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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

On September 12 we celebrated a special occasion in Phillipsburg, New Jersey: the blessing of the newly acquired Holy Nativity Chapel.

Holy Nativity Chapel was formerly located in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Since the parish grew through the years, the need for a larger and more suitable location became increasingly urgent.

In September 2024 we came across an old Presbyterian church in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, that was

built in 1890. After touring the property with a real estate agent and carefully considering our options, we decided to make an offer. Our offer was accepted in February 2025, and the purchase was finalized in April.

When we first walked through the building, it appeared as though the congregation had simply gotten up after a service one Sunday and never returned. Years of accumulated dust and neglect had left the church in need of extensive renovations before it could be transformed into a worthy place of Catholic worship.

Much work lay ahead. The platform that had been used as a stage at the front of the church had to be



*Holy Nativity Chapel
Phillipsburg, New Jersey*



Reconstructing the Chapel Sanctuary

removed and replaced with a proper sanctuary floor. A wall was taken down to enlarge the chapel, confessionals were constructed, and bathrooms and other necessary amenities were installed. The hardwood floor was carefully restored, and the old wooden pews, which lacked kneelers, were removed. In their place we put in beautiful, solid oak pews salvaged from a Catholic church in Connecticut, which our priests, seminarians, and brothers transported to Phillipsburg in U-Haul trucks. Traditional Stations of the Cross were also mounted throughout the chapel. One particularly beautiful addition is an antique altar dating from 1904. After discovering this treasure, we undertook its restoration and moved it into the church.



The Restored Altar at Holy Nativity Chapel

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our priests, seminarians, and brothers, together with the generous assistance of numerous parishioners, the extensive renovations were completed in time for the blessing on September 12. On that day, many parishioners gathered to witness the blessing of their newly renovated church and to assist at the first Mass offered there. How truly blessed we have been by God! In these days of confusion and widespread loss of faith, it is such a consolation to see the true Faith spread and to see our parishes grow.

Please keep our priests, seminarians, and brothers in your prayers that we may become religious after the Heart of Christ. Pray, too, that God may continue to bless us with new vocations so that we may serve you and future generations of Catholics for many years to come. We have already been blessed in this regard as our four new postulants arrived a couple of weeks ago to begin their religious formation. Finally, pray for one another that you may ever remain steadfast in the belief and practice of the true Catholic Faith. God bless you!



After the First Mass

In the Sacred Heart,

+James Carroll, C.S.P.V

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V

**Holy Nativity Chapel
137 Chambers Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865**

**Mass every Sunday
at 12:30 p.m.**