

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, SUFFERN, NY**  
**OCTOBER, 2009**  
**BICENTENNIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
**UPDATE**

Dear Parishioners,

In the year 2005, the Archdiocese of New York initiated the Bicentennial Capital Campaign fundraiser as part of the celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese. In April 2007, our parishioners were asked to pledge to the Bicentennial Capital Campaign which would mostly be designated for major improvements to our parish. Our goal was \$1,100,000.00 and, as usual, the generosity of our parishioners was extraordinary. Pledges by Sacred Heart Parishioners rose to \$1,127,346.67.

It was explained from the outset that \$100,000.00 would go to the 2008 Cardinal's Appeal. Of the remaining \$1,000,000.00, 80% of that which is collected would come back to the parish and 20% would go to the Needy Parish Fund of the Archdiocese. The amount Sacred Heart actually receives depends on pledges honored, and to date we have received \$541,518.28. The parish receives the funds every six months, in April and October, and once funds were disbursed to our parish, beginning in October 2007, the repair projects outlined in pamphlets, letters and talks by Msgr. Giandurco began.

Listed below are the projects which were originally outlined for improvements, repair or replacement:

- † Repair of Slate on Church Roof
- † Replace Church Walkway
- † Interior Water Damage
- † Replacement of Church Beam Lights
- † Heating of Church Library
- † Upgrade of Present Sound System
- † Re-pointing of Church Brick
- † Driveway Asphalt
- † Paint and repair lighting in Gymnasium
- † Repair Rectory Roof
- † New carpets in church

Again, to date we have received a total of **\$541,518.28**. The following is a listing of the projects which have been completed:

**Projects completed to date:**

- † Roofs repaired and replaced (All)- \$353,862.95
- † Repair and Replacement of Sidewalks around property (Clinton, Washington, Rt. 59)– Fall 2008 -\$38,738.00
- † Interior Water Damage to Sacristy with Repair of Church doors hardware and Hydraulic closures. - \$11,125.00
- † Front Walkway of Church - \$24,055.00
- † Heating in Church Library – \$1298.00
- † Painting and repair of Gymnasium- \$3500.00
- † Replacement of Church Beam Lights - \$29,297.00
- † Archdiocesan Building Commission fee- \$4500.00
- † Total expenditures to date= **\$466,375.95**

Not covered by Bicentennial Funds but repaired in the last few years out of necessity are the following:

- † Replacement of Steps to Convent –
- † Replacement of Steps leading to school boiler room
- † Walkway to rectory near Pre-Kindergarten entrance
- † Entire Church painted interiorly and exteriorly
- † Library of Church painted

Projects yet to be undertaken:

- † Re-pointing of Church Brick
- † Driveway Asphalt
- † New carpets in church
- † Upgrade Present Sound Systems

**Correction to Pastor's Notes in October 18, 2009 Bulletin**

In early October 2009, we received another \$77,201.71 for a total thus far of \$541,518.28.

To date, we have spent \$466,375.95 which leaves \$75,142.33 in the Bicentennial Campaign account, plus \$6061.47 interest. Work will proceed after the winter.

**Thank you for your outstanding generosity!**

**Sincerely in Christ,**

*Monsignor Giandurco*