



St. Joseph The Carpenter

One thing common to all parishes is the desire of the people to become involved. The parish has many different facets and much is involved in the daily life of a parish church. Along with all the other concerns and challenges exists the need to maintain the buildings and grounds of our campus. Most of them are approaching 63 years of age or more. Obviously, as buildings get older, they need to be repaired or sometimes things need replacing. Every parish owes it to future generations to leave things a little better than we found them.

At Our Lady of Victories, we are fortunate in what Monsignor Dalton created and left us as his legacy. Just as your own home needs things to be done from time to time, so too does the parish in order to maintain the integrity and beauty of our facilities. When priests are assigned as Pastors or Administrators, they don't usually come with backgrounds in construction or building maintenance. With these things in mind, I wish to establish the "**St. Joseph the Carpenter Ministry.**" This is a new opportunity for anyone who might have expertise in things such as masonry, electrical, carpentry, plumbing, painting, sheetrock, etc. The idea is to join me in a counsel mostly in an advisory capacity when issues arise. I would hope to draw from your knowledge to assist me in decisions when the need presents itself. If something does have to be fixed or replaced, we can together determine how that can be done in the most economical way possible. Perhaps some of our parishioners with the skills needed could engage in some tasks which might bring about considerable savings.

This initiative is meant not to only solicit the help of parishioners for savings but also to allow our people to feel ownership of their parish. What a beautiful act of kindness and charity this could be. School parents can inquire about receiving work bond hours for the time and/or materials donated if applicable.

If you have been blessed by God with talent in any of these areas of expertise, please call me at the parish office, 732-257-0077, and we can discuss how you can be of help either now or in the near future.

Peace,

Father Robert