

SAINT EMERY'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Update of Parish School Repairs

Our parish has partnered with the Town of Fairfield, Board of Education (BOE) to lease our parish school since 2008. It is used as Fairfield's alternate high school and was designated the Walter Fitzgerald (a noted educator) Campus last year. The lease is an important source of day-to-day operational revenue for our parish. As landlord the parish is responsible for upkeep of the external building structure and property. BOE (tenant) is responsible for maintaining the interior of the building.

Over the years, the school roof has badly deteriorated where water leaks now occur with almost every rainstorm. Water leaks through the ceilings into the classrooms and is a disruption to teachers and students. Temporary repairs to the roof have become costly so a recommendation was made by the Parish Finance Council in February of this year to reroof the building. Father Milan and the Advisory Council approved the project.

F.J. Dahill, Company in New Haven was contracted to do the school reroofing work in April 2016. Dahill is a reputable contractor (133 years in the business) the parish has been using to do temporary roof repairs over the last two years. They bid the reroofing work at a very attractive price and with a loan-type payment arrangement.

In the meantime, the school's hot water heater also failed in May and needed to be replaced.

School Repair Status and Costs

The F.J. Dahill, Company reroofing total contract cost is \$39,601.49. Dahill was willing to work with the parish to minimize the cost impact of the roof repair by spreading payments over 36-months with a nominal increase in cost (\$63.24 per month). The loan roof payments will come out of the BOE annual lease money.

The school hot water heating unit cost was \$2,276.46 and purchased from Park City Valves and Fittings in Bridgeport. The new water heater has been installed. To avoid classroom disruption, the reroofing was delayed until after the Fairfield school year ended in June 17. This reroofing project was completed in June.

A Coincidence of Challenges

The recent combination of needed church repairs (*St. Emery's Church Newsletter: Update of Church Repairs, June 12, 2016*) and the parish school repair costs have been challenging but the parish does remain solvent and has successfully maintained cash reserves for other emergencies. However, these two large monthly loan payments have reduced the capacity to fund and complete other needed church projects as quickly as desired.

St. Emery sincerely thanks everyone for their continuing and very generous support.

God Bless you, your families and God Bless St. Emery's Parish.

Parish Finance Committee