## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Norristown, PA

# JUBILEE CHAPEL RESTORATION CAMPAIGN



2023-2024 will mark the 100th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norristown, PA. This year will be marked with monthly celebrations and events. The highlight of the anniversary will be the restoration of the Chapel in the Meeting House, formerly the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, to serve as an adoration chapel for the parish.

### History & Need:

The Sisters of St. Joseph served our parish from 1926 until 2014. Initially, the Sisters lived on the second floor of the school and in 1951 they moved into the convent. The Chapel served as a place of prayer and reflection and to celebrate the Mass for the many Sisters who lived and served in our parish and school. Over time, the Chapel has sustained water damage and is in need of repair. The restoration of the Chapel will provide an intimate worship space suitable for daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrement, daily masses and other devotions for our parishioners and school/PREP children.



#### PHASE I

#### Plaster Repairs & Painting

Water leaks in the roof caused damage to the plaster ceiling and walls along with damage to windows and frames. Roof repairs stopped the leaks, but the plaster, wood and window damage remain. Repair estimate for the plaster is \$16,750, which includes repainting the Chapel and repair to the Stations of the Cross.

Projected start date:

March 1, 2023



#### PHASE II

#### Window Repairs

Immediate repairs to the frames and glass of two large windows is estimated at \$8,825 per window. Same work to be done on two smaller windows is \$2,505 per window. Total cost to fully restore these four windows is estimated at \$22,660. Other windows in the Chapel need to be restored but can be done at a later date.

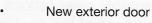
Projected start date:

May 1, 2023

#### PHASE III

#### **HVAC & Maintenance**

A new HVAC unit needs to be installed in the Chapel. Estimates for the unit and installation are \$7000. Other needs are:



- Alarm system & keypad
- Removal & replacement of carpeting
  - Estimated costs \$15,000

Projected start date:

First Quarter - 2024

#### HOW CAN I HELP?

You can help support this project in several ways

- Direct Sponsorship: your donation would be used for something you specify, for example, a door, window, alarm system, carpeting, etc.
- General Donation: your donation would be used for the overall project repair costs
- In Honor of: your donation, either direct or general, can be made in honor of you, your family, or family member(s) living or deceased
- On-line Donations: you can make a secure donation through St. Francis of Assisi Parish Giving. Click on FUND RAISING as a one-time donation or an on-going monthly donation
- Donations by cash or check: your donation can be placed in the silver container at the break of the church marked "CHAPEL RESTORATION"

Together we can restore the Chapel to its original beauty for the celebration of Mass and devotions to our Lord for years to come.

