

SWIN ~ Eight-Month Update on OLSS Restoration

Despite the "unusual" weather this winter in Cape May, our contractor has been able to complete the roof repairs on Our Lady Star of the Sea. In fact, the necessary re-pointing work has also been completed so the church is once again water tight.

Between now and Easter, the inside repairs should be completed: re-plastering the many areas that require it and completely repainting the ENTIRE inside. You may note some inconvenience with scaffolding at times during the week, but we will have a beautifully restored church for Easter, the wedding "season," and beyond.

At the end of this month, the five stained glass windows that have been removed for cleaning and restoration will be returned one-by-one. The inclement weather has made it almost impossible to re-install these windows after the rejuvenation has been completed. Once these windows have been put back in place in the Sanctuary and along the Ocean Street side of the church, the final large windows along Ocean Street and several smaller ones will be temporarily removed for rejuvenation..

The next three restoration projects will be: the removal and replacement of the front steps and handrails at St. Agnes at Cape May Point; the replacement of the front doors of OLSS; and the repair and restoration of all 27 OLSS basement windows. The contracts on all three projects are in place.

All of these restoration projects...and several more that are planned...have been made possible by the generosity of hundreds of OLSS Parishioners and non-Parishioners in the Greater Cape May community and beyond. Copies of our SWIN Effort Donor Honor Roll are now available in the church. This Effort **EXCEEDED** our dollar goals years ahead of our initial expectations. By this summer, we will once again have our weather-tight, beautifully restored churches back for their future intended purposes. Our "restoration prayers" have been answered!