ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

- As some of you may have noticed that the stained glass windows have begun to show their age. Several windows have begun to buckle in sections as tend to occur over time. The windows were installed when the church was built in 1902. A project to install a protective barrier on the exterior of the windows was undertaken approximately 25 years ago and while some maintenance was performed it was only a stop gap to buy some time for a more extensive restoration.

- There are only a handful of companies that perform this type of window restoration. The project will require one window to be completely removed and rebuilt off site. The other windows will have sections heated and straightened and epoxy will be applied to every piece of glass to strengthen the bond between it and the lead. Lastly, an improved protective Lexan barrier will be installed on the exterior of all the windows. We are hoping to begin the project in June. The cost of the project will exceed $100,000 but the good news is that through the generosity of parish benefactors we have most of the funds to dedicate to the project. The funding gap is approximately $30,000.

- Please consider whether the window restoration project is something you would like to support. If you would like to contribute you can put a check in the collection basket at any time but please note on the check or envelop that the donation is for "window restoration" you can also reach out to the parish office to arrange a donation.

- Fr. William has done an excellent job as a steward of the parish facilities both in Astoria and Hammond. Our buildings are in the best condition they have been in many years but like an old house there is always something that needs attention. Our church and our faith is the legacy of past parishioners and the vision of the Fort Stevens soldiers who lead the effort to purchase the land in 1867. Our legacy will be to make sure the parish facilities are here for the next generation of the faithful.