



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CAMPAIGN
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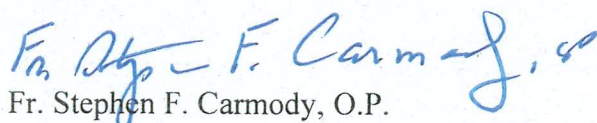
Dear Parishioners,

Nestled among the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains is the farming community of Somerset. The Dominicans had first arrived in Somerset in 1818 at the behest of Jacob Dittoe. They established the Parish of St. Joseph approximately two miles outside of town, but the parishioners needed a church in town. So, in 1827, on the highest hill in town called Piety Hill, they founded the Church of the Holy Trinity. The church quickly became known as the Beacon on the Hill. The Church has been the light of faith for almost 200 years. The Church has faithfully been providing for the spiritual and intellectual needs of the people through the celebration of the sacraments, the teaching of the faith and the schooling of its children. The Church has been a Beacon of faith, hope, and learning for Somerset for these many years and a sign of Christ's love for this community.

The Church conducted a renewal program in 2003. The interior of the Church was beautifully painted. Now, other items need attention. Most obvious are our stained-glass windows. Some of them were in bad shape with the glass cracked and in some cases in danger of collapsing. We have already begun the repair on them. The pews are marred, and the finish is badly scratched. The wooden floors are worn down from the constant foot traffic and the carpet in the aisle is looking tired. The front step has a large crack in it which gets worse every year. The electric wiring dates back to the last century and poses a hazard. We are working to fix the bathroom so that it would be fully accessible. We would also like to consider the possibility of installing air conditioning into the Church.

Parishioners, we will be doing a feasibility study with the help of the Diocesan Office of Development and Planning. We are calling our campaign the Beacon on the Hill (BOTH). Our intention is to continue to bring the guiding Light of Faith to all peoples. We need your help to do the needed repairs. We will randomly select people to interview in order to evaluate our proposed projects and find out if there are others that need attention. If you receive a call for an interview, we ask that you graciously respond to it. Your responses will be confidential. Parishioners who are not interviewed will be receiving a survey to solicit their views. We ask that you fill out this survey. We will also be soliciting the support of St. Joseph parishioners. They are very mindful and appreciative of how Holy Trinity Parishioners responded to their fund raiser when St. Joseph was being renovated.

God Bless You,


Fr. Stephen F. Carmody, O.P.