

Report of the Building & Maintenance Committee Of the All Saints Finance Council

You usually don't hear too much from us, but you've noticed just as we have, that things around here break down a lot! You deserve to know how we have used your parish support money this past year. We've had quite a busy year working on long postponed maintenance that finally demanded attention!

- Probably the most expensive and long project has been computerizing our heating and cooling systems. Parts of our heating system are over 75 years old and parts of our air-conditioning system are over 50 years old! Once we had the computerized sensors and controls hooked up we found that they were controlling valves and motors that had had stopped working years before. Yup, we had to replace them...

This year we will be repairing the dampers that let in fresh air. Over the 55 years since they were installed some have been bent out of shape due to being repeatedly frozen and bent by our winters.
- Last year one of our two church boilers, about 20 years old, sprung a leak during the heating season. A costly replacement was postponed this summer when research done by our Buildings & Grounds Committee members uncovered a less expensive way of temporarily plugging the leak!
- This summer we replaced the rectory roof. Water damage we sustained when a major summer rain and wind storm hit during the project was paid by insurance. We also were able to get rid of some squirrels who had moved into the attic.
- During the week after Labor Day we shut down the Meal Program and had the Hall Kitchen vents and appliances professionally degreased and cleaned. The dishwasher was repaired, the industrial garbage disposal replaced and mold removed. Our maintenance crew took advantage of the "down time" to strip and re-wax the Hall floor.
- A temporary housekeeping worker from DVR did such a good job cleaning out the ministry center, we hired him on as a part-time member of our maintenance team!
- When the lease ran out on the old office copy machine we were able to upgrade to a more efficient and less costly leased machine.
- This Fall we were also able to deal with a couple of major church roof leaks One leak developed in part due a plugged roof drain. We repaired a section of the church roof responsible for another leak. A generous parishioner paid for the cost of the roof repair and insurance paid for the repainting of the Eucharistic Chapel damaged by the leakage.
- Remember at the Christmas Eve Mass how we found out that our Fire Alarm works VERY well? It was a false alarm triggered by all the "anxieties and fears" we ritually burned during the service. Thanks to the choir for keeping us singing until the alarm was turned off!
- We continue to work on the electronic controls for the church lights. About four controllers are being replaced.
- A sensor in the Baptismal Font failed and the Font overflowed. Our maintenance team cleaned the sensor and used the occasion to clean the Font in preparation for Easter.

It has been thanks to your continued financial generosity and good stewardship in cleaning up and maintaining the neatness of the spaces you and others use! Keep up the good work!