

Dear Friends:

We came to the East Side, nearly five years ago, with the firm belief that God has a purpose and a plan for Corpus Christi Church. Since then, that faith has helped to bring increased stability and hope to the immediate neighborhood and at the same time allowed us to provide continued support for our long-time parishioners and to welcome newcomers. With parish support, we undertook a five-year capital campaign to address the repair and beautification of the parish complex so that everyone involved with Corpus Christi can rely on a physical structure that is safe, beautiful and true to its remarkable heritage.

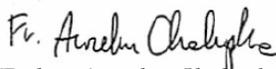
With your help we have completed the preservation of the Rose Window and we will soon begin conservation of our priceless, awe-inspiring painting which serves as the centerpiece of our interior design high above the main altar. Next spring we hope to claim two generous matching grants to replace the slate roof and reinforce our twin towers.

We ask that you consider making a year-end gift or pledge to move us closer to meeting our campaign goal. We welcome gifts of all sizes; every gesture of financial support makes us stronger as a parish and acts as a vote of confidence for a revitalized East Side. I deeply appreciate the support you have extended to Corpus Christi thus far, and I appreciate as well your consideration of continued financial help. I believe that the antidote to these troubled fiscal times is to act with confidence and generosity, to give what you can so that good work can continue, and to know in your heart that what you do matters.

Whether you worship with us, volunteer to help with various parish projects, or provide financial support for our church restoration, you are the reason for Corpus Christi's success to date, and our hope for the future of this magnificent church and its parish.

Wishing you God's grace and blessings.

Yours In Christ,


Father Anselm Chalupka



DISPUTA MURAL CONSERVATION

Corpus Christi Church was awarded landmark status by the State of New York in November 2007 in recognition of its architectural and historic significance, as well as its majestic ecclesiastical artwork.

The centerpiece of the church's awe-inspiring interior design is The Disputa mural in the semi-dome above the altar. This commanding, life-size painting is a reproduction of a commission by Raffaello Santi (Raphael) for the Papal Apartments of the Vatican (1508-1511). Referred to as the "Triumph of Religion" the upper portion focuses on the Trinity with God the Father overseeing all, Christ is in the center between the Blessed Mother and John the Baptist, and various biblical figures with the Holy Spirit. The lower portion of the mural shows the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament, as the link between heaven and earth. Also pictured are theologians and others debating the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Marion Rzeznik, a local artist of great repute, rendered the reproduction of The Disputa at Corpus Christi in 1927. He remained faithful to the original, while adding the body of Christ as He would have lain in the tomb after the crucifixion. Rzeznik also added the figures of St. Anthony and St. Francis.

In recent years, The Disputa mural has suffered several large tears and discoloration from water damage on the church ceiling. The restoration of this magnificent work will be undertaken by the Swiatek Studios, a group of dedicated artists and artisans, who executed the installation of the Black Madonna and Divine Mercy icons in the church.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday eve Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:15; 10:00(Polish); 11:30
Daily Mon-Wed-Thurs-Fri 7:30 and 11:30
Thurs 11:30 am in Polish
Tues and Sat 11:30

During Winter: Masses held in Convent Mon-Sat (use Convent side door)

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa every Saturday after 11:30 am Mass followed by an afternoon adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 4:00pm

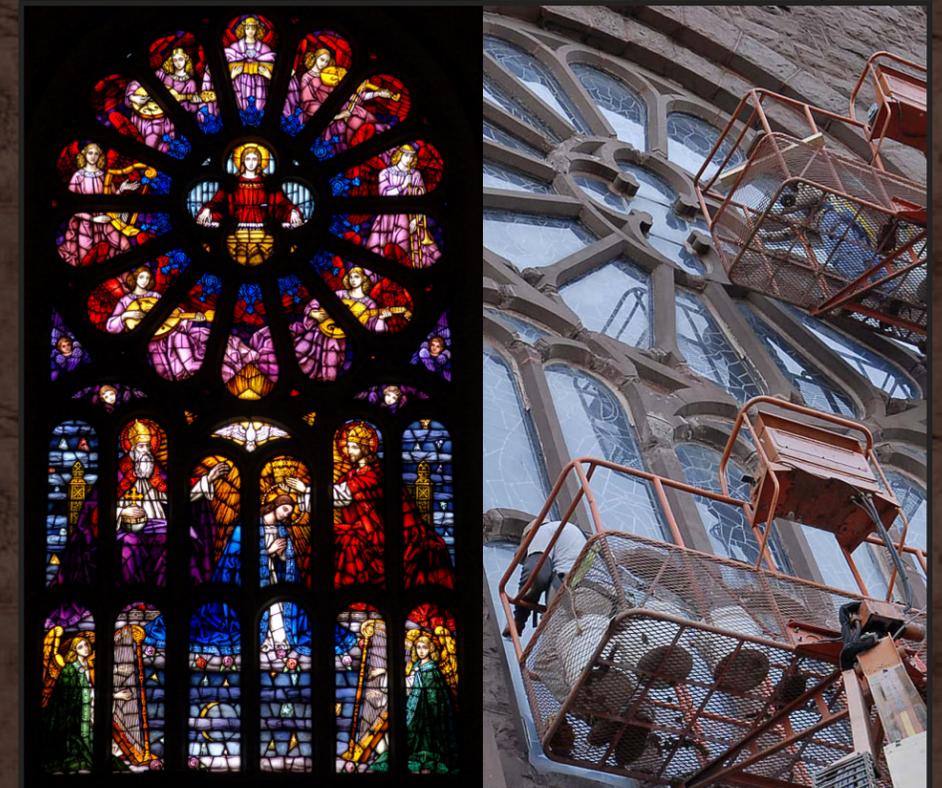
Perpetual Novena in honor of St. Anthony Tuesday after 11:30 am Mass



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A State and National Historic Site

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



ROSE WINDOW SAVED

Conservation of the magnificent Rose Window, created by Meyer and Company of Munich, Germany (1923), was not budgeted as a project in the Preservation Fund Campaign. Unexpected deterioration of the structural support encasing this priceless work of art prompted a separate fundraising initiative to repair the extensive damage. We gratefully acknowledge gifts from the Pauline Fathers & Brothers (\$45,000); the Rupp Foundation (\$15,600); and donor gifts in response to a special mailing (\$16,460). The church façade was also repaired and copper edging was installed on the ledge below the window. The total cost of the project was \$77,060. All work was completed in October.

SNAPSHOT OF PROGRESS

BUILT BY FAITH...SAVED THROUGH FAITH...GROWING IN FAITH

Corpus Christi Church
 Preservation Fund Campaign
 Fundraising Progress
 May 2005-September 2008

Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000

PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS	
Personal, anonymous, memorial, "In Honor Of", Other	\$329,357
FOUNDATIONS AND LARGE GIFTS	
**New York State Environmental Protection Fund	450,000
Galasso Foundation	50,000
Robert W. Wilson Challenge Grant	45,000
City of Buffalo	10,000
FUNDRAISERS	58,651
MAIL SOLICITATIONS	40,681
TOTAL	\$983,689

***Note: The NYS grant requires Corpus Christi to raise an additional \$450,000 as a dollar-for-dollar match. Of our current Preservation Fund total, only \$282,508 qualify as a match for the NYS Grant. For this reason, an additional \$167,492 must be raised for the matching grant.*

EXPENSES	
Unanticipated interim repairs to roof, masonry and twin towers	\$151,181
FUNDS STILL NEEDED TO MATCH NYS GRANT	\$167,492
FUNDS TO RE-IMBURSE INTERIM REPAIRS	\$151,181

PRESERVATION FUND CAMPAIGN REMAINING GOAL \$318,673

ROOF REPLACEMENT AND TWIN TOWER PROJECT TARGETED FOR SPRING START DATE

With the cooperation of the New York State Regional Grants Officer as well as the Historic Sites Restoration Coordinator, the architectural firm Hamilton, Houston, Lownie Architects LLC was selected to begin development of architectural plans and specifications to replace the slate roof of the church and stabilize the twin towers.

The scope of the work includes complete removal of the existing slate roof and felts and the installation of a new ice and water shield, felts, and slate roof system matching the original in both color and quality. In addition, repairs to the stone mounting points and structural framing of the twin towers will be undertaken. The badly deteriorated copper cladding on the domes will be replaced.

Much has already been accomplished to address these significant concerns. Emergency repairs have been performed over the last five years as an interim measure while we raise funds for comprehensive restoration. The New York State Environmental Protection Fund matching grant of \$450,000 for exterior restoration gives us the opportunity to do these two projects the right way.

Bids are now being solicited for the work itself; the anticipated start date is spring 2009.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Corpus Christi Church is blessed with a generous and dedicated congregation, along with many loyal supporters from the Western New York community. Extraordinary in-kind donations have been made during the last five years and continue to the present day.

More than 30 projects have been completed thanks to significant volunteer work and in-kind gifts that equate to a minimum value of \$164,000. These projects include: repair of the tower clocks; installation of the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Częstochowa side altars; restoration and heating system of the convent chapel; interior renovation of the Kolbe Center; interior renovation of the convent's first floor; installation and maintenance of church complex gardens; completion of the 2004 Feasibility Study for church restoration; all fundraising activities including special events and grant writing; development of and ongoing maintenance of website; and media/public relations.

Thank you to all the Corpus Christi volunteers: thank you for your tireless efforts. And to all the Corpus Christi donors: thank you for your philanthropic gifts. The progress that has been made on our church simply would not have been possible without this exceptional combination of financial support and hard work.

God bless you all.



You are the hope for the future of this magnificent church. We appreciate your generosity.

___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate how you would like your gift acknowledged...

Name: _____ In memory of: _____ Anonymous: ___

Donations can also be made online by visiting <http://corpuschristibuffalo.org>

While all gifts are appreciated, levels of gift giving over the 5-year Capital Campaign have been established at the following levels: Brick and Mortar Level (\$500); Cornerstone Level (\$1,000); Pillar Level (\$2,500); Bell Tower Level (\$5,000) Steeple Level (\$10,000); Cupola Level (\$15,000).

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