

RESTORATION GOAL

Our goal and the overall cost of the repairs is \$2.5 million. Phase 1 will address the exterior of the Church and HVAC system. The interior repairs will be cared for in Phase 2. Private donations have been received which will allow us to begin restoration, but much more is needed to reach our goal of \$2.5 million.

A Restoration Committee has been established at St. Ann and is dedicated to the beautification and renovation of our Church. Our goal is to ensure our Church is preserved and operational for many generations to come. To carry out this mission, the committee is entrusted with developing and implementing fundraising strategies to achieve our goal.

The vision, upon completion of this restoration project, is not only to restore our Church to its original beauty, but surpass it and make it an enduring monument of worship for present and future parishioners.

It is up to us, the parishioners and friends of St. Ann, to make these repairs and maintain our Church, just as those before us did. The spirit of unity and community has been the hallmark of St. Ann Parish from the time of its foundation. Let us keep the time honored tradition of our ancestors, of doing whatever is needed to keep our church alive. We look forward to your participation, as part of our parish family, to ensure our Church continues to flourish, both spiritually and physically.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Remo DiSalvatore, OFM Cap.

PHOTOS OF DAMAGE



HOW TO DONATE

Contact the Parish Office (201) 659-1114

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PARISH FORMATION & RESTORATION HISTORY

The Parish of St. Ann was founded in 1900 through the generosity of Italian immigrants who wanted a place to worship after their settlement in the town of Hoboken. The Most Reverend John J. O’Conner, Bishop of Newark, canonically erected St. Ann Church in May 1900. Mass was celebrated in a storefront property, converted into a small chapel, which had been purchased by the St. Ann Society, a group of Italian immigrants.



In August of 1921, Fr. Michael Gori was asked by the Archbishop of Newark to become the Pastor of St. Ann. It was at this time that the parish was first served by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Almost a century later, the Capuchin ministry continues at St. Ann.

As the parish grew, so did the need for a newer, bigger house of prayer. Fr. Michael Gori, with the help of the people of the parish, raised the funds to build a new Church. On November 1, 1925, at the Feast of All Saints, Monsignor Eugene Carroll officiated the laying of the cornerstone of the new St. Ann Church. The new church was opened on December 12, 1927 and has stood on the corner of 7th and Jefferson Streets for nearly 90 years. The magnificence of the temple, remarkable for its pure Romanesque architecture, the monumental marble altar towering in the sanctuary, the elegance of the stained-glass windows and the flood of light effused throughout the interior of the church coupled with the majestic harmony of the organ music and the rhythmic concert of the bells ringing in the steeple, dazzled the senses and inspired one and all to praise and glorify God.

It was of crucial importance to the parishioners of St. Ann, that the Church be kept in pristine condition. Father Mauro Landini became pastor in 1947 and began renovations to make the church more beautiful.

Again, it was the generous contributions of the parishioners of St. Ann which provided for the bronze chandeliers to be installed along with the transformation of a portion of the rectory’s garden into a square to house an inspiring statue of our Lady of Fatima made in Italy of Carrera marble.

Later, in 1973, Father Richard Baranello established another campaign, to modernize the Church by having an air-conditioning system installed along with a new Carillon System to play chimes and hymns from the church tower. Its range of sound covers a radius of one half mile – a significant area of our city. The refurbishing of the sacristy, the extension of the sanctuary and the installation of a new marble altar were also made at that time.

As years passed, many of the beautiful paintings began to fade. With the arrival of Fr. Andrew Jamieson, funds were raised by the parishioners, to refurbish the paintings on the altar ceilings. Contributions were also made to restore the Military Chapel and to build the beautiful St. Ann Shrine. In addition, to provide easy access to the Church for the physically challenged, a ramp was constructed in 1997 along the Seventh Street side of the Church.

In 1998, under the guidance of Fr. Francis Sariego, the Church bells, which had fallen silent, were repaired and a new copper steeple was installed on the Bell Tower. All of these improvements speak to the dedication and devotion of the parishioners of St. Ann Church.

PROJECT ESTIMATES & BREAKDOWN

It has been many years since the last renovation and our Church has weathered and become an aging structure. The impact of Super storm Sandy only exacerbated the repairs needed. While most of the work appears to be cosmetic, in reality it is much more complex and costly, involving major infrastructure repairs. It is urgent that the restoration begin now. Without these repairs, the physical structure of our beloved Church will continue to deteriorate and become further dilapidated.

Project	Estimated Cost
Church Exterior – Phase 1	
Repair and or replace Windows/Gutters/Pointings	\$385,000
Tile Roof Resetting	\$335,000
Replace Damaged Sidewalks (front of Rectory and 7 th St.)	\$75,000
Repair Bell Tower	\$30,000
Replaster and Repaint Vestibule Walls	\$25,000
Replace HVAC System	\$550,000
Rebuild St. Ann Niche	\$20,000
Repair structurally damaged support beam	\$100,000
Parking Lot – landscaping, storage facility, resurfacing, parking space striping	\$270,000
Repair existing Handicap access ramp on 7 th street	\$25,000
Total – Phase 1	\$1,815,000
Church Interior – Phase 2	
White Coat repairs, repair to murals, nave, niches, plaster, repainting	\$230,000
Repair/refinish pews and kneelers	\$80,000
Organ Pipe Restoration	\$50,000
Remove and construct new confessional	\$40,000
Clean, repair and restore high marble altar	\$40,000
Repair terrazzo floor	\$40,000
Provide handicap access to the first floor rectory	\$80,000
Rebuild basement	\$100,000
Construct bathroom	\$25,000
Total – Phase 2	\$685,000
TOTAL - Phase 1 and Phase 2	\$2,500,000