

Campaign Messenger

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A Message From Fr. Tim



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory,

It is hard to believe we are starting a new school year already. This feeling I have comes more from old age than any thing else. As the years go by it seems time passes ever more quickly. Another thing I find it hard to believe is that we are well into the second year of the redemption phase of our capital campaign. We have

enjoyed wonderful success and look forward to bringing our dreams into reality.

Think of it, 432 parishioner families have pledged to our campaign. This is nearly half of the nine hundred active families who attend Mass regularly at Our Lady of Victory. Nearly fifty percent of our congregation supports our campaign! By fund development standards this is an incredibly high percentage. We are so grateful to our parishioners for their active support of our plan for the future of our parish.

As you are already aware, our plans have been approved by the Cardinal and the Building and Planning Commission of the Archdiocese. In spring of last school year, we learned that the commission wants us to have \$800,000 in the bank before we move into the design development phase of our renovation project. This is to ensure we will be

successful in bringing the project to completion. At present, we are about half way though the redemption of our total pledges of approximately \$890,000. We must keep in mind that we have expended funds on mounting and conducting the campaign as well as maintaining the campaign. When our first campaign is fully redeemed, we should have close to the \$800,000 in hand, but more will be needed.

With the cost increases of inflation from year to year, we would do well to lock in the cost of construction as soon as possible. It will take us some time to be able to do just that. The sooner pledges are fulfilled and hopefully renewed, the sooner we will meet our goal. Another key fact we must bear in mind is that we must have fifty percent of the total cost of the project in hand before we can go to construction. This amount will increase proportionately with the yearly increase of the cost of construction.

Let's make the best use of our funds by aiming for that \$800,000 mark as soon as possible and then moving on to the next goal of the half-way mark. We are the workers, God is the master builder. We are the prophets of a future that is ours and those who will follow us. We continue in the tradition of victory, Our Lady of Victory. Thank you all, and God bless you and your family. Your generosity will not go unrewarded.

Fr. Tim

Meet the Campaign Steering Committee

We have heard many positive comments about our new signs identifying the church and rectory buildings. As a way to celebrate this wonderful gift, we will be having a special blessing of the church sign some time this fall. We sincerely hope everyone can join us for some fellowship and refreshments at this event. We will let you know more as soon as we set the date.

In the meantime, the Campaign Steering Committee and the Finance Committee continue to meet regularly to monitor the campaign progress. We are inching closer and closer to our target to construction but still have a ways to go.

The key to our success is to continue to provide information to all of our parishioners and school families. In an effort to do this, a mailing recently went out to Our Lady of Victory school families inviting them to join in and to support our Capital Campaign. Also, our Campaign Steering Committee felt it would be helpful for them to introduce themselves at masses this weekend and to take the

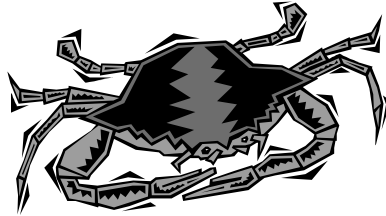
opportunity to talk about the campaign a little bit. These people are all long-time parishioners of Our Lady of Victory. They serve as volunteers and have been involved in the management of the campaign from day one, when it was still in the planning stages.

Now that you have had a chance to meet the members of the Steering Committee, they have offered to make themselves available to anyone who would like to talk about the church renovation project, or even about how to make a pledge. Just look for them any time at church or give them a call. Here's how they can be reached at other times:

John Day, *Chair* 410-290-1000
Steve Bruza 410-247-5997
Mike Justice 410-247-2817
Jim McDonnell 410-969-7949
Karen Syrylo 410-218-2898

Come Join Us at Our Lady of Victory's

CRAB FEAST



Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Victory Capital Campaign

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 IN HINDLEY HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, FOOD SERVED FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

CATERED BY: SEA KING SEAFOOD MARKET/CRAB SHANTY RESTAURANT

MENU INCLUDES:

PIT BEEF AND SMOKED TURKEY, PREPARED ON SITE

CRAB SOUP, CORN ON THE COB, ROLLS, COLE SLAW, HOMEMADE POTATO SALAD, SAUSAGES WITH GREEN PEPPERS AND ONIONS, FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIE TRAYS, SHEETCAKE AND BROWNIES, BEER, WINE & SODAS

Entertainment includes a Money Wheel, Split the Pot, Instant Bingo,
Door Prizes AND a DJ

**JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING AND GREAT FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP AND
A GREAT TIME TO SPEND WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND
FRIENDS.**

TICKETS \$45.00 EACH

Tickets are available for purchase after all weekend masses until the day of the event or
Call the Parish Office at 410-242-0131 to reserve your tickets!

THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT

*****SELL 10 TICKETS, GET ONE FREE*****