THE RECTOR'S NOTE

At some point earlier in the year, I was annoyed by the carpet in the hall. After years of use and serving the community, it was showing its age, most notably in the stains and dirt. Fast forward to today and that carpet is almost no more. Over the course of the next few weeks, Pryor-Hubbard Hall will experience the first stage of a cleaning and renovation. This was something that I did not expect to happen until next year. Even though we've been talking about it in different situations and there have been several opportunities of fund raising, the vision was for a bit down the line. That WAS the plan, but no more!

It was not simply the case that circumstances aligned not to permit moving up SOME of the work. It became more feasible and economical to do it sooner due to the rising costs of materials and transportation with no immediate end in sight. Therefore, work is already underway. The next time that most of you enter the hall will be when the first phase is complete. For most of you, all of this comes as no surprise. We have been speaking about the eventual renovation publicly since the summer. Anyone who has been in the hall in recent weeks, such as the coffee hours, have been asked their opinion on the work. Now it's time to make sure that the entire community is aware.

I've referenced the first stage or phase. I've done this because there will be another stage later on. The first stage will be replacement of the carpet with a hard surface, a type of vinyl tile, I believe, is the material. The other major change will be painting the walls. The lower section will be repainted with a similar color that has a hint of beige or gold, while the upper level will be a shade of red. The idea behind the selection is to resemble the colors of the Sacred Heart statue that is located in the hall, and which will be moved to a different wall and be given more prominent attention. This is stage one.

Additional changes will happen in stage two. These have not been decided and input, even now, is encouraged and welcome. Ideas being considered include a new curtain for the stage, reinforcing the stage supports, additional lighting that is less sterile, and ceiling improvements. Please share other ideas!

Accomplishing this in stages reduces the cost. We will promote the second stage when that comes and seek to raise funds in a more formal way at that time, especially if it becomes more costly. For the first stage, there is no formal campaign. Rather, donations can be made and directed specifically toward "Hall Renovation." You can include this in a separate envelope with a note or memo indicating the destination. You can also give online at the fund "Hall Renovation."

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group (Canto 17)

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM – Confessions
9 AM – Sung Latin Mass with Benediction

OFFERTORY

- **October 31 & November 1**
  - **Sunday Offertory** **$3,631.00**
  - **Second Collection** **$1,165.00**
  - **All Souls – Nov 2** **$601.00**
  - **Online Giving** **$551.60**
  - **Total** **$5,948.60**

QR Code for online giving

The Sacred Heart Votive Candle burns for the country of Poland requested by Marge Hansen.

The Sanctuary Candle burns for David Whitehead requested by the Counters and Office Staff.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 31 – November 8

Saturday, November 7
8:30 AM – Colleen Wishall +
4:00 PM – Deceased Members of Former Sacred Heart Parish and Georgetown Oratory Community
Sunday, November 8
7:30 AM – Int. of Edwin Gonzales
9:00 AM – Members of the Georgetown Oratory Community
10:30 AM – Int. of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano
12:00 PM – Deceased Members of the Karwowsky Family
Tuesday, November 10
8:30 AM – Int. of Michelle Rowe
Wednesday, November 11
6:00 PM – Wojciech Bakowski +
Thursday, November 12
8:30 AM – Timothy Burns +
Friday, November 13
8:30 AM – Daniel Blanchette +
Saturday, November 14
8:30 AM – Susan Swift +
4:00 PM – Albert Nazareth +
Sunday, November 15
7:30 AM – Int. of Jack (John) Marriott
9:00 AM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
10:30 AM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
12:00 PM – Int. of Jim Jagodzinski

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.
Kathy Romano, Joe & Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jagodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve, Henry Banks Bourtin, Susan Kleinmann, Margaret DeFine, Alexander Whitman, Deborah Marino, Jim Cote, Morris Cote, Jim Jagodinski.

Repose of the souls: Theresa Truffini, Timothy Burns, David Robert Majoris, Jr., Allen Brings, Linda Jagodinski Flynn

ORATORY NEWS

GAUDETE MARKET MEETING AND REGISTRATIONS
Reminder about the next Gaudet Market Meeting on Saturday, November 7 in Pryor-Hubbard Hall at 9:30 AM, following First Saturday devotions.
The Market will be on **Gaudete Sunday, December 13, 2026.** Vendors can sign up online at the website. Printed vendor registration forms are available in the Oratory Office. For more information or to register, call the office at 203-544-8245 or email: office@gtoratory.org

THANKSGIVING DAY
There will be Confessions on Thanksgiving morning from 7:30-8:45 AM followed by a Sung Latin Mass at 9 AM that will conclude with Benediction.

RORATE MASS
Our annual Rorate Mass will take place on Saturday, December 5 at 6:15 AM. It is a Sung Latin Mass that is the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent. What is special about the liturgy is that it starts early in the darkness with only candlelight providing the illumination. It is a beautiful custom that also will be the First Saturday of December.

TREE LIGHTING
Our annual tree lighting will happen on the Immaculate Conception, December 8, following the 6 PM Latin Mass. Season refreshments will follow the lighting.

PROCESSIONAL

FATHER of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, three in one,
Before thy throne, we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Music: Edward Cooper 1770-1833
Tune: Rievaulx LM

MASS READINGS
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5th Resumed Sunday After Epiphany
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

Rev. Michael P. Novajosky, Rector
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
7:30 AM (1962) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 AM

Wednesday
6 PM (1962)

Friday
8:30 AM (1962)

Saturday
8:30 AM (1962)
4:00 PM (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)
Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM
Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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