

OUR HISTORY

St. John's Episcopal Church was founded 201 years ago as a chapel that supported the needs of farming families in and around Ellicott City. A handsome granite church replaced the chapel in 1860, and generous parishioners have enhanced the church over the years with donations of impressive stained glass windows that depict biblical stories.



Sixty years ago, St. John's church created a preschool as a mission to the growing number of children within its congregation and in Ellicott City. In 2001, the church built the **Center for Ministry and Education (CME)** to accommodate the expansion of the preschool into an elementary school and to provide gathering spaces for church activities.

The **261 Capital Campaign** name recognizes St. John's church's 201-year history and **St. John's Parish Day School's** 60-year history. Together, our church and day school have 261 years of experience serving people in Ellicott City and the surrounding communities who practice the Episcopalian faith and who seek faith-based education for their children.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE FORM

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PLEDGE INFORMATION

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- ☐ I/we have enclosed a gift of \$ _____
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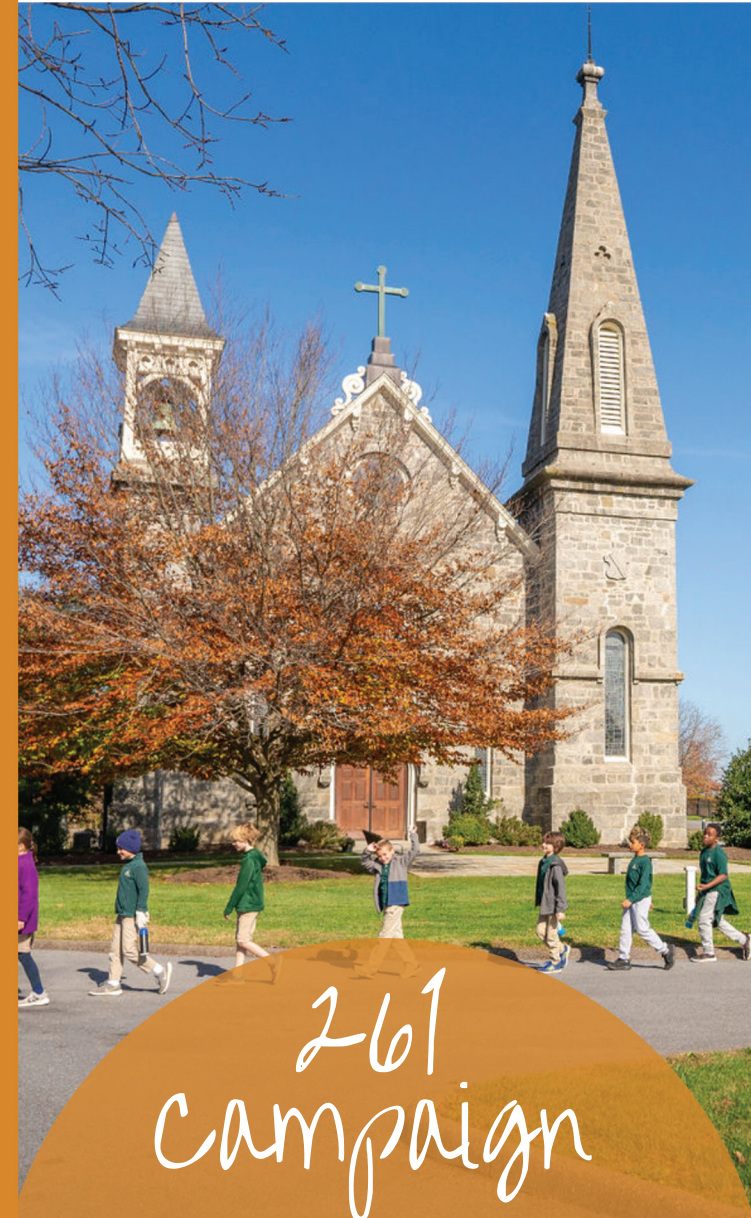
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Kathy Hahn, St. John's Episcopal Church
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Honor the Past • Love the Present • Secure the Future



St. John's beautiful and inviting campus of 14+ acres and 10 buildings, including our treasured 19th century historic church, is in continual need of renovation to serve current and future generations of the St. John's church and parish day school communities. To better understand the condition of our facilities and the cost of properly maintaining them, St. John's contracted with

OVERVIEW

an outside firm for a capital reserve study that we received in March 2024. That study, which was funded by a generous donor, projected the need for \$4.6 million over 20 years to fully fund the ongoing repair and replacement of major equipment and buildings on our campus.

In response to the study, the church and school have developed the 261 Capital Campaign to raise \$1.3 million between January and December 2025 to build a new capital reserve fund. The new capital reserve fund, which will be administered by the church, will initially be used to pay for some

of the highest priority replacements and repairs identified in the study and to retire the Middendorf loan from the Maryland Episcopal Diocese.

The calling of a new rector to St. John's church brings an added urgency to the 261 Capital Campaign. Improving the financial stability of the church at the time we welcome a new rector will free up our new leader to focus on key transition tasks such as relationship-building, gaining knowledge about the culture and finances of the church and school, and becoming known to the congregation, while not burdened early on by financial pressures.

SUMMARY

Replace the HVAC system in the EC wing of the CME building	\$500,000*
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Pay off the Middendorf loan	\$350,000
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Upgrade/make accessible the bathrooms in the EC wing	\$150,000
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Seed money for the capital reserve fund	\$300,000
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Total: \$1,300,000

The school has committed to raise \$300,000 of the campaign goal. The church agrees this is a reasonable contribution in light of the fact the facilities to be upgraded are owned and operated by the church.

* We expect the net cost of the HVAC replacement will be less than \$500,000 due to an anticipated BGE rebate.

The 261 Capital Campaign will create a new capital reserve fund which can be tapped in the near future for two high priority capital improvements, including replacing a large HVAC system that is at risk of failing at any time. In addition, the funds raised will enable us to retire the Middendorf loan, releasing nearly \$27,000 annually for vital church goals such as hiring an associate rector. Finally, achieving the goals of this capital campaign will significantly reduce the financial

pressures on our new rector and lay leaders, giving them more time and energy to focus on building relationships, particularly with members of the congregation, and other important transition responsibilities.

