

ST. JOSEPH'S ON CAPITOL HILL



OUR MISSION

St. Joseph's is a vibrant, sacramental community with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives.

The Holy Spirit leads us to pray, learn, serve, celebrate and share on Capitol Hill – come join us!

CHURCH ON THE HILL

St. Joseph's is part of the foundation of Capitol Hill, an institution as significant to our nation's capital city as the Capitol Building itself. Members of Congress, staffers, government employees and so many more have graced our pews for daily Mass, Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. Our church is a bastion of faith and an oasis of peace and serenity amid the hustle and bustle of the federal government and daily life in our community.

Our parish's slogan is "Come Join Us!" We invite and welcome all to join us as we praise and worship, serve each other and our community, and spread the word of God. We come together for daily and Sunday Masses in our historic, iconic church. Beyond the main church, however, we lack an adequate gathering space, a place where more than a few can unite with family in fellowship and service.

OUR NEEDS

We have long needed more community gathering space at St. Joseph's. As our 2022 parish-wide survey demonstrated clearly, we need to create additional room where more of our community can come join us—therefore, our top priority is a larger, more functional parish center with sufficient space to accommodate gatherings of our strong faith community and our ministries. We also need to refurbish our historic organ, which is in severe disrepair and held together by paper clips in places, and to renovate parts of the rectory and Madonna House basement. We are considering a capital campaign to raise funds for these projects.

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OUR PROJECTS

NEW PARISH CENTER | \$3.5 million

We plan to build a two-story multipurpose parish center on the same site as the existing hall and connect it to the St. Thomas More Center, which also will receive substantial renovations. This new center will be a focal point for community events and ministry needs, and it will help build a more vibrant and engaged community, one that is better connected in a campus-like atmosphere. The new center, expected to open in 2026-2027, will feature:

- Nearly 3,900 square feet of usable space – more than double the existing facilities.
- A large parish hall with space for 100 people seated for a meal and a full catering kitchen and pantry.
- An inviting entrance lobby and welcoming area.
- Four religious education classrooms and a recording and editing suite to enhance communications.
- Abundant and accessible restroom facilities, storage rooms and mechanical closets.
- A landscaped garden ideal for outdoor gathering and meditation.

ORGAN REFURBISHMENT | \$608,000

Our treasured Hook & Hastings mechanical action pipe organ, an integral part of the liturgy at St. Joseph's since the church was dedicated in 1891, will be completely refurbished and reinstalled. This critical work will ensure that our organ continues to fill our church with the beautiful sacred music that draws us into the liturgy and deepens our experience. Work is scheduled to begin in summer 2024 and will take approximately 13 months.

RECTORY AND MADONNA HOUSE UPGRADES | \$900,000

Key renovations to the rectory and the Madonna House basement will complement the new parish center and enhance our campus. During construction of the parish center – and after it opens – the rectory and Madonna House basement will provide event, meeting and gathering space. The proposed upgrades include:

- Remodeling the rectory's kitchen, restrooms, staff space and meeting space.
- Adding rectory restrooms accessible from outside during outdoor parish center events.
- Creating more space in the rectory for parish staff to function more effectively.
- Installing a door to safely separate the Madonna House basement from the personal living space.
- Adding an additional meeting room, kitchenette and restrooms to the Madonna House basement.



THE NEXT STEPS

The leaders at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill are committed to transparency as we determine what's next for our community. We know this will be a large undertaking that will require a lot of effort, faith and sacrifice. We are grateful to have a head start with donations totaling \$2.48 million in hand.

THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO.

To help us make the next critical decisions, we are conducting a campaign planning study, which will help determine strategy, identify leaders and volunteers, and determine a realistic fundraising goal. We want to hear from you as a valued member of the St. Joseph's family. Come join us in this important study by sharing your thoughts and opinions.

Thank you for your prayers and your participation.