

ST. MARY'S PARISH Brantford, Ontario

The future of St. Mary's Parish is filled with hope. Hope that our parish's current members will continue to be a foundation of faith that allows the parish to thrive. Hope that we can bring more to Christ through our efforts to reach out to family, friends and neighbors. Hope that as a parish we can unite to meet our physical building needs.

The *One Heart, One Soul* campaign gives us an avenue to pursue these hopes and to brighten the future of the parish, as well as to contribute to important Diocesan ministries.



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“We sometimes pray to God and ask for a sign. I consider this One Heart, One Soul Campaign a sign from above. It is not only an opportunity to make necessary repairs to our church, making St. Mary's ready for the next century, but also a chance for us to continue to build up a community that is first a family where we all care for our church and each other. We stand side by side, as One Heart, One Soul.”

FR. LUKASZ KOPANIAK, Pastor of St. Mary's

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising at the parish level:

- First, we keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$215,000.
- If we raise \$215,000, we will receive a 20 percent matching amount -- \$43,000 – from the campaign! ***That means we could receive from the campaign nearly as much as we raise!***
- We will keep 85 percent of anything we raise beyond \$215,000.
- Note that there are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The Diocese is picking up those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

What an opportunity! We want to maximize this chance to undertake a vital renewal of our parish.

See the back of this page for more details about the parish need that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

FUNDING SOURCES: \$258,000

Parish fundraising goal: \$215,000
Potential match: \$43,000

IMPACT OF FUNDS: \$258,000

For parish campaign projects: \$204,250

- Revitalizing church windows

For diocesan goals: \$53,750

- For shared ministries: \$32,250
- For parishes in need: \$21,500

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECT

LET'S DREAM A LITTLE

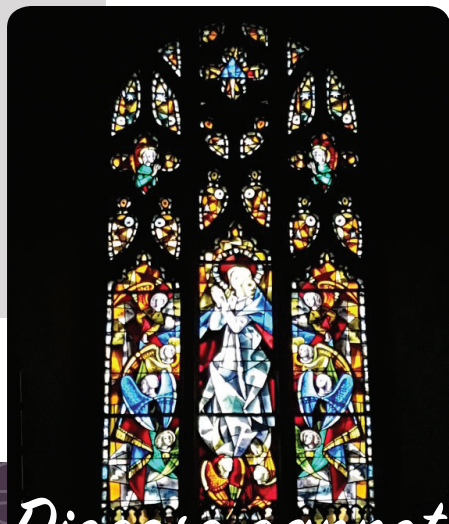
The window project is, of course, not the only major work that needs to be done at St. Mary's. If the parish were to raise funds beyond the \$215,000 goal, funds could be set aside for projects such as:

- Renovation of the parish hall, which needs improvements to the kitchen, washrooms, flooring, wiring, sound and more.
- A lighting upgrade in the church to protect the aging building from fire risks.



REVITALIZING WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH (\$204,250)

The beautiful stained-glass windows throughout Our Lady of the Assumption Church (St. Mary's Parish) are long overdue for some TLC. The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign will allow us to remove, repair and reframe, outfit with a protective tempered glass and reinstall each window – the two large ones at the front and back of the church, the 10 side windows, plus the five smaller windows in the Madonna della Libera Chapel and others in the narthex. The benefits of the work will include better protection for the stained glass, better insulation, less spending on heating the church and – best of all – more comfort in winter for those using the church. The work will be done by Artistic Glass, a Toronto company specializing in church windows. Artistic Glass has done work at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton and other churches in Ontario and Canada.



A PAST WORTH PRESERVING

The parish portion of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign is our tribute to the past at St. Mary's. A tribute to the incredibly brave people who raised a school first, then a church, and when it became too small, brought to life our present church dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. It took several more years to complete the final touches -- to place the marble floors, install stained glass windows, finish the altars, raise the bell tower, construct Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, introduce the Madonna della Libera Chapel to the church and build the school gymnasium that now serves us as a parish hall.

Our parish has always been a community of dedicated people who loved their church. Let us cherish their legacy and add to their accomplishments by preserving the church for the generations to come. May they also enjoy the sacredness and beauty of this place. You know it is a blessed place when you sit in a pew in the morning hours and observe dancing reflections of light coming through the colourful glass. It is a message of love and encouragement from above. May God bless our efforts!

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

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