



**BUILDING CHURCH:
PEOPLE & PLACE
ST. PIUS X**

**THE PARISH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



**A TIME
TO BUILD OUR
FUTURE**

**AN
OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPRESS
OUR FAITH**



BUILDING ON A TRADITION OF FAITH

There's no question that we at St. Pius X are blessed. We are blessed to have had a rich history. We are blessed because we have benefited from the dedication and commitment of so many parishioners through the years. And we are blessed because our future is exciting as we continue our mission with God's help.

Our past has made it clear that St. Pius X is a community ready, willing and able to meet new challenges and that we do so with unselfish courage. Your goodness has enabled our present and empowers our future. You are invited to participate as we embark on our new project — *Building Church: People & Place*.



CHANGING STRUCTURES FOR CHANGING TIMES

More than 40 years ago, the founders of this parish made a commitment to their faith when they supported the construction of the current church. Who could ever have imagined that we would grow to over 2,500 households with 1,000 of these in the last decade alone! Accommodating our growth means creating not only more space, but also the appropriate space.

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provides for "full, conscious and active participation" in celebrating the Sacraments. Building a new church with a narthex (gathering space) will enable us to foster community prayer and worship.

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LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Our parish has embraced stewardship. As Christian stewards we: "*Receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*"

Stewardship begins with giving the Lord our prayer and worship. Participating actively in *Building Church: People & Place*, we share our "Time, Talent, & Treasure."

Our Time...by praying for this project

Our Talent...by telling the story and encouraging others to participate

Our Treasure...by making a sacrificial pledge

HOW *BUILDING CHURCH: PEOPLE & PLACE*, WILL INFLUENCE OUR LIVES

It will provide:

- Space to worship in meaningful ways, both as a community and individually
- An inviting structure, encouraging "full, conscious and active participation" in the Liturgy
- Additional and updated school and religious education facilities with added security
- Accommodations for retreats and Youth Ministry
- Availability of the Parish Center for what it was intended: sports participation, parish wide socials and other events

NEW BEGINNINGS

ST. PIUS X is a story of new beginnings. The St. Pius X community was born in 1959 when the first pastor, Monsignor Joseph J. Meyer, was sent to Montville Township to establish a parish. The early masses were held in “The Barn.” The church, school, and convent were built in 1962.

A LOOK BACK

In 1993 we added a multi-purpose parish center/gymnasium. Thanks to the dedicated and involved parish community, new ministries were established and expanded. Converting the convent into the Ministry House in 1998 enabled more ministries to flourish. Each of these *new beginnings* brought with them new opportunities for participating more fully in the St. Pius X community, for witnessing God’s love, and for strengthening and sharing our faith. We were able to continue our mission of Worship, Education, and Outreach in a spirit of love by ministering to the sick, homebound and poor, and by serving our youth and other members of our community.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are embracing another *new beginning* in the story of St. Pius X’s growth...building a new and larger church, renovating and expanding our education facilities. This *new beginning* will bring us exciting opportunities for worshipping, for gathering socially, and for expressing our faith.

Building Church: People & Place is also a response to practical needs... about the need to replace windows and roofs...the need to acquire more room for educational and social meetings and events...the need for more worship and administrative space to accommodate a growing parish.

This brochure describes why St. Pius X is embracing a capital stewardship campaign, what it means to you, and how you can participate in it. This is another *new beginning* and a time for us to join together to build our future.

ST. PIUS X IS A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND MUCH MORE...

*It is a place where we make friends
See our children grow
Say I'm sorry
And say goodbye
Feel uplifted
And ask for help
For some it is a second home
For others a reminder of the
Treasures in our life
It is a place for us to meet our God
To renew our faith
And share our dreams
A place to be loved
And give love
To give thanks
And be thanked
It is a place where we
Can never overstay our welcome
Where we can arrive empty-handed
And still leave with gifts
It is an open invitation
To be part of the family of Christ
Now and forever*

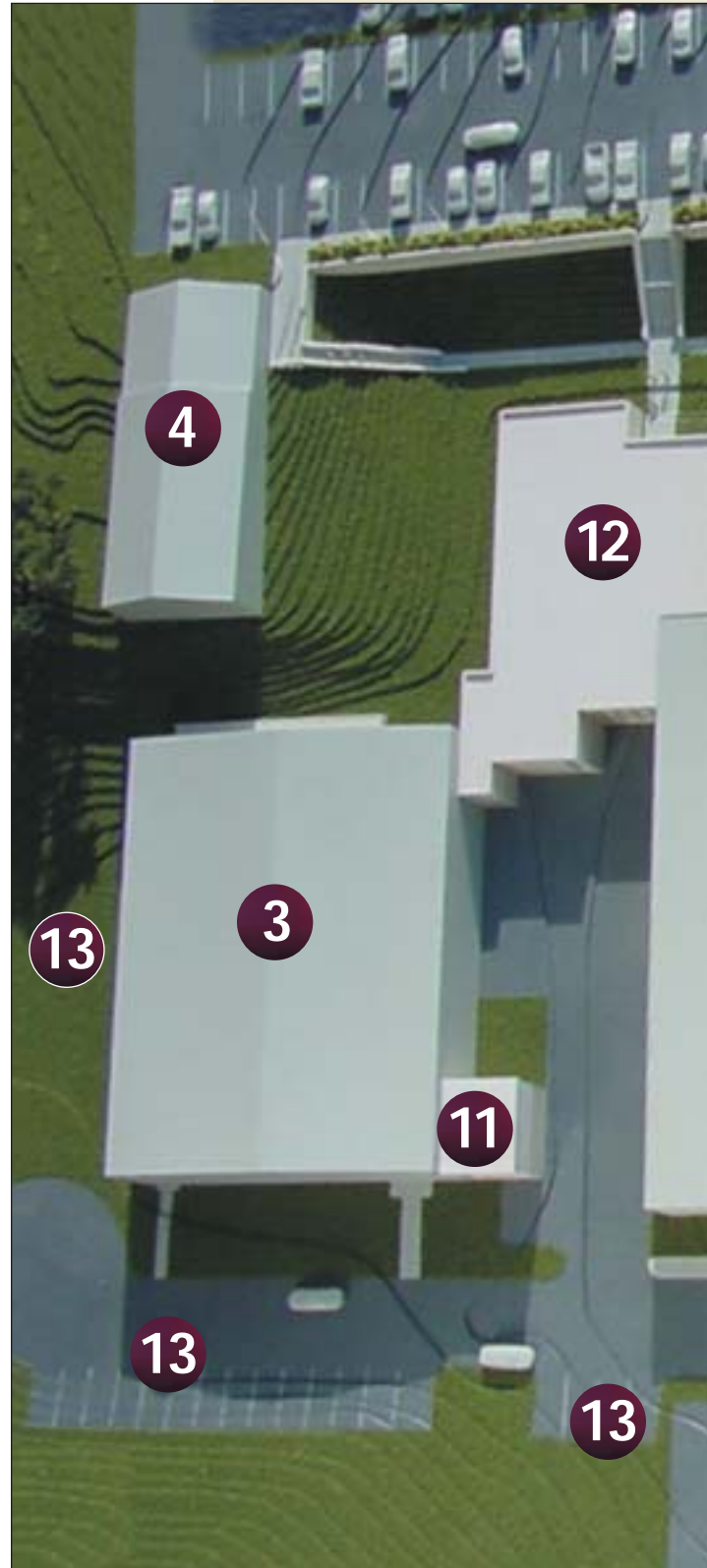
NEW VISION . . . NEW STRUCTURES

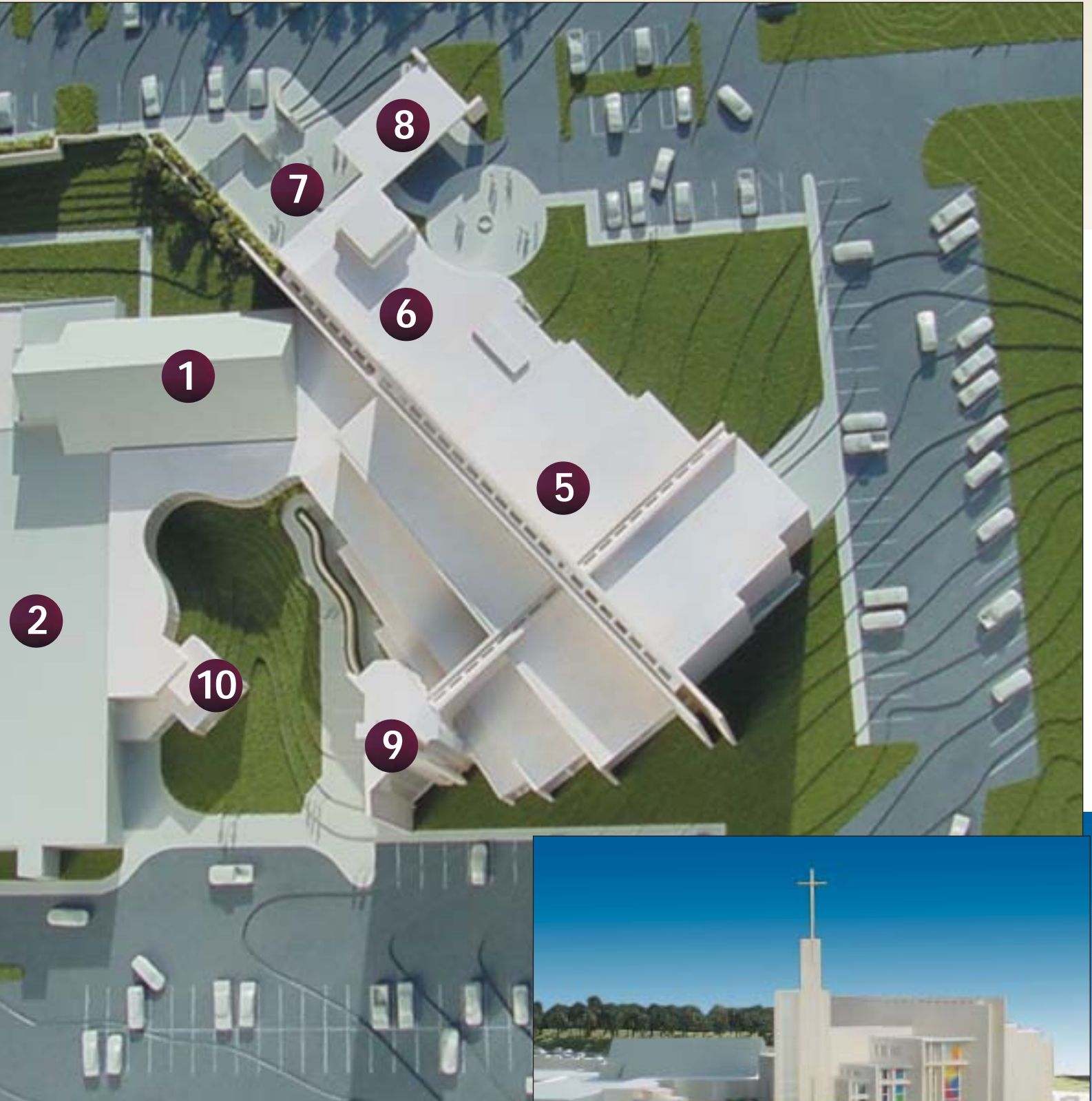
TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION AND EXPRESS OUR FAITH

The mission of St. Pius X Catholic Community is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to share our gifts as Stewards through Worship, Education, Outreach, and Love for All.

This aerial view depicts our vision of the new church and expanded education facilities which will enable us to continue to carry out our mission.

- 1 Current Church/New Multi-Purpose Room
- 2 School
- 3 Parish Center
- 4 Ministry House
- 5 New Church/Nave
- 6 Narthax (Gathering Space)
- 7 Entrance to New Church
- 8 Covered Dropoff
- 9 New Church Tower/Reservation Chapel
- 10 New School Entrance
- 11 New Expanded Cafeteria
- 12 New Expanded Educational Facility
- 13 Expanded Parking





WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT *BUILDING CHURCH: PEOPLE AND PLACE*

REASONS FOR UNDERTAKING THIS PROJECT

Why do we need a new church?

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Are there other reasons besides liturgical considerations for building the new church?

The current church was built to accommodate only a few hundred people and the parish has grown significantly. Secondly, we are facing the possibility of fewer Masses with greater attendance. A larger space is needed.

Why can't priests say more Masses?

The priests will be celebrating more Masses, but in a variety of parishes. The shortage of priests is making it necessary for priests to go to several parishes. Therefore, there may be fewer Masses celebrated in our parish.

Why should we build a church now when some day others will use it?

Very few of the people who built our current church are still in the parish. We are the recipients of another generation's stewardship. Throughout the ages, God's work continues, each group making a contribution, embracing the mission and then passing the "spiritual baton." God's work and our mission are beyond our parochial and personal interests. We are all sisters and brothers united in Jesus Christ. Thinking in a narrow way is an affront to Gospel values. As Christian stewards, we receive

God's gifts gratefully and make a return to the Lord.

Can we postpone improvements to the school building?

No. The current school building, used by the St. Pius X & Religious Education children, is in need of updating and repairs. For example, the windows and roof are now more than 40 years old and need to be replaced. Given the growing number of children in the parish, more space is needed to accommodate them.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

How did we come up with this plan?

Six parish meetings were held to get input from parishioners on the needs of the church, school and religious education. In addition, a parish-wide survey and follow-up personal interviews were conducted to help determine parishioners' willingness to support this project both in opinion and financially.

Callahan Associates met with the parish staff and parishioners to help determine the need and scope of the project and the best way to use the current property.

Does the Diocese support our project?

"The need to address your worship space limitations and facility is obvious. You have my permission, as well as, my blessing, to pursue this intention with your parish community." (Bishop Rodimer)

FUNDING ISSUES

How much will it cost?

We anticipate the entire project to cost about \$10 million, half of which will be allocated toward the church and half to the school and religious education facility.

How will we raise the money?

A Stewardship Advancement Leadership Team (S.A.L.T.) has been formed. The S.A.L.T. team is facilitating the accurate sharing of information about the project and coordinating the Capital Stewardship Campaign, which is now underway.

TIMETABLE

What is the timeline for this project?

January – April 2003:
Stewardship

May – December 2003:
Detailed Blueprints and
Diocesan & Town Approvals

January 2004:
Ground breaking

Spring 2005:
Project Completed

BENEFITS

How do we all benefit from this project?

All aspects of this project are designed to foster community prayer and worship. All those who are part of our parish community – Mass participants, families, teens, senior citizens and those who share in our various ministries – will benefit from the spaces and the opportunities they offer for greater interaction and for sharing and building our faith.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Growth in faith and a deeper experience of community
- Additional informative mailings
- Parishioner talks about achieving our vision
- Celebrations of God's blessings