

THE JUBILEE FUND

St. Anthony's Jubilee Fund is an annual collection to provide needed funds to address special projects generally not covered by our annual operating budget.



Improvements to Friendship Hall

2025 GOAL- \$100,000

Your gift helps to sustain the heritage of faith that has animated St. Anthony Parish since its founding in 1886. From the beginning, our parishioners have answered the call for support with generosity and sacrifice. Our heritage of faith is **YOU!**



Kitchen pantry organization

FUND PROJECTS 2025

Church

- Replace fire pump
- Renovate the Holy Child Room washroom
- Sanctuary Furniture

Friendship Hall

- Improvements including paint, lighting
- Kitchen pantry shelving
- Liturgical supply shelving and storage
- Additional furniture
- Renaming to McHenry Hall

Education Center

- Replace fire pump
- Construct retaining wall on Hendricks St.
- New equipment for small playground

Parish Staff

- Leadership Fund for staff development



If you are interested in making a special gift, please contact Fr. Jim or our Stewardship and Advancement Ministry.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Retaining wall and playground equipment

“Attribute to God every good that you have received.”

St. Anthony of Padua

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Anthony Parish has been a center of faith in the Ambler community for 139 years. Some of our families have lived here for generations; some of you have only recently found a home here. Either way, our parish has been sustained and grown throughout the years by the love and support of our parishioners. Our flourishing is a testament to the members of our parish in each generation who have provided their spiritual and financial support. It is now our turn to provide the resources necessary for a 21st century parish to fulfill its primary mission: to spread the Gospel.

The Jubilee Fund is a significant opportunity each year for us to assess our needs to do just that. In consultation with various parish groups, projects have been identified. You have generously responded over the years to fund these projects. I come to you now to ask you to consider the projects put forth for 2025 that will sustain and grow our parish. I thank you for all of your support over the years.

Fr. Jim



Replace fire pumps in Church and Ed Center

2025 JUBILEE PROJECTS

CHURCH

The church was dedicated on April 28, 2004. When the facility opened, equipment and furnishings were new. Today in 2025, the intervening years of wear and tear necessitate some updating, equipment replacement and renovation. The church facility hosts hundreds of people each week and it is important that parish facilities are clean, comfortable and safe. Maintaining our electrical, plumbing, HVAC and fire protection systems are ongoing challenges.

The washroom located in the Holy Child Crying Room is heavily used and needs new fixtures and counter tops. It will be renovated.

The fire pump increases the water pressure to assist the sprinkler system in case of a fire. The fire pump needs to be replaced.

The sanctuary furniture is a mismatch of items, some purchased specifically, some from church patrimony, and some re-purposed. All will be replaced.

FRIENDSHIP HALL

The parish hall is widely used and is our largest meeting space. Over the years our parishioners have gathered there for many and varied events that have helped our parish build community and extend a hand in service.

Improvements will be made to the hall including paint, light fixtures, kitchen pantry and storage areas.

The hall will be renamed "McHenry Hall" in honor of our Pastor Emeritus.

EDUCATION CENTER

The Education Center is comprised of previously existing structures (renovated) and new construction. It was completed in 2005 and houses the majority of our programs for children. Our Children's Faith Formation Program (CFF) serves 220 children. There are 135 children enrolled in our Preschool and Child Care. This facility is in year-round use, requiring constant maintenance.

The fire pump in the Education Center also needs to be replaced. Ambler has very hard water that stresses the equipment.

Erosion is undermining a section of the hill at the intersection of Hendrick's St. and Forest Ave. The a retaining wall be constructed.

New playground equipment will be installed for the younger children.

PARISH STAFF

It is important that the parish staff continue their Catholic formation and development to better serve the people of St. Anthony Parish.

Our parish will establish a Leadership Fund for the professional development of the staff which will support our parishioners.