



St. Mary Church

# Saint Mary Parish

## 2022 Fall Fundraiser

*To Benefit the Capital Improvements of our Parish*

Sunday, October 30, 2022 – 1:00-5:00 PM

The Elm City Club – New Haven



St. Joseph Church

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I write to you today to invite you to attend the 2022 St. Mary Parish Fall Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will play a critical role in allowing us to come together as a parish community, as well as helping us to fund critical capital improvement projects of our parish. Both churches require significant work: from restoring stained glass windows, to repairing leaky roofs, electrical and lighting system upgrades, and many more. This year, we have decided to focus on one initiative: renovating the restroom facilities in both churches.

All parishioners and friends of the Parish are invited to participate the Fall Fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at The Elm City Club (*formerly the Graduate Club*) on Elm Street in New Haven. The afternoon will begin with cocktail hour (open bar) and hors d'oeuvres at 1:00 P.M., followed by a delicious four-course meal and wine service at 2:00 P.M. Tickets for the event are \$75.00 each, and include the cocktail hour and dinner. Space is limited, so I encourage you to make your reservation soon. This year, we will also have a special guest: Molly Qerim host of ESPN's *First Take* program, who will serve as the emcee for our event.

In addition to the dinner, we will have a raffle, with the drawing held at 4 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be sold for \$100.00 each, with five prizes to be awarded totaling \$4,000.00. Since the winner need not be present, participating in the raffle is a great way of supporting the fundraiser if you cannot attend the dinner. Again, since the number of tickets is limited, I encourage you to purchase yours as soon as possible.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be many items available for bidding in a silent auction. The auction has been a great success in previous years. There were items donated by our local community: businesses, restaurants, artisans, and friends of our parish. When deciding to donate items, you are encouraged to be creative – a certificate to your favorite restaurant or spa, children's activities, a catered dinner in your home, beer or wine making classes, jewelry, handmade items, etc. 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, and you would prefer the committee to follow-up with them, please contact Lori Myers at [lorimyrs1016@gmail.com](mailto:lorimyrs1016@gmail.com). 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.

Please note that additional forms for the Dinner, Raffle, and Silent Auction can be found on the parish's web site, [www.stmarysnewhaven.org](http://www.stmarysnewhaven.org), or by contacting the Parish Secretary at 203-562-6193, Ext. 0.

Our goal for this year's fundraiser is to create a joyful, memorable event that will also help our parish to maintain its two beautiful churches and continue our mission of serving the Body of Christ. With your help, I am confident that the 2022 Fall Fundraiser will be a success!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Ryan Lerner  
Pastor