

A Message from Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,



Sacred Heart is a vibrant parish that has met the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Roslindale and Forest Hills community for the past 125 years. Today, we are a strong and vibrant parish that remains a pillar of history and faith within our community. The many strengths of our parish stem from the diversity and dedication of our people.

Each year, we add 75 new members, conduct over 133 Baptisms, and we enroll over 175 children in our religious education program and 250 students in our renowned parish school. We offer our parishioners, who represent 40 different countries, over 30 ministries including our multicultural Prayer Groups that serve hundreds of families each week. I share these examples of how so many people are impacted by our parish to emphasize why it is so important that we work together to create an even stronger church that can better serve this community.

As we look to the future, we want to provide a church that is welcoming and accessible to all people. After many years of looking into our needs, we now aim to add an elevator to connect the church's upper and lower levels and add a new accessible family restroom. To complete these projects, parish leadership explored a conducting a capital campaign in partnership with *Inspiring Hope* through a recent feasibility study. The study results showed that many parishioners saw these improvements as important priorities and a good opportunity, and so a decision was made to proceed.

I believe this campaign is a meaningful way to address our local needs while also having a major impact on advancing the Catholic Church's mission in communities where it is needed most. Our parish has a deep connection with supporting Catholic Schools and Education. Catholic schools like ours are critical for providing top quality education in a safe environment where children can grow in their faith and become closer to God. I hope all will see supporting our schools as a worthy investment.

I invite you to learn more about this important campaign and I ask that you receive my message with an open and prayerful heart. As current stewards of this parish, we must come together in prayer, action, and sacrifice to address our most critical needs and ensure the overall health of this incredible Catholic community, in Roselindale and beyond. Please join me in support of this effort.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Kelley, Pastor

How You Can Help

This campaign is an opportunity for everyone to support our parish in a way that is appropriate for them, with pledges payable over time and through a variety of giving options.

We are all blessed with many treasures given to us by God. As stewards of these blessings, it is our responsibility to preserve and protect our spiritual community. **To be successful, this effort will require the sacrifices of many, not just a few.** We need help from all who are able to provide for the future of our parish.

We believe this initiative will ensure we are able to meet our current and future needs, and fulfill our mission for years to come. **Please consider your support and contact the office with any questions!**

Sample Five-Year Pledge Amounts

EXAMPLE PLEDGE	ANNUAL INSTALLMENT	MONTHLY INSTALLMENT	DAILY EQUIVALENT
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$200	\$6.60
\$9,000	\$1,800	\$150	\$4.90
\$7,500	\$1,500	\$125	\$4.10
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$100	\$3.30
\$3,000	\$600	\$50	\$1.65
\$1,800	\$360	\$30	\$1.00
\$1,000	\$200	\$17	\$.55

Ways Parishioners Can Give

- Multi-Year Pledges
- Credit Card
- Stock Transfer
- Direct Deposit
- Donor Advised Funds
- IRA Distributions
- Bequests & Annuities

SACRED HEART PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON



Inspiring Hope: Our Campaign for the Future of Our Catholic Faith

Sacred Heart Parish is conducting a major fundraising campaign to make our church more accessible and welcoming, and to advance the Mission of the Catholic Church in our communities.

As a member of the parish, we invite you to learn more about this important effort and how you can make a difference in the Church in Roslindale and beyond by Inspiring Hope in the future of our Catholic Faith.

Addressing Our Needs and Building a Brighter Future for Our Church

As we celebrate Sacred Heart's 125th birthday and look to the future of our parish, we envision a thriving community with active ministries that can become an even greater center of our spiritual and social lives. We also envision a parish that is accessible to all people and prepared to serve our community for years to come. Moved by our love of this parish and our wider Church, we are embarking on a major fundraising campaign in partnership with *Inspiring Hope*. This campaign allows us to invest in the immediate and long-term needs of our parish, as well as invest in the future of our wider Church's most critical ministries.

By conducting our campaign through *Inspiring Hope*, we are joining with dozens of other parishes who are also conducting similar fundraising efforts across the Archdiocese in order to meet their local needs and deepen the Church's impact throughout all of our communities. Together, we can all pass down stronger parishes and a stronger Church to future generations.

Sacred Heart Parish Campaign Priorities:

The majority (75%) of the funds we raise will stay right here at Sacred Heart to improve access to the church and create a more welcoming environment for parishioners and visitors.

Our lack of an elevator prevents parishioners and visitors with mobility issues from accessing the upper level of the church, turning many away from attending Masses, weddings/funerals, and prayer groups in this beautiful and sacred space.

Our limited and inaccessible restrooms require parishioners to completely leave the church, often crossing the alter during Mass. Our restrooms are especially burdensome for new guests, young families, parishioners with mobility issues, and in emergencies.

The funds we raise will be used to make important upgrades that will create a more welcoming and accessible church for all. These upgrades include:

- ❖ A small and efficient elevator that provides access from the lower church to the upper church
- ❖ A new ADA accessible restroom in the lower church
- ❖ Relocated confessionals in the lower level to make space for the new elevator and restroom



TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$850,000

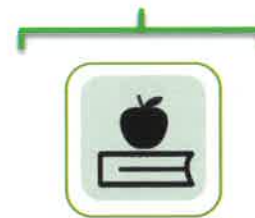
**Sacred Heart Parish
Receives \$637,500**



\$637,500

Support for a New Elevator and Accessible Restrooms

**Catholic Schools
Receive \$212,500**



\$212,500

Support for Archdiocesan Catholic Schools and Education

Sacred Heart will receive 75% of all monies collected up to our \$850,000 goal, and we will receive 100% of any monies collected above our goal. Any monies raised above our goal will be used to support our operating needs.

Inspiring Hope Campaign Priorities:

Through our partnership with *Inspiring Hope*, we are receiving campaign management services and agree to designate one-quarter (25%) of the funds we raise toward a critical ministry of the Church of our choosing.

Based on our campaign feasibility study feedback, which captured dozens of opinions and voices, we chose to designate our support to an area that our parish values greatly: Catholic Schools and Education.

The funds raised for Catholic Education through our *Inspiring Hope* campaign will provide critical resources for:

- ❖ Aiding enrollment efforts by improving communications and outreach
- ❖ Professional training for teachers and principals
- ❖ Support for capital improvements, new programs, and special initiatives
- ❖ Enhancing technology and alumni relations

By supporting this campaign, we will help strengthen our Catholic Schools, including our own parish school whose graduates have gone on to attend some of the best high schools and colleges in the United States.

Please know, these funds are legally restricted to these purposes and cannot not be repurposed for any reason.