



INFANT JESUS PARISH



Forward in
Faith

125th Anniversary Campaign



A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since my arrival to our parish two and a half years ago, it has been a true honor and pleasure for me to get to know this community as we celebrate our Catholic faith together. I have witnessed firsthand the vibrancy of Infant Jesus Parish and the commitment of so many individuals and families to keep the parish a historic and living icon of Catholicism in the greater Port Jefferson area.

In 2028, Infant Jesus Parish will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary! This milestone for our faith community offers us the opportunity both to look back with gratitude and to look forward with renewed hope. Just think of the thousands of lives that have been changed for the better through the sacramental life of the Church, the firm foundation of Catholic catechesis, and the charity shown to the wider community. Infant Jesus truly has been a city set on a hill offering all those who enter our doors an experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Your family has likely been the beneficiary of all that our parish offers.

Writing in the Centennial Journal in 2003, Phil Griffith shared this thought: *“As we enter the second century of our parish and a fourth generation of parishioners, what history will be written? When the historians look at 2003 to 2028, what will be your contribution to the next 25 years?”* In my relatively short time here as your Pastor, I can already attest firmly, and without hesitation, that your contribution has been extraordinary! I am humbled and grateful that I serve as the shepherd of this Catholic community, continuing to build on the legacies of so many faithful priests, religious sisters and brothers and, most of all you, the lay faithful who have shaped Infant Jesus to be what it is today!

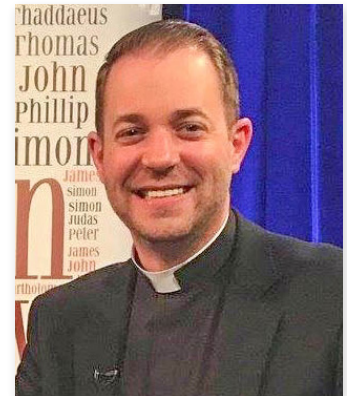
We will mark this historic milestone in a variety of ways. There will be times for prayer, celebratory gatherings, a “homecoming” for former parishioners, and many other initiatives. One of those initiatives is the launching of a capital campaign – **Forward in Faith!** – that will raise funds to enhance and beautify our church and the chapel at St. Charles Hospital, and to provide resources for future capital needs, like new boilers and other major expenses. This campaign will ensure our campus remains a beautiful setting, for all our sacramental moments throughout the years, for generations to come!

The following pages in this brochure will lay out all the goals of this campaign and other important aspects of what we hope to accomplish. I ask you to consider prayerfully being a part of this endeavor to ensure that Infant Jesus Parish continues its mission of being a beacon of Christ’s light to our community.

Holy Family of Nazareth – Jesus, Blessed Mary, and St. Joseph – pray for us!

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Gregory Rannazzisi, Pastor





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Beautification & Restoration of the Chapel at St. Charles Hospital . . . \$865,000

Our chapel at St. Charles Hospital is a place where, not only do we celebrate Mass on a regular basis, but where we gather for other sacramental celebrations. The last significant renovations to the chapel took place over thirty years ago.

Our planned restoration includes:

- New flooring
- Painting of the walls and ceilings
- New pews and kneelers
- Sanctuary renovation
- Updated sound system
- Improved lighting
- Beautiful candlesticks for altar
- Restoration of the tabernacle





Enhancements to the Church \$325,000

Though it has had several improvements over the past decade, we hope to brighten up, enhance, and renew our church.

Our planned church enhancements include:

- Repair of water-damaged areas
- Improved lighting
- New paint
- Enhancement of the sanctuary wall
- Updated sound system
- Organ repair and minor upgrades



Funding for Anticipated Major Capital Expenses such as boilers, roof repairs, etc. \$430,000

Homeowners know that planning ahead for major future expenses is critical. Our pastoral team works hard to ensure our campus is beautiful, safe, and welcoming to all. Since nothing lasts forever, we are mindful of the eventual needs for our buildings that often come with hefty price tags.

Our planned capital projects include:

- New boilers
- Church air conditioning repairs
- Roof repairs
- Electrical upgrades

Approximate Cost Estimates Total: \$1,620,000*
Contingency Plan: \$380,000**

* These cost estimates have been provided as a general guide to the scope of this case statement.

** Includes provision for increased or unanticipated renovation costs.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$2,000,000



Sacrificial Giving Opportunities and Gift Recognition



In an effort to recognize the families and individuals who make a sacrifice for our **Forward in Faith!** campaign effort, we will recognize all gifts on a fitting and permanent

memorial installation in a prominent area on our campus. Participants to this campaign will have their desired inscription listed alphabetically and gratefully displayed within one of the following levels:

Holy Family Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign in the amount of \$50,000 or more.

Monfort Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign in the amount of \$25,000-\$49,999.

Wisdom Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign in the amount of \$15,000-\$24,999.

Borromeo Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign in the amount of \$10,000-\$14,999.

Evangelist Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign for \$5,000-\$9,999.

Servant Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the **Forward in Faith!** Campaign for \$3,000-\$4,999.

All payments can be made over a three-year period.

If you would like to remain anonymous, or name your Gift Recognition Plaque in memory of someone, please indicate so on your pledge card.





Suggested Giving Plans



Our Family of Faith Looks to the Future...

As members of the Infant Jesus Parish family, we are faced with a challenge that we can only overcome together. The projects that are planned for the beautification of the chapel, enhancement of the church, and future major capital expenses are important to each and every member of Infant Jesus Parish. It is only by our generosity and through a sacrificial commitment that we will be able to accomplish our objectives.

We have established a goal of \$2 Million.

While this seems like a large amount, participation by all members of the parish family will not only make this goal attainable, but surpassable.

Suggested Gift Plans...

In order to assist you as you consider making a pledge to this campaign, we have provided some suggested giving plans. We understand that each individual or family has different financial obligations and abilities. Even so, one of these plans should fit within the means of each member of the parish family. Please consider which plan best fits your monthly budget. This may be the best guideline for your commitment. **Remember, this campaign is based on equal sacrifice – not equal giving.** If each family makes a truly sacrificial gift, we will reach and exceed our goal together.

Your Commitment...

We are asking each household in our parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$3,000 to be paid over the next 36 months. After a 10% down payment, this pledge would be a sacrifice of \$75 per month - a little more than \$2 a day - to build a promising future for Infant Jesus Parish. Such a gift should not pose a burden for most parishioners. As you can see, this amount comes to about what many parishioners pay each month for cable television.

Please Consider a Special Commitment...

Some of us have been especially blessed by the Lord with material means. A heartfelt appeal is made to those parishioners to reflect on their ability to make a very generous pledge to the campaign. We ask that those who are capable of making pledges of \$20,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more to lay the foundation of success for this campaign.

Giving Plans to Consider

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$12,500
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$18,750	\$6,250
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$3,750
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$2,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$625
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$500
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$563	\$188
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125
\$3,000	\$300	\$900	\$225	\$75



Please Consider...

- Your pledge payments can be made over a three-year (36-month) period.
- **Your commitment to the *Forward in Faith* campaign is in addition to your weekly contribution.**
- Your financial contribution to this campaign will help ensure a strong future for our parish.
- Beginning in July 2025, payment reminders and envelopes will be mailed according to your payment preference.

Planned Giving, Wills, Estate Planning, Life Insurance

There are numerous planned giving opportunities that provide donors alternative methods of making their gifts to the campaign. These include but are not restricted to:

- Gifts of assets including real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, etc.
- Making Infant Jesus Parish a beneficiary of your will.
- Naming Infant Jesus Parish as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many employers have matching gift programs that provide employees the opportunity to multiply their gifts to educational institutions, social organizations, and charitable institutions. We encourage you to enquire with your Human Resources Department regarding the Matching Gift opportunities available to you.

Tax Advantages of Thoughtful Giving

- All contributions to our campaign provide **tax-advantages** for those who itemize their deductions.
- In December 2015, Congress passed legislation making the **IRA Charitable Rollover** permanent. If you have an IRA and are aged 70½ or older, you may opt to make a charitable contribution from your qualified IRA plan. When you do so, you may transfer up to \$105,000 per

year directly to Infant Jesus Parish. Therefore, it would not be taxed as income. If you receive the distribution first, it will be taxed like any other distribution. In addition, if you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD), your direct charitable contribution can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution.

- You can gift appreciated stock to the campaign. If you have held the stock for more than one year, you may take a charitable tax deduction for the current market value of the stock, and neither you nor the parish will pay capital-gains taxes when the stock is sold. The combination can result in a larger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a more generous gift to the campaign than if you sell the stock, pay the taxes, and donate the net proceeds.

Procedure to Transfer Stock

For details, please instruct your stockbroker or securities advisor to contact:

Deacon Carlito Roman
Pastoral Associate for Administration
Infant Jesus Parish
110 Myrtle Avenue
Port Jefferson, NY 11777
631-473-0165 | accounting@infantjesus.org

Please indicate the number of shares and the name of the company (ticker) on your pledge card.

Pledging

- You may be contacted by a volunteer to make your pledge.
- You may pick up a pledge card throughout the month of June in the church.
- You may drop off your pledge at the Parish Office.
- You may also contact the Parish Campaign Office at 631-473-0165 x108.



Campaign Prayer

Eternal and Loving God, we give You thanks for Your blessings on us through the nearly 125 years of worship and witness in the Parish of Infant Jesus.

We give thanks for the vision and faith of those who established this parish and for all the members of this congregation, from its inception to this moment here today.

Bless and reward in a special way the Montfort Fathers and the Daughters of Wisdom by whose zeal and vision we were founded and on whose legacy we build today.

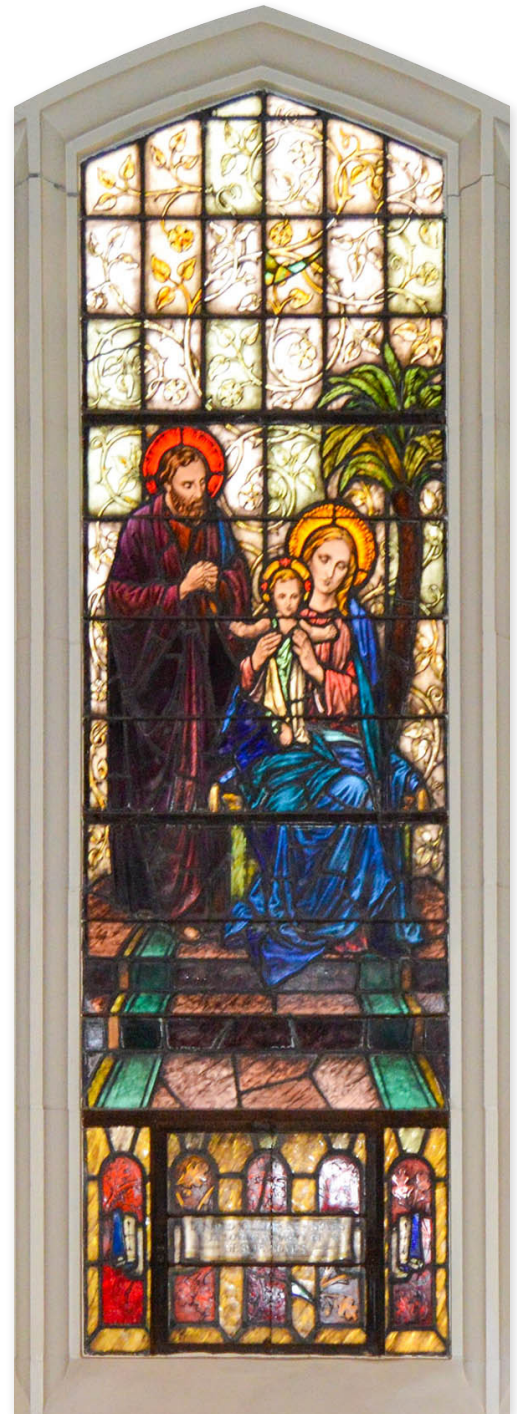
We give thanks for all the many gifts of our brothers and sisters who have grown this parish and for every prayer that has held this church together, from the cornerstone of our foundation to this time of celebration.

We give thanks for all who have preached and taught here, for all who have confessed here that Jesus Christ is Lord, and for all who lead here in prayer, witness, and service in our parish today.

We thank You for calling us to be Your people, for Your love revealed to us in Christ Your Son, for Your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation.

May we carry on the legacy of those You have called before us by raising our families and lifting our community in the light of the Gospel and in the richness of our Catholic Faith.

Holy Family of Nazareth –
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AMEN.



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