



St. Mary Church



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Saint Mary Parish

2018 Fall Fundraiser

To Benefit the Capital Campaign for Improvements of our Parish

Sunday, October 14, 2018 – 1:00-5:00 PM

The Elm City Club–Q Clubhouse – New Haven

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

I write to you today to invite you to attend the 2018 St. Mary Parish Fall Fundraiser. This annual fundraiser plays a critical role in allowing us to expand the outreach of our parish’s spiritual and catechetical programming, and to perform needed maintenance and capital improvements on the two beautiful, historic churches that make up our parish.

This extraordinary event is intended for all parishioners as well as the many friends of St. Mary Parish. It will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, October 14, 2018 at The Elm City Club – Q Clubhouse.

The afternoon will begin with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and open bar at 1 p.m., followed by a delicious four-course meal, with accompanying wines, at 2 p.m. The bar will remain open for the duration of the event. The price of the cocktail hour and dinner is \$75. Space is limited so I encourage you to make your reservation soon.

A raffle will be conducted during the dinner, and only 125 tickets will be sold. Five prizes will be awarded, totaling \$4,000. The price of the raffle ticket is \$100, and the winner need not be present. For those with a scheduling conflict, or who are unable to attend the dinner itself, purchasing a raffle ticket in advance is a great way of supporting the fundraiser. You are encouraged to purchase your ticket early, since we are expecting the raffle to be sold out quickly.

The silent auction was a great success last year. There were items donated by our local community: businesses, restaurants, artisans, and friends of our parish. Please use the enclosed Silent Auction Item form if you have any items to donate. If you know of an individual or business that might be willing to make a donation, please contact Ellen Gabrielle at re.gabrielle@att.net, and the fundraising committee will be glad to follow up. I would encourage everyone to reach out to businesses you frequently patronize to ask them if they might be able to provide an item for our auction.

We also invite you to consider purchasing an ad for the Souvenir Ad Book – either personally, from your business, or from a local establishment. Enclosed is the Souvenir Ad Book Contract, which should be fully completed for each ad. Ads can be delivered with payment to either the Parish Secretary, placed in the offertory collection basket in an envelope marked “Fall Fundraiser,” or forwarded via email to Events.StMary.NewHaven@gmail.com. The deadline for ads and payment is September 28, 2018.

Please note that forms for the Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction, and Souvenir Ad Book can be found on the parish’s web site, www.stmarysnewhaven.org, or by contacting the Parish Secretary at 203-562-6193, Ext. 0.

Our goal is to create extraordinary St. Mary Parish event for parishioners and friends, as we continue our preservation program of our beautiful Churches. We are confident that the 2018 Fall Fundraiser will be a success!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. John Paul Walker, OP
Pastor