

NEUMANN HOUSE

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Our "mini" parish center is open for use by prayer groups and ministry meetings 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

HISTORY

The need to "Expand our Home"

The Neumann House property was purchased in 2007 at the height of the market. The parish continued to experience growth and with a land locked feeling, Father Conley, with consultation of the Finance Council and Archdiocese, made the purchase. At the time, the house was assessed to either be renovated into a Priest Residence or Rectory Offices.

Steps towards Site Improvements

In 2013, Father LaHood launched a Capital Campaign to develop the site for future use. The building did not have a future at that time. A petition to Montgomery County was needed to receive a change in designation to bring in sewer and water at the cost of approximately \$350,000. Rough site plans moved towards both Rectory Office and Priest Residence being built here.

IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES

While making the petition to the County for these changes, in December 2015 Father Joe Rogers proposed needed improvements be made to the Neumann House for continued use. Soon it was realized that it was more economical for us to repair the Neumann house roof and re-grade the backyard rather than rent equivalent space at another facility at a highly reduced rate of about \$18,000 per year.

Parishioners and vendors helped improved the house so that it recently passed a residential and mold inspection by a certified auditor. So, what we all thought had to be demolished became for us a viable facility offering 3,869 sq. ft. of fully usable space – a 'redeemed' build cost value of \$777,800 (at \$200 per sq. ft.).

In preparing for "Expand our Home," this series highlights usage and upgrades to our parish facilities. This is the first in the series of three. No campaign funds were used for these upgrades.

RECENT MAINTENANCE

New 30 year architectural shingle roof on full complex
(residence, office, garage)
New Siding
New Electrical Panel with additional amps
New motion-activated lights and security cameras
New HVAC units
Backyard and porch slope re-graded for water drainage
New path way for Front Middle breezeway widened
Interior kitchen window added
Upstairs rooms painted, furnished with bathrooms
Hardwood floors sanded, repaired, and sealed
Basement painted, stairs repaired, new tiles installed
Installation of handicap access ramp to main entrance
Renovation of living room into fully functional chapel
with Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle, Altar, sacred vessels,
Roman Missal, Baptistery, Stations of the Cross, statues

MONTHLY GROUP USE

Parish Council
RCIA
Youth Group - Middle School
Young Adult Group
Legion of Mary - Spanish
Legion of Mary - Spanish Youth
Legion of Mary - English
CWA Women's Ministry
Bereavement Group
Hispanic Rosary Group
Women Prayer Group
Knights of Columbus
Spanish Charismatic Group

SEASONAL USE

Jesus Summer Camp
Adult Formation
Living Nativity
March for Life
Rummage Sale
New Parishioner Welcome
Yard Sale