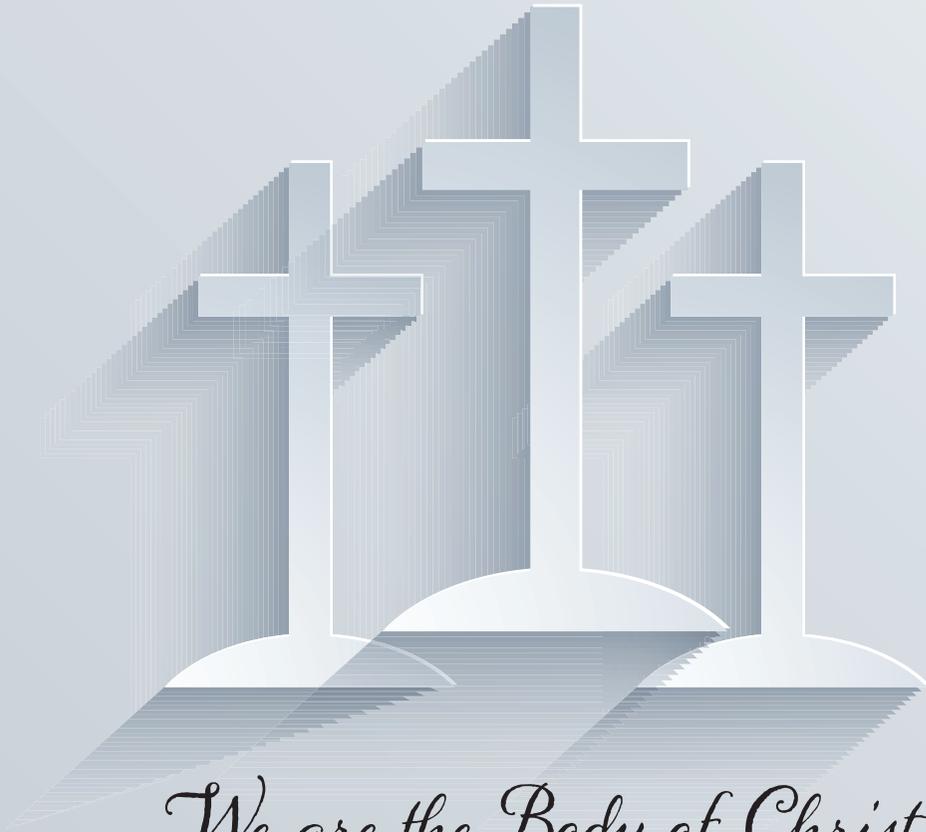




THE CAMPAIGN FOR
Corpus Christi Catholic Church

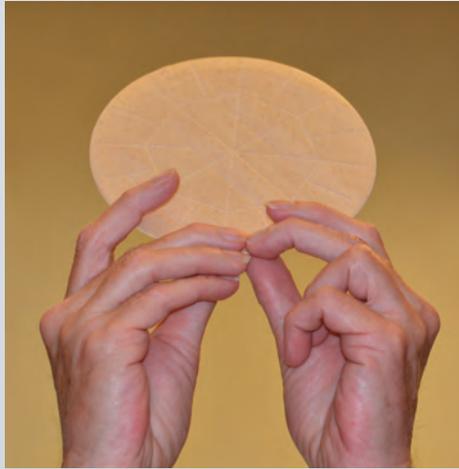


We are the Body of Christ



Now you are the Body of Christ

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



From many starting points, a variety of paths have brought us to the same sacred place –
Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

We are 1200 parish families with different backgrounds, ethnicities, languages and life stories.

Here, we are as one.

We worship together, receive the sacraments and grow spiritually.

We form treasured friendships.

Our children learn, play and begin their own journeys of faith.

We join hands in ministries that serve needs both within and beyond the Church.

Here, we are united by the sharing of faith, hope and love, as together we live what it means to be the Body of Christ.





OUR ONGOING JOURNEY EVER EVOLVING, EVER WELCOMING

The path of Corpus Christi's growth and development has wound through four decades of change in our community and world. The Archdiocese established a Stone Mountain parish in 1970, reflecting the evolution of the area from small town/rural to a thriving suburb.

The Corpus Christi complex was dedicated in 1974, and through our early years, the congregation mirrored Metro Atlanta's economic boom. Job growth drew families from throughout the United States to the region, and DeKalb County was a preferred residential destination. At Corpus Christi, they found an atmosphere that nourished spiritual growth as well as connectedness to the community.

More recently Stone Mountain and the metro region have become home to many immigrant families, including refugees from war-torn areas around the world. In addition to being their spiritual home, Corpus Christi plays a crucial role for them of facilitating community integration and easing the transition to a new homeland and cultural environment.

We take our name seriously, striving to be the Body of Christ through high-impact programming as well as worship and sacraments. Our programs include religious education for all ages, a quality pre-school that serves the community, cultural and ethnic activities for multiple groups within the Church, recreation and sports for youth, and a wide range of compassion and outreach services beyond our own walls.

For the eclectic Corpus Christi congregation of today, our points of origin cover the globe. From more than 60 countries of birth, our individual paths have converged here. Whether our Corpus Christi roots trace back to the founding or are newly planted, this Church is an integral part of who we are and want to be. We are thankful and joyful to journey together.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Sustaining our vitality as the Body of Christ in this place is directly linked to the condition of our facilities.

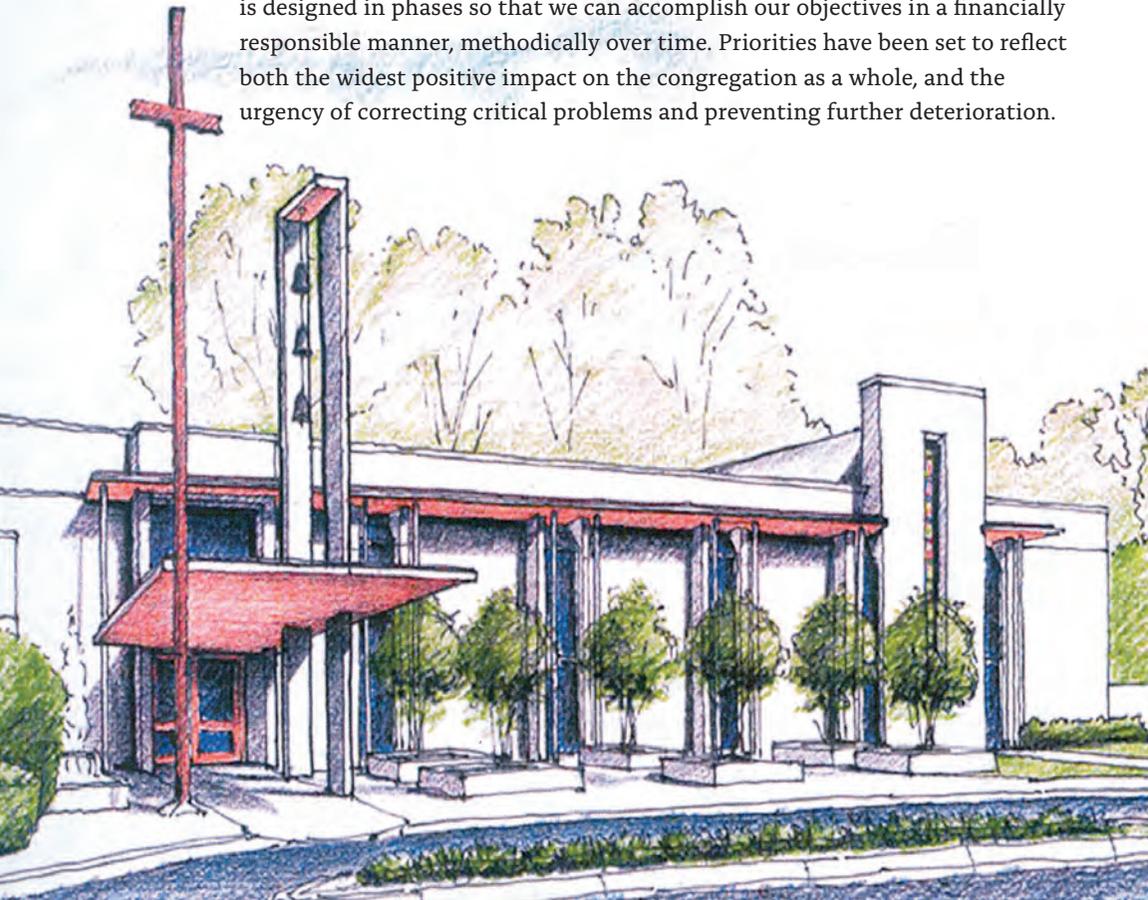
All who participate in worship, fellowship and ministries at Corpus Christi recognize that our buildings have significant repair and maintenance needs.

Some of these needs are urgent, directly affecting the quality and functionality of our space. Good stewardship requires that they be addressed promptly.

Yet we also have the opportunity to do more than patch – we can transform these needs into genuine enhancements that make our Church more hospitable, inviting and useful.

An improvement plan has been carefully developed by the Corpus Christi Building Committee. The plan and priorities reflect the input of all who participated in the parish survey last winter. The firm of Smith Boland Architects is leading us through the process, in part because of their extensive experience and strong reputation in designing religious facilities.

The repairs and upgrades are outlined in the following pages. The overall plan is designed in phases so that we can accomplish our objectives in a financially responsible manner, methodically over time. Priorities have been set to reflect both the widest positive impact on the congregation as a whole, and the urgency of correcting critical problems and preventing further deterioration.



NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS

Respecting our History

The original architectural firm for Corpus Christi Catholic Church was Jova/Daniels/Busby, one of Metro Atlanta's leading architects from 1966 to 2013. The Carter Center, Atlanta Botanical Gardens and Colony Square are among the firm's many high profile projects.

As an early (1973-74) project of Jova/Daniels/Busby, Corpus Christi helped to set the direction for what became a preeminent practice for the firm in the field of religious structure design. The firm's later church and synagogue work includes the renovation of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, the current sanctuary of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church and the Ahavath Achim Synagogue, among many others.

Our renovation plans acknowledge and honor the historical significance of our church's design, while also reflecting Smith Boland's own creativity in ecclesiastical architecture. The firm has taken care to preserve the spirit of the Jova/Daniels/Busby original concept while bringing solutions appropriate for Corpus Christi as it is today.



RENOVATION PLAN

Our plan is comprehensive, touching urgent building needs as well as improvements that will elevate the functionality, comfort and aesthetics of the facility. How the congregation responds will determine how quickly and completely everything can be accomplished.

The work will proceed in phases that balance must-do-now priorities related to property needs with changes that will benefit the largest number of individuals and groups.



“The greatest gift of Corpus Christi is our gathered assembly ‘of every race, language, and way of life.’ We are black and brown, yellow and white; yet we gather as the same Body of Christ – the same Corpus Christi.”

FR. JOHN MOLYNEUX, CMF



PHASE ONE

NEED: PROTECT INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING

Our 40-year old Sanctuary has developed serious water problems due to leaking around the slanted windows, as well as moisture penetration at the foundation. As we all know, there also was leaking from the roof – however the recent roof replacement has resolved this issue. Damage has resulted to the stucco skin of the building and to the interior, affecting the walls and floor. There are still building integrity issues to be addressed.

SOLUTION ELEMENTS:

- Upgrade the skin of the building with an Exterior Insulation and Finishing System (EIFS). Damaged areas of stucco will be removed and filled in with new material. All mildew and mold will be cleaned from the surface. The new exterior surface will be a synthetic stucco, insulated and painted to coordinate with the newly painted Rectory. The insulation should lower our monthly energy bills.
- Replace Sanctuary windows and remove slants to make them flush with walls and eliminate leak-prone seams. The length of the windows will be reduced by 8-12 inches, adding a ground-level curb as part of the EIFS skin to provide a moisture barrier.
- Add vertical stained glass windows on either side of the Sanctuary crossing. This will be done in conjunction with the new building skin, and the visual impact will be dramatic inside the Sanctuary as well as outside. The style will be coordinated with the style of stained glass that adorns the existing Sanctuary windows.
- Improve site drainage throughout the property with new storm piping, yard drains and gutter downspout boots.

NEED: PROVIDE AN INVITING ENTRANCE

In the spirit of hospitality that defines Corpus Christi, we will create a signature main entrance that embodies a gracious welcome and enhance the unique design of our universal church.

SOLUTION ELEMENTS:

- Covered entrance and canopy from drop off to front door. Construction will be metal frame with wood awning, complementing the sanctuary exterior. A bell tower will adorn the entrance to welcome our community of worshipers.
- Renovation of the entry plaza with new paving, planters and trees, as well as a new base for the steel Cross.
- New monumental sign and relocation of the statue of Christ to the main entrance on Mountain View Drive. This will provide a more welcoming and visual entrance to our parking area.



PHASE TWO

NEED: ENHANCE THE SANCTUARY AS A WORSHIP SPACE

Water leaks have taken a toll on the interior worship space. As we address the damage and improve aesthetics, we also can make functional improvements.

SOLUTION ELEMENTS:

- ▶ Tile flooring will replace carpet throughout the Sanctuary, complementing the Narthex tile and providing a sense of continuity between the vestibule gathering area and the worship space. Existing tile at the altar platform will be replaced with new tile that complements the rest of the Sanctuary.
- ▶ Audio improvements will optimize the acoustical properties of tile versus our traditional carpet.
- ▶ Sanctuary walls, ceilings and beams will be freshly painted.
- ▶ New lighting fixtures will improve illumination and energy efficiency, while also offering the option for varied lighting effects.

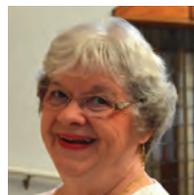
PHASE THREE

NEED: IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NARTHEX

Restroom upgrades for handicapped access and water and energy efficiency are a priority.

SOLUTION ELEMENTS:

- ▶ Reconfiguration and redecoration of restrooms to provide handicapped stalls with new water efficient fixtures in a fresh, bright atmosphere. Motion sensitive lighting will save energy. Handicapped stalls will be designed to provide family access while retaining the privacy component of the remainder of the restrooms.



RESERVES REPLENISHMENT\$534,000

The recent roof and external HVAC replacement depleted the capital reserves established during the last campaign and led to us borrowing some funds from the Archdiocese at a variable rate of interest. In order to rebuild these capital funds and pay off the Archdiocesan debt as soon as possible, we need to recapture \$360,000. Additionally, the internal HVAC system could require significant maintenance or replacement at any time. To ensure that we will have funds to cover that cost if it becomes imminent, the Campaign will set aside 10% of the initial proceeds to add to the capital reserves.

SUMMARY OF IMMEDIATE GOAL

RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.....	\$1,380,000
REPLENISHMENT OF ROOF/HVAC COST	\$ 360,000
INTERNAL HVAC CONTINGENCY FUND	\$ 174,000
	\$1,914,000

SUBSEQUENT PHASES

Additional priorities will be sequenced in an order to be determined. They include:

GYMNASIUM AREA OF LOWER BUILDING.....\$319,800

- ▶ **NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN** The kitchen in the Gym is a focal point for many fellowship activities. To improve functionality, the kitchen and pantry will be thoroughly renovated, including new commercial-grade appliances, cabinets and fixtures, and updates for code compliance including the relocation of the grease trap.
- ▶ **UPDATED RESTROOMS** The above kitchen renovation will involve relocating, reconfiguring and updating the adjacent restrooms, resulting in handicap accessibility, as well as aesthetic and water/energy efficiency improvements.

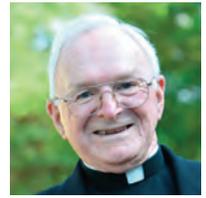
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

▶ **STONE MOUNTAIN ROOM RENOVATIONS**\$50,000

This central gathering space is heavily used and in need of aesthetic and functional freshening. It will be updated with a kitchen and break room renovation to include new cabinetry and new appliances – refrigerator with freezer, stove, dishwasher, and double sink. The drop-safe and janitorial closet will be moved to new locations.

▶ **ADMINISTRATIVE WING**\$48,000

In this high traffic area, we will reconfigure the administration check-in and office and staff offices for the sake of more efficient use of space. New shelving, cabinetry and finishes are included. A new storage area for long-term records will be added.



THE SCHOOL AND BELTRAN ROOM RENOVATIONS\$186,900

► **BELTRAN ROOM** Improvements will include updated restrooms with handicapped access and new fixtures and finishes, kitchen updates and improved storage.

► **CLASSROOM STORAGE** Multi-function storage space will be added in the classrooms of the Lower Building so that all ministries using the classrooms will have their own dedicated storage capacity.

HOLISTIC IMPACT

Each of the separate projects described in this brochure has merit on its own. Each addresses a genuine need that affects the well-being of our physical property and our shared life as a community of faith.

Taken together, these improvements will dramatically elevate the welcoming and worshipful atmosphere of Corpus Christi. Every aspect of our congregational life will be enhanced – from the convenience of entering, to the quality of fellowship, to the efficiency and effectiveness of our operations, to our experience of the Mass and Sacraments.

By phasing the projects, we will first solve the challenges that affect the soundness of the facilities – and then proceed to priorities that will reinforce Corpus Christi as a place of welcome, friendship and joyful communion for all of our members, and those yet to come.



RESPONDING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Achieving all of our priorities will take all of our best efforts.

In this sacred place, we have the privilege of growing closer to God, and to each other.

As we move forward in this campaign, we do so as the Body of Christ. Each member has a part to play, a contribution to make, a gift to give.

Please give prayerful consideration to your own commitment to the Campaign for Corpus Christi and respond in gratitude, as your means make possible.



Compassionate and Loving God, we thank you for the countless blessings you have bestowed on Corpus Christi Parish in the past. We know that you will continue to share generously your gifts with us.

Help us to prepare and provide for the future of our parish. Guide us during this time of sacrifice and generous giving. Inspire us to make choices that will benefit our parish community, so that, rooted in our past and dedicated to our present, we will build our future together. We unite our prayers with St. Anthony Claret, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.



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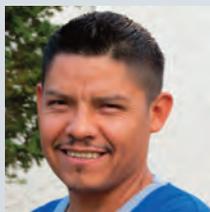
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*“Christ has no body
but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth
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