



**ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Our Purpose

St. Peter Parish
makes
missionary disciples.

Our Vision

St. Peter Parish
is where Christ
is personally
encountered,
intentionally followed
and joyfully shared.
Members will
worship together,
grow spiritually,
serve others,
build community
and give cheerfully.

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Dear Parishioners,

At the encouragement of our Parish Finance Council, St. Peter Parish is developing a Master Plan for our facilities. With the widening of Center Ridge Road and the growth of North Ridgeville, our parish must seek the best possible use of our space and facilities in order to serve God's people.

The theme of this Master Plan comes from Jeremiah 29:11. The passage reads:

**For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope.**

Though the Master Plan we are developing applies to our facilities, the scripture passage from the book of the prophet Jeremiah applies to the pastoral activity of our parish and not simply the buildings. Please pray that the Lord guide our parish and its ministries, as well as our school. And may the Lord help us to be good stewards of all that he has entrusted to us.

Some of the issues regarding our facilities that we will be looking at include:

- **Need for Space for Pastoral Activities:** In recent years, we have had more conflicts over usage of space. On the one hand, this is a good thing. People, young and old, are active and doing things on the campus of St. Peter Parish! On the other hand, if we do not have space for events and activities, people become discouraged.
- **Weekend Worship Needs:** St. Peter Parish church is a beautiful building. However, many of our parishioners have a challenging time getting into the building. Other parishioners desire a place to gather before and after Mass to visit and build relationships.
- **St. Peter School:** Center Ridge Road, with all its traffic, will be closer than ever to our parish property. This will affect our school, church, rectory and gym. The parish, assisted by the PTU, has installed a new HVAC system in the southern wing of the school this summer. We hope to be able to do the same for the northern wing of the school to assist in comfort and the reduction of noise coming from the road. The school needs other improvements, including new windows in the northern (the newer) section of the building and the unsightly shed roof needs to be repaired.
- **Garage and Storage Needs:** Some of our buildings need to be replaced, specifically our garages and maintenance area. Though the maintenance garages have a cement floor, they are too small for the equipment we have, especially since we care for our cemetery completely in house. There is no cement foundation where the parish truck is parked, or where the priests park their cars.
- **Parking Needs:** The parking lots at St. Peter Parish need to be repaired and perhaps expanded, especially near the church and gym.
- **Rectory Needs:** The aging rectory has lots of character, but specific issues need to be addressed, including the inefficiency of the steam heating system, lack of duct work for AC, and a basement foundation that leaks as well as its closer proximity to the new road.

In developing a plan for our parish facilities, your input is greatly desired. Please fill out the enclosed survey and return it by October 14, 2018. You may return the paper survey in the collection basket or it can be dropped off at St. Peter's parish center. The survey may also be completed online at www.stpeternr.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Bob Franco
Pastor