



**RENEW THE LEGACY
PRESERVE OUR
CHURCH**

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

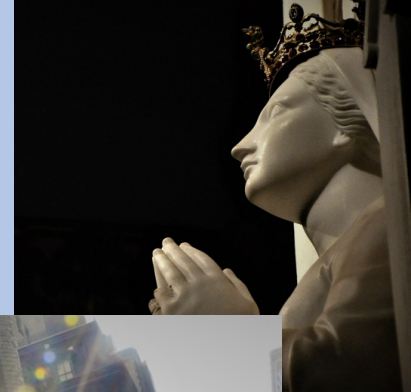
**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
KICKOFF**

February 2025

St. John's past is worth preserving

St. John's has been proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in Center City for more than 187 years!

- Survived the Civil War, two World Wars, two fires, and the anti-Catholic riots of 1844.
- Fed over 700 starving people daily during the Great Depression.
- Founded St. John's Hospice for outreach to poor & homeless.
- Founded Holy Redeemer Catholic Church as missionary outreach to the Chinese community.
- Hosted two saints: St. John Neumann & St. Katherine Drexel.



St. John's present is worth preserving

Today we welcome people of all races, political ideologies, and socioeconomic classes.

- Since 1991, Saint John's has been staffed by Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Saint John's has a Franciscan identity of simplicity, prayer and inclusion of poor and marginalized persons. Saint John's also hosts a dynamic Secular Franciscan fraternity of lay Franciscans who base their lives on following Jesus after the example of Saint Francis.
- Offer 4 masses and 44 liturgies every Ash Wednesday.
- Host 80 weddings a year!
- Provides 150 end-of-life urgent visits and 1,000 anointings of the sick.
- Offers 3 masses a day, provides confession 4 times a week and adoration 6 days a week.
- Opens its doors to visitors, tourists, residents, and workers alike!

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St. John's future is worth preserving

We need your help.

St. John's is a beautiful Church, old and often needing repairs, but well-maintained.

We face a three-fold crisis that threatens St. John's survival into the future.



The Project

1 COURTYARD REPLACEMENT

Behind the church and friary, there is a courtyard that serves as a small, square concrete cover for the major mechanical systems of the church.

It is deteriorating, deemed unsafe for use, and needs to be replaced imminently.

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**COST
ESTIMATE:**

\$400,000



The Project

2 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The electrical system powering both the upper and lower churches is very old, from the 1960's.

It could fail at any time. It needs to be replaced imminently.

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**COST
ESTIMATE:**

\$230,000



The Project

3 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The air conditioning system powering the upper church is very old, past it's predicted useful life.

**It is expected to fail at any time. It
needs to be replaced imminently.**

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**COST
ESTIMATE:**

\$500,000



The Project

**TOTAL COST
ESTIMATE:
\$1,255,000**

Cost breakdown:

1. Courtyard replacement - \$400,000
2. Electrical system replacement - \$230,000
3. Air conditioning system replacement - \$500,000
4. Architect, engineering, and construction - \$125,000

Estimated total cost: \$1,255,000

Funds received or expected:

1. Cash on hand - \$125,000
2. Contribution from Historic Preservation Fund - \$100,000
3. Expected proceeds from an estate bequest - \$200,000
4. "Soft" pledges - \$225,000

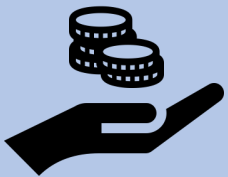
Estimated funds expected: \$650,000

Amount needed from the Capital Campaign:
\$400,000

How to support St. John's



**Pray for St. John's
existence for years to
come.**

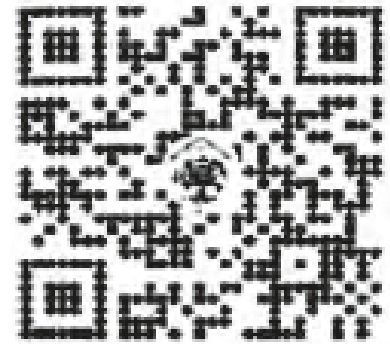


**Make a sacrificial gift to
assure the existence of St.
John's for the next quarter
century and beyond.**

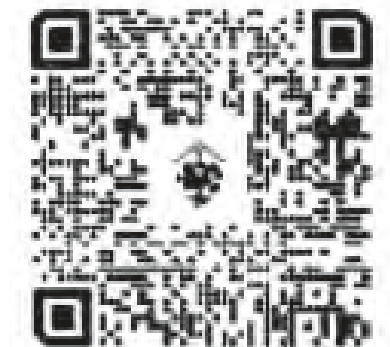


How to support St. John's

- **Every gift is appreciated, and everyone is invited to partake in this project!**
- **Weekly offerings will not support this campaign. The Archdiocese is not covering the shortfall.**
- **If you wish to pay a pledge over time, please fill out and mail a pledge form, available at the church or stjohnsphilly.org**
- **Checks are welcome and can be mailed at:**
 - Capital Campaign**
 - St. John the Evangelist Church**
 - 21 S. 13th Street**
 - Philadelphia, PA 19107**



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Questions?



**Ideas on how to raise
funds?**



THANK YOU

*For making an
investment in the
future of our parish
and community*

GOD BLESS YOU