

capital campaign update



WE WILL!
Build in Faith

The wait is over!

On time, on budget, and just in time for the new school year and busy winter season, St. Mark's Youth Center and Gymnasium opened August 21st to a standing-room-only crowd!

"This is the culmination of years of auctions, fundraisers, and special events by St. Mark's school families, faculty, and staff," said the Rev. Jim Cook, rector.

"Now our sights are set on the crown jewel of our renovation – St. Mark's Hall," he added. *(See more on page 4.)*



Ready, set, CUT!
The Rt. Rev. John Said, retired suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, joined the Rev. Jim Cook, Head of School Kay Carnes, campaign co-chairs Jay and Michelle Shearouse, city officials, and other dignitaries to cut the ceremonial ribbon.



St. Mark's Youth Center and Gymnasium to be center for athletics, missions, and ministries

In addition to providing home-court advantage for the St. Mark's Lions athletic teams, the 25,000-square-foot YC/G complex will be host to a myriad of church and school activities. St. Mark's youth ministries, already among the largest in the area, will be able to provide even more activities for middle- and high-school kids who want fellowship in a Christian atmosphere.

One of the highlights of St. Mark's youth ministry is an active mission program. Now we can host organizations from the U. S. and abroad, with overnight accommodations in the new YC/G.

The gymnasium will also be made available on a rental basis to qualified organizations for athletic events, meetings, and gatherings, providing new income for St. Mark's and exposing our excellent facilities to prospective parishioners, students, and parents. For rental information, please contact Rusty Smith, athletic director, at 561-622-1504 or rsmith@stmarkspb.org.



Ann Fernandez's grandson, Benjamin Gorman, couldn't wait to play!

After blessing the building and the activities to take place here, the Rt. Rev. John Said, retired suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, challenged the church and school family to support the "WE WILL! Build in Faith" campaign as it enters its next phases.



Lions cheerleaders Velvet Sahn, Lauren Tkaczow, and Bella Gingrich greeted families as they arrived.

Devin Burns gave a stirring rendition of the National Anthem to open the ceremony.



Palm Beach Gardens Mayor David Levy (below), Vice Mayor Bert Premuroso and Council Member Eric Jablin (not pictured) expressed the city's appreciation to St. Mark's for building the first environmentally "green" gym in Palm Beach County.



"We WILL! Build in Faith" campaign co-chairs Jay and Michelle Shearouse thank members of the campaign cabinet for their continued support and leadership.

Fr. Cook and Bishop Said share a laugh before the ceremony begins.



Once the ceremonies and tours were complete, the St. Mark's family joined together for a picnic and fellowship, while the kids turned the gym into what it's supposed to be – a fun and active place!



Sophia DeRosa and Maggie Regnery were great salespeople, raising \$3,300 for youth room furnishings!

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Gabriella Elliott could hardly wait for Fr. Cook and Mrs. Carnes to cut the cake!



St. Mark's Hall to be a center of church and school life

A multi-purpose parish hall with stage ... comfortable lunchroom for our school children ... plenty of room for prayer groups, scout troops, and the Parents' Association. All this and more will be in the new St. Mark's Hall, the crown jewel of our campus redevelopment.

The "We WILL! Build in Faith" campaign is based on one premise: our current facilities limit our ability to do God's work. Now that the youth center and gymnasium is finished and the chapel and administration buildings are underway, our sights are turned to what we believe will be the most transformative element of our work.

In St. Mark's Hall we will be able to gather together for special stage presentations; several groups will be able to meet at the same time; our band and chorus students will have their own classrooms adjacent to the stage; and a well-designed kitchen will

provide food for the body while other programs provide food for the soul.

Our efforts are now turned to raising the funds to construct St. Mark's Hall. If you have already made a contribution to our capital campaign, we urge you to consider another. If you are still considering your pledge, we hope

you will prayerfully consider what St. Mark's means to you and that will lead you to a personally meaningful gift.

To make a pledge, or for more information, please contact the campaign office at 561-622-1504, ext. 232, or email wewill@stmarksbg.org.



St. Mark's Hall features a covered patio adjacent to the courtyard, ideal for receptions and special events.

Become a capital campaign Class Ambassador

One of the best ways you can help your school achieve its campus development goals is to become a Class Ambassador. Class Ambassadors are informed about the capital campaign; invite peers and prospects to learn about the campaign through personal meetings and site visits; encourage fundraising efforts for each class; and make a personal financial commitment to the campaign.

Current ambassadors include: Jill VanDresser, Lourdes Vogelsang, Linda Pruitt, Tricia Dorfman, Kathy Villablanca, Carrie Hanna, Linda Drettmann,

Erin McGould, Julie Berube, Alicia Toal, Kelly Pirozzi, Sofia DeFerrari, Angela Kilduff, Sherri Daniels, Michele Eassa, Alain Sears, Kerry Diaz, Bahareh Wolfs, Diane Simon, Heidi Mackey, Manju George, Dawn Rofrano, Janna Keller, and Heather Bretzlaff.

If you have questions about the campaign or desire more information, reach out to your Class Ambassador. She will gladly assist you.

If you are interested in becoming a Class Ambassador, please contact Mary Lewis in the campaign office.

Construction begins on chapel and admin building

Worshippers and others who need some solace from the hectic world will soon have a new, freestanding chapel on the St. Mark's campus.

The chapel will be a landmark at the intersection of Burns Road and Gardens East Drive. Included will be an expanded memorial garden and columbarium.

At the same time, the new church and school administration building will be constructed.