



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH,  
*Embracing our Future*

# St. John Neumann Parish

## Project Updates

Our church and school projects are advancing quickly; we are excited to be able to begin in 2026.

We anticipate the renovation of the church to begin in the first or second quarter of 2026. The timing will align with Archdiocesan processes, Township permits, and construction company readiness.



The school renovation and construction is anticipated to begin the day after school ends.



The school project scope has changed due to Township requirements and recommendations. Included are a sidewalk along a portion of Highland Lane, and additional storm water management. The increase to the project cost is ~\$350,000.

### Q&A

#### WHAT IS THE TOTAL PROJECT COST; WHAT IS NEEDED IN NEW PLEDGES?

The project total is \$7.7 million; \$1.8 million is needed in pledges (as of Nov. 11, 2025.)

#### DO WE HAVE THE 75% CASH-IN-HAND REQUIRED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE?

A large amount of pledges have been redeemed; to close the gap, we have obtained access to a loan at a favorable rate.

#### WHY ARE WE TAKING ON A LOAN RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE CASH TO BE RECEIVED FROM PLEDGES?

The timeline for the school is driven by Township direction for the limited-duration use of modular classrooms. Also, our project professionals advise that delays in starting the projects will likely push expenses higher; they advise moving as quickly as possible.



**A LEGACY WORTH LEAVING: ONLY YOU CAN HELP POSITION OUR PARISH TO BE AS IMPACTFUL IN THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE BEEN IN OUR FIRST SIXTY YEARS.**



#### WE NEED YOU — IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE NOT INCLUDED THE CAMPAIGN IN YOUR GIVING PLANS, WE ASK THAT YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DOING SO:

- ◆ It is our hope that all parishioners and school families will participate to help build our parish's future.

#### OUR PLEDGE OUTREACH WILL CONTINUE AND HOPE YOU WILL ALSO HELP:

- ◆ Identify and encourage new family donors, including new school families and parishioners.

#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, WE APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION OF AN INCREASED PLEDGE:

- ◆ Know that it may be redeemed in an additional pledge year.

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View of nave with clerestory — an outside wall rising above the roof, containing windows.

The concept of a clerestory was introduced as a means to bring to the church greater height and openness, allow for additional light, and continue to move our senses toward heaven. The design opens and elevates a series of ceiling panels, allowing additional windows to be placed on each side of the church. The windows will feature stained glass that is consistent with the rescued stained glass, thus tying the church together from front to back. A donor has provided for its funding.

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### HOW WILL THIS IMPACT THE APPEARANCE OF THE ROOF?

The exterior of the clerestory will follow the lines of the roof. As the clerestory does not run the length of the church, its visibility will be limited to further distances.

### WILL THIS ADD EXTENSIVE HEAT IN THE SUMMER OR COLD IN THE WINTER?

The clerestory will be constructed with modern weather insulation in the ceiling, walls, and windows. The stained glass will mitigate excessive heat from direct sunlight.

### OTHER:

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### WHERE WILL THE LITURGY TAKE PLACE WHILE THE CHURCH IS BEING RENOVATED?

We anticipate the Gathering Room to be our chapel for daily Mass and the Life Center gym for weekend liturgies. However, the construction project manager may offer other solutions to optimize space.

### WHERE WILL THE STUDENTS IN MODULAR CLASSROOMS HAVE CLASSES DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Pending Township approval, we anticipate relocating the modular classrooms to another location on campus near the school. This will also be guided by our construction project manager who will be experienced in school construction projects.

### WILL UTILIZING THE LIFE CENTER GYM DISRUPT SCHOOL AND CYO ACTIVITIES?

Beginning the church renovation early in the year will help minimize disruption of the gym's use.

