



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



BUILDING UP
GAINESVILLE'S FAMILIES,
FAITH & FUTURE

CAMPAIGN PRAYER



Heavenly Father,

We give you glory, and thanksgiving for all the gifts you have given. We ask you to bless our community, as we embark on a new project for your praise and honor.

In your house there are many dwelling places. Pour out the grace of your blessing as we seek to build new dwelling places for your servants so that they may better serve the needs of your people.

Help us all to participate in the ministry of Jesus himself, as we strive to build up the families, faith, and future of many people in Gainesville.

We pray for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Patrick.
We ask all this in the name of Christ our Lord. *Amen*

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I *The Gospel of John tells us “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” (John 14:2).*

Based on the planning study results, we have decided to launch a capital campaign. During this discussion, this scripture came up. The Lord has most appropriately led our leadership to it, for in the passage, Jesus tells us what he is doing – blazing a trail to heaven for those who have faith. Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life” of our community, and we must put him firmly in charge of our ministry and follow him. He goes to the Father to build the Father’s house. He goes to prepare one for each of us, but that does not mean he is not concerned with this world as well. But he leaves this world for us, so that under his guidance, we are his presence in the world until he comes again. Jesus asks us to act boldly for our faith.

The parish leadership and I have continual conversations about how to best accomplish what Jesus asks us to do for our community. God has blessed our prayer, efforts, and discernment and allows many wonderful things to happen at St. Patrick Catholic Church. We give praise and glory to God for all these things. We pray that we will continue to build up the Kingdom of God in our neighborhood and draw more people to Jesus. This is why our theme for this campaign is *Building up Gainesville’s Families, Faith, and Future*. It is my prayer that in building up our church, we will build up all the families that come to us for generations.

Now we seek to build a dwelling place for the priests. A new rectory, built much closer to campus, will allow my brothers and me to serve you all better. The rectory will have sound infrastructure built for years to come for all the leaders of St. Patrick. Should we be blessed with more generosity, extending the convent at St. Augustine will allow for more religious sisters to witness to the gospel and assist in our ministries, schools, and programming which will bear profound spiritual fruit in our parish community.

Sharing our resources with the church is also a way of honoring God, who sacrificed his only Son for us. Since we cannot outdo God in generosity, whatever sacrifices we make will not go unrecognized by him who sees all that is done and chooses to make a place for us with him. I am confident we will all participate in whatever way we can, actively and conscientiously, to make our campaign a success and continue to build on the foundations our community has from over 135 years ago.

I am pleased that Bishop Pohlmeier has renewed my appointment as pastor of St. Patrick, as we still have so much to accomplish for the glory of God. As always, I ask for your prayers for this project, and finally, your generous support. May God bless this work we have begun and bring it to completion.

*May God bless and keep you,
Fr. Lawrence Peck*



1886

Bishop John Moore established and built St. Patrick, Gainesville's first parish.

1950

Fr. William F. Balfe, supported by several families, purchased land on NE 16th Ave with the intention of building St. Patrick's School.

1965

Fr. Thomas R. Gross broke ground on a provisional church next to the school.

2009

Fr. Roland Julien built a new permanent church. The rectory and church offices were torn down to make space for the building.

2016

Apostolate group of Mercedarian Sisters come to Gainesville.

2017

Fr. Lawrence Peck is assigned as pastor.

2019

Fr. Lawrence, parish, finance, and building councils begin conversations around rectory plans.

2023

Parish and finance councils vote to move the capital campaign forward.

CAMPAIGN PROJECTS AND COSTS

A Home for Our Leaders

St. Patrick is a beacon of the Gospel in east Gainesville and with a new rectory, we not only take care of our leaders, but we provide a sense of revitalization.

For almost 15 years, our parish has been without a rectory in close proximity to campus. As many may remember, when our church was constructed in 2009, the decision was made to demolish the rectory and temporarily house priests away from campus. Today, the current rectory is in disrepair. The repairs are extensive and costly. Building a new rectory will allow our parish to take care of our priests and facilitate their ministry to our community.

A new rectory with about 2,600 square footage, located just north of campus will include:

- 2 priest suites, each with a study area, bedroom, and bathroom
- Shared kitchen, living area, laundry, and storage space
- A small chapel for prayer and reservation of the Blessed Sacrament for emergencies
- Guest room for visiting priests
- Two-vehicle garage

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Construction	\$706,000
New furnishings	\$70,000
Site work/permitting	\$75,000
Diocesan costs	\$2,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$853,000



A new rectory is an investment now to enable our priests to be close to our parish and entrusted to their spiritual care.



Growing Our Spirituality

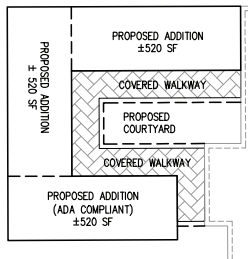
Since their aggregation to the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in 1925, the Mercedarian Sisters exemplify centering one's life around the Blessed Sacrament. The sisters serve globally to bring Jesus to everyone they encounter. In 2016, an apostolate group of Mercedarian Sisters came to Gainesville to serve in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Sisters are called to share Jesus through education, ministries, and prayer. The current convent in St. Augustine parish houses five sisters. Expanding the housing at St. Augustine parish would allow more housing for more sisters to be assigned to Gainesville, with the least amount of cost (as opposed to building a convent on St. Patrick's campus). The additional sisters will work at St. Patrick Parish.

Extending the convent (about 1,600 square feet) would include:

- 6 bedrooms. A pair of bedrooms will be adjoined by a shared bathroom.
- A bed, desk, and closet in each room

Welcoming religious sisters in our parish community helps bring about an even fuller experience of the church. As parishioners, we can anticipate engaging with the sisters through prayer, and ministries among other things. Most importantly, sisters serve as a living reminder of hope and dedication to Jesus.



Building Up Gainesville's Families, Faith & Future

As the first Catholic parish in Gainesville, we are a pillar of hope. Our parish family brings Jesus to others through prayer, presence, and our good works.

Building a rectory is not just about building a house for priests. Building a convent is not just providing bedrooms for religious sisters.

A rectory and convent builds our **family**, creating a home for priests and religious to serve and care for us.

A rectory and convent builds our **faith**, symbolizing our love and commitment to growing God's kingdom.

A rectory and convent builds our future, for generations to come.

TIERED GOALS

Foundation Goal:
\$900,000
New Rectory

Celebration Goal:
\$1.2 million
Begin convent
extension building

Building Up Goal
\$1.4 million
Finalize convent
extension

**All Parish
Participation
Goal:**
35%

FAQ

Didn't we previously raise funds for a rectory?

Fr. Roland Julien started a building fund that currently holds \$120,000 thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. Our plan is to direct these funds to support the capital campaign and the rectory.



What is the value of the current rectory and will that be applied to this campaign?

The value of the current rectory can be hard to determine given that Fr. Lawrence and Fr. Augustine will remain living there through construction. We will not be able to predict the market once we are ready to sell. After completing construction on the new rectory, we will begin preparing the old home for sale and will apply the proceeds to the capital campaign fund. After discussions with realtors, we hope to be able to sell the current rectory for \$300,000 but will look to get as much value as possible.

How were the building plans and costs determined?

Parish leadership formed a building committee in 2019 comprised of Fr. Lawrence and four parishioners. They hired a home planner who developed plans for the rectory that will accommodate two priests full-time and a space for visiting priests.

For other FAQ, please visit our website at <https://spccgnv.org/>.



Donors may select from a variety of options to fulfill a commitment to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Selecting the best gift plan depends on one's financial situation and goals. A pledge is a commitment made in good faith and fulfilled over a three-year period. This allows a donor to maximize their support by submitting monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual installments.



METHODS OF GIVING

Because tax laws change and each situation is unique, donors should consult with their financial advisor to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial.

Cash or Check

Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow St. Patrick Catholic Church to address its immediate needs. Please make checks payable to Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

Fulfilling Your Obligation

This chart serves as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support. We kindly ask donors to consider a 10-20 percent initial payment to ensure we can begin construction of the rectory Spring 2024.

	Initial 10%			
Total Gift	Investment	Balance	Annual	Monthly
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$1,250
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	\$9,000	\$750
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$4,500	\$375
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$250
\$6,000	\$600	\$5,400	\$1,800	\$150
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$1,080	\$90
\$1,800	\$180	\$1,620	\$540	\$45

This chart includes a 10 percent investment followed by the preferred payment plan for three years.

Online Giving

St. Patrick's online giving portal allows a donor secure access to their account and to make necessary changes.

To create your **ParishSOFT** giving account, visit <https://spcgv.org/online-giving-2/>. Select "sign in" followed by "Don't have a giving account? Create one." Please select **building fund** from the list of fund options.

You can also **text "GIVE"** to 352-706-0318 to enroll or make an online gift.

Please contact the parish office for additional enrollment information or assistance at 352-372-4641.

Other Giving Methods

If you have questions about making gifts of securities, giving through a retirement account, or through planned gifts, please contact the parish office for additional information at 352-372-4641.

*BUILDING UP GAINESVILLE'S FAMILIES, FAITH & FUTURE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP*

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“The lifeblood of any parish is its pastor and the constancy of his spiritual guidance. To be effective, that needs to be visible and accessible to both parishioners and visitors. A rectory closer to campus is key to providing that support, which is why I am committed to returning our parish to that environment.”

*Bill Cervone,
Honorary Chair*

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