

Repairing God's House Update Update 10-21 & 10-22

Please check the “**Barometers of Success**” posted at each of the church’s entrances to see progress of **Repairing God’s House Campaign**. It shows how much has been pledged and how has been collected to date.

Fear of Change? With your help, the IOP RGH “Got a Coin” campaign Coke bottles at each entrance has collected \$378 to date. Every little bit helps! Thank you.

During our Parish Picnic the RGH team raffled off two dioramas. The winners of those drawings were: Patricia Hansen won the “Patio Picnic” diorama and Gaetano & Elizabeth Barone won the “Picnic in the Park” diorama. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for supporting the RGH raffles.

On the 28th of October, 6:30 pm, the RGH Team will be hosting an “**Affordable Silent Art Auction**” in the Parish Hall. An original acrylic by Fr. Greg and an original watercolor by Doretta Smith will be part of a live auction held during the evening. All other art will be “silently auctioned”.

The cost of an individual ticket is \$10.00 and includes access to the auction as well as heavy hors d’oeuvres and drink. There will be many door prize drawings as well as a 50/50 raffle. The RGH team will be offering a Cash Bar for Beer, Wine and soda. All proceeds will be donated to the “Repairing God’s House” journey. Tickets can be purchased after each mass at the RGH table as well as at the IOP School Office. If you wish you can reserve a ticket via email at marytwilman@icloud.com . This will be a fun night to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a few hours of stress free socialization.

A special thank you to the IOP student siblings who pledged \$360, or \$10/month, of their own money to RGH. A gracious example of sacrifice. Thank you to everyone who has donated and pledged thus far and we pray that more will find it in your hearts to donate and pledge to help your community and your church. God bless you and let’s all work together to Repair God’s House!

Repairing God's House Construction Update

This past summer, the contract to repair the beams of our Church was awarded to Carolina Restoration and Waterproofing Inc. The repair contract began 16 Aug 2017 and it is planned to run through 17 November if everything remains on schedule.

First, the scaffolding went into the church at each of the 4 aisle enabling the contractor to install the cross- support members over the gable stain glass windows. After this, the center scaffolding pillars were assembled to enable the contractor to install the cross-member supports on the beams at the very peak of the Church ceiling. These larger 30ft cross-members will also provide a connect point for the center pillars, which will be used to apply some lift in order to stabilize the roof when the actual repairs are done on each of the beams. During the past 3 weeks we have moved 2 air- conditioner units to allow us access to the southeast beam footing. We have explored electrical conduits, the footings, and each of the beams where they come in contact with the church just at the edge of the roofline. Some lift/ pressure testing was being conducted on the feet of the center pillars and some minor electrical boxes being rerouted.

Our next step will be excavation around each of the beam footings and we will pour larger footers. This should happen next week and the repair progress will become more evident to everyone. We will keep you updated.