



St. Mary Church



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Saint Mary Parish

2017 Fall Fundraiser

To Benefit the Capital Campaign for Improvements of our Parish

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 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 our Fall Fundraiser, which will directly benefit the ongoing Capital Campaign Fund. With the merging of the Church of St. Mary and the Church of St. Joseph this summer, the opportunities for continued improvements to our beautiful Churches have increased as one parish.

The committee is organizing an extraordinary parish-wide event for all parishioners and friends on the afternoon of Sunday, October 8 at the The Elm City Club – Q Clubhouse.

The afternoon will begin with cocktails, hors d' oeuvres and open bar at 1:00 PM followed by a delicious four-course meal, with accompanying wines, at 2 PM. 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 distributed totaling \$4,000.00. The price of the raffle ticket is \$100.00, and the winner need not be present. You are encouraged to purchase your ticket early, since we are expecting this to be sold out.

The silent auction was a grand success in previous years. There were items donated by our local community, artisans and friends of our parish. Please use the enclosed Silent Auction Item form if you have any items to be donated by businesses of our local community, artisans or from yourself. Likewise, if you know of an individual or business that might want to make a donation, please contact Ellen Gabrielle at re.gabrielle@att.net, and the fundraising committee will be glad to follow up.

We 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 the either Parish Secretary, placed one of the weekly 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 22.

Please note that forms for the Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction and Souvenir Ad Book can be found on the parish’s web site at www.stmarysnewhaven.org or www.stjosephparish.net at 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 2017 Fall Fundraiser will be a success!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. John Paul Walker, OP
Pastor