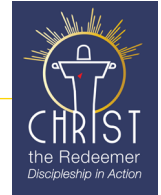


CASE FOR SUPPORT

Christ the Redeemer Parish | Atco, NJ



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Christ the Redeemer Parish, Atco was formed from the merger of Assumption, Atco; St. Lucy, Blue Anchor and Sacred Heart, Cedar Brook—already merged as Bd. John XXIII—and St. Anthony, Waterford Works. Parishioners from each community met for two years to work through a host of issues. They worked hard to preserve their unique history and heritage. After much prayer and perseverance, our new parish of Christ the Redeemer Parish was born on November 10, 2010.

Eight years later, Christ the Redeemer Parish is truly blessed to be a community of Christ's faithful who truly love their parish. We look forward to sustainable growth and to doing what it takes to flourish long into the future.

Two things are a must to ensure Christ the Redeemer flourishes:

- (1) As a parish church built of living stones (1 Peter 2:5), we must increase our pastoral footprint. As missionary disciples, we must make great steps in advancing the new evangelization in our locality. We currently have about 2,300 registered families and only about 1,000 worshipers each week. Our newly established Office of Evangelization and Discipleship is charged to address this need. However, our present financial resources cannot sustain this gospel initiative. More funds need to be raised.
- (2) As a "brick and mortar" parish, we have eleven structures on three worship sites. Every homeowner can appreciate the need to set aside financial resources for routine and inevitably major maintenance. It would not take much for us to flounder, therefore, we need to raise funds and set them aside to care for all of our building facilities and equipment.

OUR SHARED VISION: *To flourish, to flounder, or to just get by?*

Every parish, like every family, needs to ask tough questions at times. In the Diocese of Camden, all three parish situations exist. A fortunate few parishes flourish now and have made provisions for the next generation. A significant number of parishes flounder with deep debt, deteriorating assets and declining numbers. Some parishes just get by—kind of like families living from paycheck to paycheck—where one emergency could be catastrophic.

An honest assessment of Christ the Redeemer Parish is that we just get by. We all are painfully aware of the hurt caused when parishes are forced to close. **Just getting by is not sustainable.**

Our shared vision is to rest assured that we have both the spiritual and material resources to flourish as a parish family for the foreseeable future. To realize our shared vision, we need to become **CATHOLIC STRONG!**

As our current parishioners, we now call upon you to carry on the generosity, spirit, and sacrifice that filled the hearts of the men and women who have supported our parish and diocese throughout our history.

As we have been blessed, let us act as stewards by supporting the **Catholic Strong** campaign to preserve the essence of what we and all of the faithful within the greater Church in South Jersey are blessed to have and to ensure the Church's presence in the lives of our children and grandchildren. Let us continue to show the power which blessed the first apostles to our parish and diocese. Your prayers, generosity, and sacrifice will ensure our success.

BECOMING CATHOLIC STRONG

CATHOLIC STRONG is a parish-based capital campaign that will help Christ the Redeemer Parish flourish for years to come. *The campaign model itself is entirely unique, which highlights Bishop Sullivan's commitment to every parish's long-term wellbeing.* Seventy percent of all the funds raised directly benefit both our spiritual and temporal needs—no strings attached. The remaining 30 percent pays campaign costs and for new diocesan initiatives not already covered by the annual House of Charity Appeal.

To be clear: THIS IS NOT ANOTHER HOUSE OF CHARITY APPEAL.

Every parish will share in these efforts with an allocated goal. Our parish goal is to raise at least \$905,000 (70% = \$633,500) over five years. Additionally, we will receive 80% of all funds raised over our parish target, and we will use our parish share to address the needs outlined below. Although this is not enough for us to flourish forever into the future, it will certainly prove us to be **CATHOLIC STRONG** and moving in the right direction.

COUNTING ON YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Our future as a parish family depends on you—on your generosity to go above and beyond what you already give to the parish and House of Charity. Simply reallocating what you already give, as tempting as that may seem, will only hurt the parish or the poor. Every pastor and priest in the Diocese has also been asked to make a generous, sacrificial offering.

AS YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIFT, PLEASE NOTE SOME OF OUR SPECIFIC NEEDS AT THIS TIME.

Assumption Site | \$400,000*

- Church
 - Painting interior/exterior
 - Restoration of pews and flooring
 - Completion of ceiling & sanctuary
- School
 - Roof repair and pointing
 - Repainting
 - Restoration of outside blacktop
- CTR Hall
 - Instillation of energy efficient lighting
 - Instillation of new sound system
- Rectory
 - Repair cracked foundation
 - Repair deck per safety inspection
 - Remove oil tank in office basement
 - Improve office space –TBD
 - Routine repairs and other needs identified but not listed
- Repair and/or replacement of HVAC units in all buildings

Saint Anthony Site | \$100,000*

- Renovation of Sanctuary
- Refurbishment of existing altar
- Restoration of Tabernacle to center
- Repair and replacement of aged HVAC units
- Replacement of main electrical supply
- Installation of energy efficient lighting
- Repair of well & water system
- Renovation of men's room
- Removal of oil tank
- Repair of basement floor
- Outside repairs & other repairs identified

Sacred Heart Site | \$50,000*

- Renovation of Sanctuary
 - Addressing serious safety issues
 - Restoration of Tabernacle to center
- Renovation of Sacristy
- Restoration of outside statue
- Renovation of church bathrooms
- Repair of masonry around the church
- Repair of various plumbing
- Replacement of furnace
- Beautification of cemetery
- Other needs identified but unlisted



Remaining funds will help fund new pastoral initiatives for five years

*Above costs are projections and require diocesan consultation and approval. All projects are considered pending until campaign funds are realized.

PARISH GOAL
\$905,000

(We will receive \$633,500)

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