

Buildings and Grounds Annual Report- 2019

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Meetings Held: Every First Thursday at 6:15 pm – open to all parish members

Committee Members:

Steve Charron (Chair), John Byron (Vestry Liaison), John Madajewski, Phil Morgan, Geno Paris, Janis Williams

Year in Review:

This was a busy year for the Buildings and Grounds Committee that included both planned and unplanned repairs and upgrades:

- The roof of the Sanctuary was replaced in May to repair some hail damage. Gave us the opportunity to have a "Mass on the Grass" as the repairs while the Sanctuary was cleaned following the repairs.
- The Brotherhood rebuilt the pavilion – I'm sure all who use it are grateful for their hard work.
- The freezer in the kitchen was replaced thanks to the generous parishioner donation.
- The dishwasher in the kitchen was repaired.
- The old vesting room was converted into an office for Father Tommy.
- New wardrobes were built in the Canterbury room to house the acolyte and LEM vestments.
- The church sign by Oak Road was repaired.
- The campus underwent an electrical audit to determine ways to reduce our electrical consumption.
- We had an inspection by the Gwinnett County Fire Marshall and spent two months correcting minor issues that he observed.
- We held two (2) parish workdays, spring and fall that allowed us to beautify the grounds with plantings, pine straw and mulch, make minor repairs to the building and give it a deep cleaning. Many thanks, again, to all who participated and for the Scout family from our troops who came to assist us.
- The Youth spent a couple of days painting the walls and doors in the Undercroft, decorating the walls with artwork, power-washing the sidewalk by their garden, and maintaining the landscaping. The Undercroft is far more inviting and comfortable due to their efforts!
- We added Wi-Fi and a big screen TV (a generous donation to the Youth) to the Undercroft.

Year Ahead:

This being this year is St. Matthew's 41st year, we are anticipating a busy year of making more repairs and improvements on the campus:

- We need to repair/replace a few windows that have rot/damage that can't be repaired.
- We will paint exterior surfaces of the church.
- We will continue to beautify the campus by re-landscaping with trees, shrubs and flowers.
- We will assess the condition of major equipment vital to the operation of the church and formulate a plan for maintenance or replacement.
- We will develop a plan for technology upgrades for the campus (improved Wi-Fi and Security)

We are always looking for new members – why don't you join us – many hands make light work!