

Called to Grow · Build · Serve

PARISH OF ST. ANN

CASE FOR SUPPORT



CALLED TO GROW

Our Mission

The Parish of St. Ann is a Roman Catholic community, united by Baptism and fed by the Word and the Eucharist. We worship God, learn and grow, serve our neighbors, rejoice and mourn together. We celebrate God's providence in putting us in this beautiful place and we strive to be people who welcome all.

1955

The Parish of St. Ann in Bethany Beach was established in 1955 with 72 parishioners in a small brick church building, now known as Delaney Hall. It served as a mission church to St. Edmond Church in Rehoboth Beach and then to St. Michael the Archangel Church in Georgetown.

1972

As St. Ann Church ministered to vacationers along the Delaware coast, population growth led the Church to become a Parish in its own right. A new church building was constructed with seating for 900 people.

2006

As the area to the west of St. Ann developed, so did the need for a church more inland. In 2006, the foundation stone for Our Lady of Guadalupe, as a mission church of St. Ann, was blessed by the Bishop.

2008

After much work and planning, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Roxana was dedicated on August 12, 2008. Housing development continues to feed the church population, which includes a significant number of Spanish-speaking parishioners.

Today

Over the last ten years, the number of registered parishioners who attend both St. Ann and Our Lady of Guadalupe churches has grown 37%, from 4,130 to 5,669 members. No matter where we worship, we are two churches and one family with a shared call.

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As our parish grows, so does its sense of responsibility to the community it calls home. Across both St. Ann and Our Lady of Guadalupe, parishioners give generously of their time and talent. The multitude of ministries below reflect the many ways parishioners live out a calling to serve their community.

Active volunteers serve our congregation and community through ministries, including:
(in alphabetical order):

- AA
- Alanon
- AARP Tax Aide Program
- Bazaar & Related Workshops
- Bible Study Groups
- Blood Bank of Delaware
- Church Safety Committee
- Faith Formation
- Grief & Bereavement Groups
- Hispanic Community
- Hospitality Committee
- Immigration Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Liturgical Ministry
- Men's Club
- Music Ministries
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Religious Education
- Respect Life Committee
- Rosary and Scapulars Initiative
- Seven Sisters Apostolate
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Sodality
- Tiny Tots
- Visually Impaired Group (VIP)
- Walking with Purpose Scripture Study
- Youth Ministry





One of our largest ministries is the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)*. SVdP offers a community food pantry, home visits, and assistance with utilities, rent, and medicine. Every Thursday, the doors of Our Lady of Guadalupe church open to families facing hardship. Thanks to our "victory garden," fresh produce and homegrown honey harvested on site nourish the community we are called to serve.

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What began as a mission to increase food storage and preservation for our pantry led us to a larger realization: **all our ministries need more room to thrive.** For all the good that happens through St. Ann Parish, we lack the space to gather as a community and celebrate the life we share. Our ministries are active and generous, but volunteers often have no common place for fellowship after parish events, for social gatherings that deepen relationships, or for the many volunteer activities that sustain parish life behind the scenes. **As our ministries have grown across both campuses, so has the need for space that can fully support the life of our parish community.**





Land for the new Parish Center next to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

That need for space — for social connection, for storage, for service — **points us toward something greater than any single ministry.** Ours is a parish rich in ministry and spirit, but yearning for a home where fellowship can flourish, where volunteers can be equipped and encouraged, and where the whole community can come together in joy and purpose.



CALLED TO BUILD

Sussex County, Delaware is experiencing massive housing and population growth driven primarily by retirees and remote workers. Many retirees have made St. Ann Parish their home in recent years.

In order to match this growth, the **Parish of St. Ann** is embarking on two ambitious projects: constructing a new, multi-function **Parish Center** on the grounds of **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**, and renovating and beautifying the current **St. Ann Church** building, now 54 years old.

Parish Center

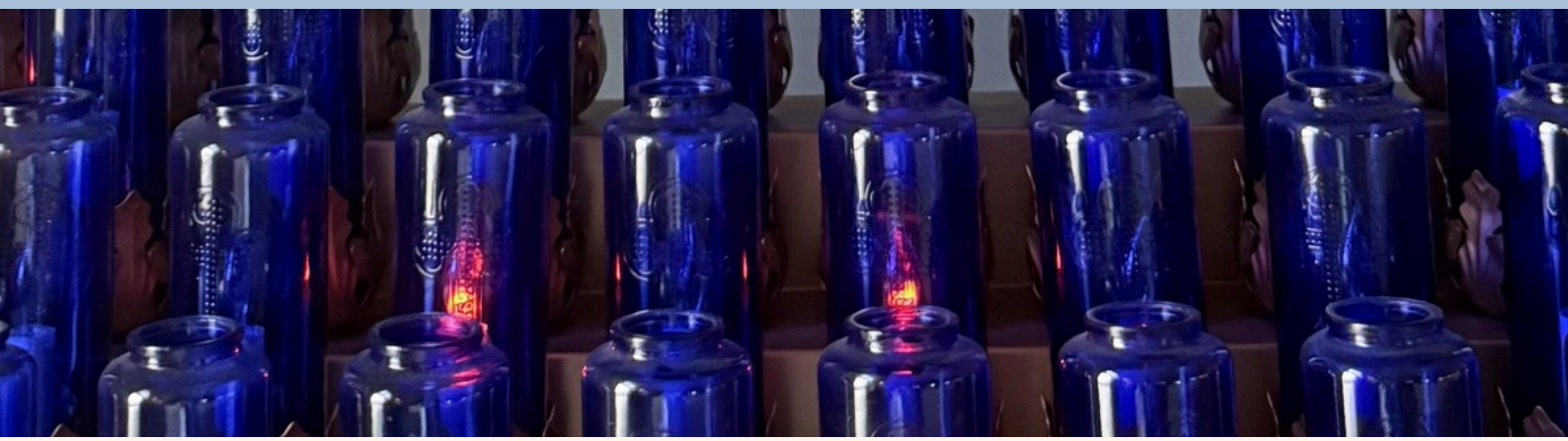
Located at Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Host ministry, faith formation, fellowship, and celebrations across both churches in the new Parish Hall.
- Expand our capacity to serve with a dedicated food pantry, walk-in refrigeration, and increased storage.
- Construct space to bring the broader community together for family games and sports.
- Create expanded space to host multiple events with the use of room dividers for simultaneous meetings.

St. Ann Church

Church Renovations & Beautification

- Reface the exterior of the church to reflect the church's enduring foundation and faith.
- Elevate the interior of the church to reflect beauty in the sacred space and bring glory to God.
- Improve seating accessibility for seniors, families with young children, and parishioners with special needs.
- Upgrade the church’s infrastructure, HVAC, and AV capabilities.



METHODS OF GIVING

Outright Gifts:
Outright contributions, often consisting of cash or checks, are the most direct way of supporting the campaign.

Pledges:
Commitments made to the campaign as pledges can be paid over a period of three years.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD):
If you are over the age of 70 ½, you can make a gift directly from your IRA to help support the campaign. QCD reduces your Adjusted Gross Income and thereby reduces taxes. A QCD can also help satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Donor-advised funds:
A donor-advised fund (DAF) gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to St. Ann Parish. You can recommend a grant to make an immediate impact or recurring grants as a tool for future charitable gifts.

Gift of Stocks:
A contribution of appreciated securities, either publicly traded or from a private company, may provide greater tax advantages than gifts of cash. Donors can deduct the current fair market value as a charitable gift and completely avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.

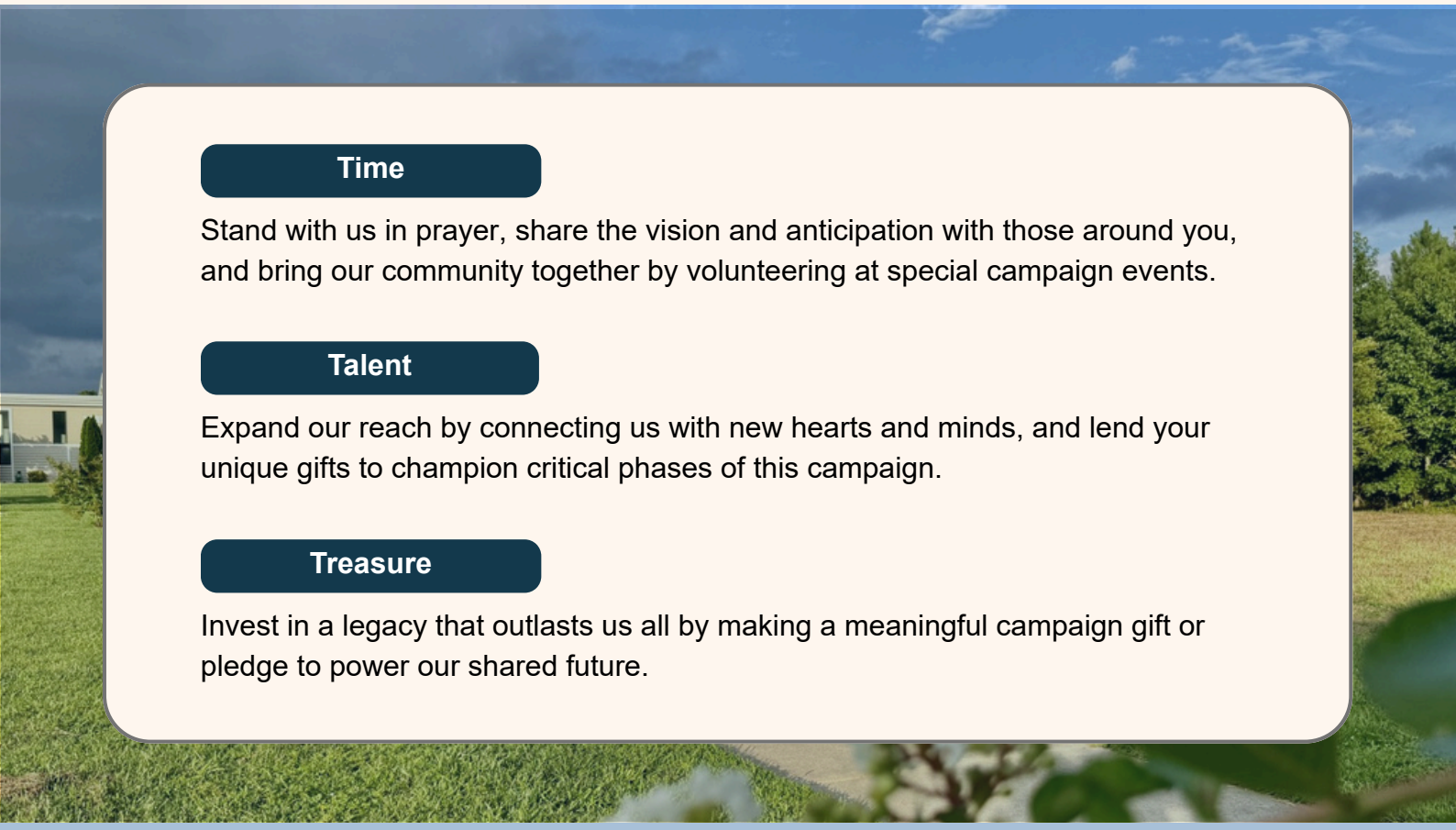
Memorial or Tribute Gifts:
Establishing a memorial or tribute gift is a meaningful way to honor someone important to you or celebrate a special occasion. Your memorial or tribute gift will extend the legacy of your loved one while making a significant difference in this campaign.

CALLED TO SERVE

We are deeply grateful for your prayerful consideration of your role in this important campaign.

At the recommendation of the Diocese, we have partnered with CCS Fundraising, a strategic fundraising firm with extensive experience in helping Catholic organizations plan and implement philanthropic efforts, to help guide our campaign. If you are interested in serving, please explore the opportunities below and reach out to Campaign Contact, **Grace Liang (gliang@ccsfundraising.com)** to get started. Should you choose to step into a role, CCS Fundraising is fully committed to supporting you every step of the way with all the training, resources, and materials needed to ensure a seamless experience.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment, generosity, and kindness. **St. Ann** and **Our Lady of Guadalupe** are our shared church homes and places of worship. With your help, the campaign will become more than a vision; it will be a blessing to create and curate sacred places for people to **Grow in Faith, Build His Kingdom, and Serve His People** — now and for multiple generations ahead.



Time

Stand with us in prayer, share the vision and anticipation with those around you, and bring our community together by volunteering at special campaign events.

Talent

Expand our reach by connecting us with new hearts and minds, and lend your unique gifts to champion critical phases of this campaign.

Treasure

Invest in a legacy that outlasts us all by making a meaningful campaign gift or pledge to power our shared future.



Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Giver of all good things, with grateful hearts we humbly ask You to send forth your Spirit upon us that we may come together as one community of believers.

Open our hearts to be immensely generous with all You have given us so that we may build our new Parish Center and renovate our beloved St. Ann Church.

Unite us as one community of faith given to the common purpose of praising and serving You through our worship, our ministries, and support of our neighbors in need.

Grant us the fortitude and sacrificial love of our patron **St. Ann** and our much loved **Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

Let us Grow in Faith, Build Your Kingdom, and Serve Your People.

This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Ann, pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!


JESUS AND MARY
BREAD OF LIFE
SAINT ANN



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