

TODAY'S CHALLENGE TOMORROW'S HOPE

Capital & Endowment Campaign
Diocese of Greensburg

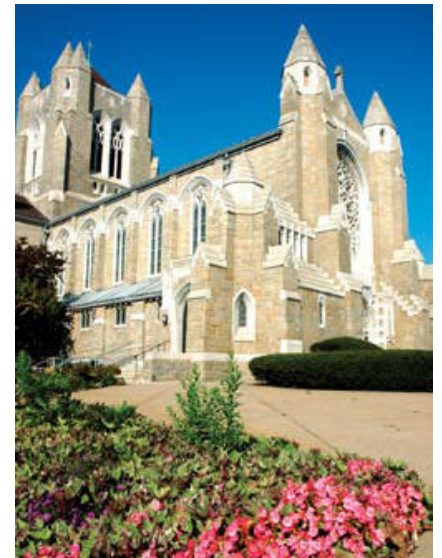
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The Church of Greensburg

Established in 1951, the Diocese of Greensburg encompasses 3,334 square miles in the southwestern Pennsylvania counties of Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland. Our diocese is shepherded by The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of Greensburg on March 4, 2004.

Our diocese is home to 85 parish communities served by thousands of laity and religious, 92 active priests, two diocesan high schools, 15 elementary schools, and a host of other pastoral, educational, charitable, and social service resources.

The diocese provides spiritual, educational, and social ministries to nearly 70,000 households. Whether in the rolling farmlands of Armstrong and Indiana Counties, on the busy streets of Greensburg and Latrobe, or in the highlands of Fayette County, our people work together to live out their baptismal call to proclaim in word and action the Gospel of Jesus Christ, handed down to us through Scripture, tradition, and the magisterium of the Church.



"Our diocesan mission is continually realized by proclaiming God's word; celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; forming communities of faith; and building a just and compassionate society in this world so that we may be fulfilled human beings on this earth and so that we may all share God's salvation in His Kingdom."

-From the Mission Statement of the Diocese of Greensburg

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Our Current Parish Needs

Over the past 184 years our parish has been providing many services not only to our parishioners but also to the community. Our forefathers, when building the present Church structure in 1847 sacrificed a lot. In doing so, they did not only think of themselves and their contemporaries, but they looked into the future, so that all of us today may also call this magnificent structure our Second Home. Like people, buildings also age. The task of the renovation therefore, falls upon us so that we too may leave our mark upon the life of this parish for the future generations that they also may be able to say: "our forefathers sacrificed much in renovating St. Mary Mother of God so that we may call this parish Church our Second Home too."

As an act of prudent stewardship, and in an effort to address the future of our Church, we are beginning **Today's Challenge ~ Tomorrow's Hope**. St. Mary's Diocesan set goal is to raise a minimum of \$355,000, of which we will receive 40% (or a minimum of \$142,000) that will go towards parish needs. Additionally, we will receive 60% of all funds raised over our Diocesan target. We will use our share to renovate the parish hall and kitchen completing the multi-purpose pastoral center and to enhance the handicap accessibility of the church.



Hall & Kitchen: \$375,000

Handicap Accessibility: \$40,000

Tracking Our Success

As of February 18th

Diocesan Goal:	\$355,000
Parish Goal:	\$635,000
Total Pledged*	\$154,000
Percentage of Diocesan Goal:	43%
Percentage of Parish Goal:	24%
Parish Rebate:	\$61,600
Number of Pledges:	22
Average Gift:	\$7,000

* Pledges are made over a 5-year period

While our needs are significant, we are confident that our parish family is prepared to lend generous support. **Today's Challenge ~ Tomorrow's Hope** will enable St. Mary Mother of God to complete the visions set forth by past generations and ensure the Church's presence in the lives of our children and grandchildren. As we have been blessed, let us act as stewards by supporting **Today's Challenge ~ Tomorrow's Hope**. Your prayers, generosity, and sacrifice will ensure our success.