

May 11, 2025

Dear Holy Angels Parishioners,

Over the last year and into 2025, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, with the recommendation of the Finance Commission and the deliberations of the Parish Staff, Holy Angels has undertaken a few necessary facilities and infrastructural projects that will both enhance the safety of our buildings and the quality of our worship. We have also made some administrative changes at the school. I would like to take this opportunity to update the larger parish community on the completed, ongoing, and upcoming projects and changes.

#### Church and School Buildings

In March 2024, one of our church boilers overheated and had to be replaced through an insurance claim. After the smoke damage was eradicated, it took many months for the special-order boiler to arrive and be installed. This project has been completed and it should bring us great relief accompanied by a sense of safety.

As we were still dealing with the boiler and related issues, the bell tower was struck by lightning, causing damage to the stone and bricks on the southeast top corner of the bell tower. Prior to this act of nature, we were in the process of getting quotes to spot tuckpoint the south and east sides of the bell tower because these sides were causing the most water damage to the interior of the church. Fortunately, the scaffolding and equipment lift were able to be used for both projects. Rotten wood and shingles were removed and replaced 3' out from where the roof meets the bell tower on the south and east side. The copper cricket flashing was also replaced in this area. The spot tuckpointing and roof repair efforts were undertaken in hopes that we could mitigate any additional water damage that is evident in the interior of the church.

#### Church Sound System

An important need of the church has been a state-of-the-art sound system. The sound quality in the church is far less than desirable. Over the next couple of weeks this system will be receiving an upgrade which includes new speakers and the placement of these speakers so that we can optimize our experience during worship and other church events. This update to the sound system will cost the church \$37,598.

#### Church Pipe Organ

Along with the sound system, the pipe organ is in need of urgent repair. The organ blower motor chamber, located in the crawl space of the church, recently collapsed. This also caused damage to the blower motor reservoir. As a result, the chamber has been rebuilt, the reservoir was replaced, and the 75-year-old blower motor was reinstalled just in time for Easter Mass. The aged blower motor is starting to fail so a replacement has been ordered but is estimated to take as long as 6 months to arrive. The chamber, reservoir and blower motor will cost the church a total of \$33,021. We can expect these repairs to enhance the quality of our music.

### Church Sign

The Booster Club will be replacing the well-worn church sign that faces Brown Street this summer, costing \$20,000. They have also refreshed the landscaping around the church and school grounds by trimming the courtyard trees, removing dying shrubs, mulching and sod replacement. Our grounds are in good shape, thanks to the Booster Club.

### Capital Campaign

Much work still needs to be done to make the Church sustainable for future generations to come. We have begun the initial work of a capital campaign to address these issues. There will be more updates about the campaign in the coming months.

### School Administrative Changes

We had four schools when I was appointed Pastor of the Bread of Life Family of Parishes. The administrative structure we adopted was a principal over two schools with assistant principals in each of the buildings. This administrative structure needed to be reviewed once St. Anthony School closed. For the 2025-26 school year and beyond, Holy Angels will only have a principal and no assistant principal. Ms. Angie Gantt, the present Assistant Principal, will resume a teaching position in the middle school. She has immense pedagogical experience and her presence in middle school will greatly benefit our students and school.

The above change is timely because a veteran teacher in our middle school, Mrs. Brenda Ricciuto has announced her retirement. She is a dedicated, exemplary, and a thoroughly professional Catholic educator whose absence will be deeply felt. While we thank Mrs. Ricciuto for her long years of service to the Holy Angels community, I am also grateful that Ms. Gantt will be there to continue the excellence in education that Holy Angels has always provided.

I really appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward with these updates and changes. Let us join our efforts in working together on preserving the future of our church and school.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Satish Joseph  
Pastor, Bread of life Family of Parishes