby the parking spaces that are reserved for those with disabilities, was also redesigned and enlarged to increase ease of access. Automatic push-button door openers were added to the main entrance, greatly improving accessibility to our church. Eight new ginkgo trees were planted and benches were installed along the plaza to complete the creation of an attractive, peaceful and welcoming main entrance.

CORNERSTONE BY THE NUMBERS

2 sets of automatic push-button door openers installed

8 feet added to front portico to connect new ramp

854 paving tiles installed to create new entrance plaza



- Greg and Susan Radzialowski Family
- The Raita Family
- Mabel Randall
- Christine Ravetta
- David A. Redle
- James and Rosemary Reed
- Orville and Kathy Reed
- Betty Regan
- Lucia and Michael Regan
- Joseph and Cheryl Regueiro
- Thomas Reiderman
- Charlotte A. Reymann
- Linda and Marcel Reymann and Extended Family
- Lois M. Reymann
- Anne M. Riede
- Charles E. & Mabel M. Ritchie Memorial Foundation
- Margaret and Richard Roberts
- Barb Robinson
- Lynn Rogers*
- Anthony Rohr
- Raymond and Joan Rorek Family
- Nancy C. Rosche
- Al and Phyllis Rose
- Greg and Sarah Rossi
- Kathy and Tony Rosso
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Rote, Jr.
- Bernard P. Rothermel
- Ryan and Tricia Rothkopf
- The Chad and Melissa Costigan Rothschild Family
- David J. and Kaye M. Rowe
- Ann and Bruce Rowland
- Thomas J. Rozuk
- The Ruscak Family
- Barbara Russell
- Beatrice Laura Ryan
- Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ryan
- Robert and Kelly Rybka
- Nancy L. Ryland
- Jeanne Sabet
- Ted and Sandy Sadar
- Greg Sain
- Stephen V. and Linda Marie Saliga
- Charles and Susanne Sassano
- The Savitski Family
- Frances Sawaya
- Ronald and Sally Scarpitti
- Toni Schapansky
- J. Eric and Kathryn Schlachter
- Martin and Shannon Schlueter
- Carolyn Schmidlin
- Cory and Charlie Schulz
- Barbara and Robert Schumacher
- Harry W. Schwab
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scott
- Linda Zumpano Pichichero Sedita
- Kathleen Seikel

Kelly and Thomas Seikel
 The Senko Family
 Ellen Shacklett
 Frances L. Sharp
 Cynthia and Jeff Sheeks
 Robert and Lisa Shoman
 Fr. Anthony Simone
 Claudia Diaz-Singer
 Harry and Cathy Sivec
 The Slattery Family: Christopher,
 Megan, Jocelyn and Killian
 Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Smetana
 Bernard and Patricia Smith
 Erica Christine Smith
 Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith
 Memorial Foundation
 Marcy Smith
 Robert Sosenko
 Karen and Jeff Spangler
 Richard C. Spangler
 The Speck Family
 Christopher Spisak and Sarah Ross
 Paulette Sprain
 Vicki and Jack Srail
 St. Sebastian Bridge and
 Euchre Flites
 St. Sebastian Parish Foundation
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 William and Patricia Stiller
 Agnes Stitz
 Mary and Ray Stone
 Mr. and Mrs. James P. Strausser
 Ruth Ann Struglinski*
 Students of Julie Billiard School
 of St. Sebastian Parish



Byron D. and Beverly J. Sturm
 Marilyn Sturmi
 Timothy and Jennifer Sullivan
 John and Joni Susa
 Susan K. Swaney
 Mary* and Charles Szeles
 Caroline and Joe Szeremet
 Tacos and Trivia Event Attendees
 Emma and Derek Taffe
 Christina Tait and Pat Hoban
 Mary June Tan
 Julianna and George Tanski
 Colleen and Daniel Tate
 Kathryn J. Tate
 Mildred Telford
 Nancy Tersigni
 Lynn Thoman
 Marie Ann and Raymond Thomas

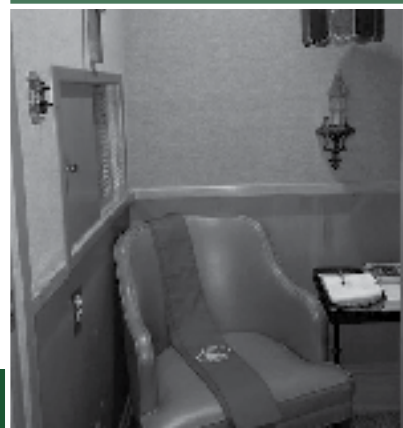


Confessionals and Finishing Touches

The church was cleaned from top to bottom, inside and out. Crews worked from atop bucket trucks and machine lifts to wash the entire exterior of the church, including the soaring 123-foot-tall bell tower. The church's interior walls were patched and painted, which also required the use of machines or very tall ladders to reach the highest spots.

The confessionals were completely refurbished with new paint as well as refinished wood doors and interior trim. New acoustical wall treatments were installed that not only provide much greater privacy but also are more visually appealing. Other finishing touches include the installation of beautiful new granite countertops in the sacristy and the repair of interior masonry.

While not a part of the Cornerstone project, the church restoration was given a wonderful final touch with the addition of beautiful new vestments made by Karen McCusker Spangler, our parish sacristan who is also a Class of 1978 graduate. The artwork for the vestments was created by parishioner Carly Smith, who took her inspiration from the artwork in our church. The new vestments feature the symbol of Mary that is found above our church doors. This symbol is a circle, representing God and eternity, around the silhouette of an angel that is in the shape of the letter "M," representing our Blessed Mother Mary. The vestments also feature the pelican symbol that is found on our communion railing. Since the pelican is known to love its young so much that it would pierce its own breast with its beak to feed them, it is a symbol of Christ feeding us with His own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.



90th Anniversary Gala

On November 10, 2018, St. Sebastian Parish held a 90th Anniversary Gala.

The gala drew a crowd of 180 people to Zwisler Hall – the very site where the parish celebrated Mass in its early years until the current church was opened in 1960. Guests were treated to an elegant meal and a proclamation in honor of the parish presented by Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan. In attendance were several priests who served at St. Sebastian over the years, pictured below, who enjoyed breaking bread together and sharing stories of their time at St. Sebastian.

A video was unveiled featuring “before and after” footage of the Cornerstone of Our Faith church restoration project. Much of the video was filmed using a drone to capture overhead images, from the soaring bell tower to the massive altar. To view this video of our beautiful church, visit the parish website (www.stsebastian.org) and click on the “90th Anniversary” tab. The 90th Anniversary web page also has links to the Anniversary Mass program; photos from the gala; and the gala program, which includes a parish history and historical photos.



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| The Tober Family | Dana Weiss |
| Theresa Tolson | Joanne and Tom Welsh |
| Ann Traverse | Diane and Patrick Wheeler |
| Fr. Christopher Trenta | Dennis and Cheryl Whisler |
| Micki and Louis Trenta | Marie White |
| Bob Ulrich | Lawrence J. Whitney |
| Ronald and Nancy Ulrich | Linda and Bill Wiandt |
| Dora Umansky | Ziggy and Barbara Wiclaw |
| Diane C. Underman | Martin Wiesheier |
| Ben and Pam Urdiales | Anne Wilkins |
| Don and Darlene Utrup | Jim and Linda Wilkins |
| Anne Najeway Vainer | Katie Wilkins |
| Fr. John Valencheck | Ryan Wilkins |
| Tom and Tami Van Auker | Zach Wilkins |
| Jeanne and Denis Van Doros | Mary Beth Wilkins Angeli |
| Patricia and Theodore Varga | Brian and Sue Williams |
| Larry and Carolyn Varner | Robert and Mary Williams |
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| Laura Wack | Sara and Robert Wyszynski |
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| Joseph and Brenda Walsh | Stephen and Joyce Yahner |
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| Lawrence J. Walsh | Carole Zachardy |
| Gloria Wathen | Kenneth Zehenni |
| Vicki and Charles Way | Dr. and Mrs. John and |
| Patty Weber | Colleen Zografakis and Family |
| Thomas Weigand | Marita and Robert E. Zupke |
| Lois and David Weis | Joseph and Patricia Zwisler |
| | Robert J. Zwisler, III |

* deceased



Top (left to right): Fr. Robert Jackson (1999-2004), Fr. Anthony Simone (2017-present, parochial vicar), Fr. John Valencheck (2008-present, pastor), and Fr. Thomas McCann (1973-1980); Bottom (left to right): Fr. Clyde Foster (1989-1994), Fr. Thomas McGovern (1961-1963), Fr. James Semonin (1974-1980), and Fr. Edward Burba (1980-1985). Not pictured, but also in attendance at the gala, were Fr. Peter Kovacina (2014-2015) and Deacon Terry Peacock (1986-present).





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St. Sebastian Parish kicked off a year of 90th anniversary celebrations with a Mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Nelson Perez on June 30, 2018.

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