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Dear Parish Family,

The Psalmist tells us "**Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it**" **Psalm 127:1.**

Holy Trinity has been blessed with a special Sanctuary for worship, an education wing with space for our Calico Cat Preschool and a Parish Hall for faith and fellowship events. Sometimes it is hard to remember that our buildings are 55 years old. In order to continue to enjoy these sacred and special places, improvements need to be made. As those who came before us provided these spaces for us, it is our obligation to see to it that these facilities are ready to serve the church's mission for generations to come.

Over the decades, our Buildings and Grounds Committees have done a masterful job maintaining our campus. But time has taken its toll, and we are now in need of improvements that are both costly and require outside expertise.

Last year, our Vestry authorized the beginning of this process with the replacement of the leaking roof. We plan to have the following work done over the next 18 months:

- Replace our original gas boiler with a new high-efficiency model
- Remodel both bathrooms in the Parish Hall to make them handicapped accessible
- Improve drainage and repave the entire parking lot
- Retire the outstanding debt on the new roof

Our *RESTORE, RENEW, REJOICE!* Capital Campaign will raise the \$110,000 needed to complete these renovations. These projects cannot be completed without your help. The enclosed brochure provides more details. *To date we have already raised over half of the funds needed to reach our goal.* We are asking you to prayerfully consider what amount your household can contribute to complete our projects.

In your packet is a Capital Campaign Commitment Card and a return envelope. You may place your commitment card in the collection plate on Sunday or mail it to the office. <u>Please return your commitment by June 21, 2021</u>. We plan to collect the funds over the next 18 months, so you can structure your payments any way you wish. We ask you to fulfill your capital gift by the end of 2022.

<u>Please join us on June 27th to *REJOICE!* after our Sunday service.</u> All are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our campaign chairs, Kimberly or Meyer, and we will be happy to speak with you.

In keeping with Holy Trinity's continuing commitment to the community, 10% of all funds raised during the *RESTORE, RENEW, REJOICE!* campaign will be donated to three non-prifts: the South River Food Bank, the Interfaith Network of Care, and Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey.

As Matthew tells us in his Gospel "Freely you have received, freely give" Matthew 10:8.

May God bless you,

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