

Haiti and Hurricane Matthew by Dave Puckett & Jack Lydon

We've all heard and seen a lot regarding Hurricane Matthew and the destruction in southwestern Haiti. Our sister parish is in Jeremie which took the brunt of the storm. Communications are still sporadic, but we received this email on October 21:

“ Thank you very much for the Wire Transfer from the Cathedral of the Assumption parishioners. I receive the \$ 5,000 US for the school lunch Program. We hope that the children come back at school on november 7, 2016.

The Cathedral of Saint Louis is very damaged by the hurricane Matthew. We need to repair the roof in sheet metal, the vault in plank of board, to replace the leaded-glass windows, to replace the doors and the benches.

Now We have many difficulties to celebrate the Holy Mass with the parishioners, because We haven't Church. On rainy days, there is no way to go in the Church because it's without roof. It's for us a big test.

We hope that the Cathedral of the Assumption parishioners will go, as best they can, to help us to repair our Cathedral of Saint Louis of Jeremie, victim of the disaster of the hurricane Matthew.

Sincerely yours,
Fr Marc-Arthur Emile,
Pastor of Saint Louis Parish “

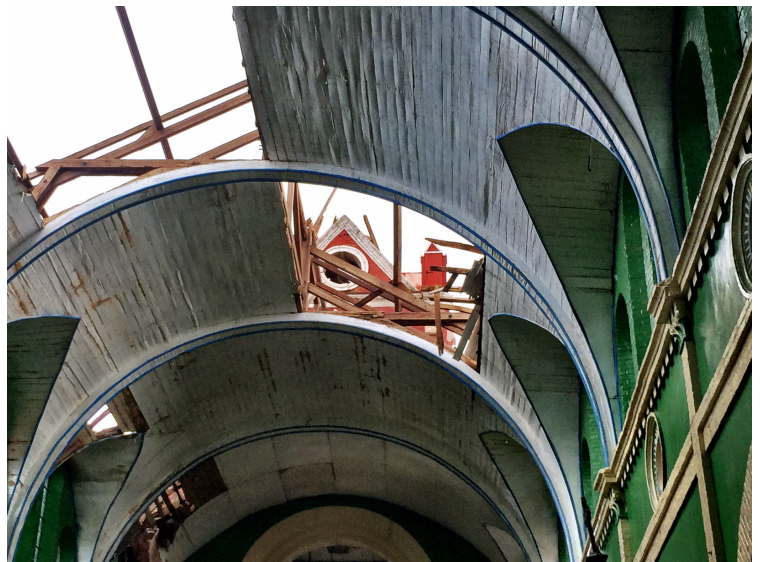


Top right, Fr. Marc-Arthur Emile

Below left and right, damage to roof of

Cathedrale St. Louis, our sister parish in Jeremie.

Photos by Cathy & Gary Boice



Your contributions via the green envelopes for School Lunch Program, other donations and bequests are held in a restricted account and are used exclusively for efforts at our Sister Parish. Over time the Sister Parish Committee has opted to send funds for purposes other than the school lunch program. For example, in the fall of 2015 we funded repairs to the building near the Rectory where people from the street are given lunches, an outreach that parallels our own Sandefur Dining Room mission.



Left: Cathedrale St. Louis Building where meals are provided for the homeless.

Right: Severely damaged kitchen of St. Therese Montessori School where meals are provided for students.

Regarding the immediate needs, we are sending \$5000 to assist in replacing the metal roof as a first step. We will be monitoring usage of the funds as best we can and will keep you updated as things progress.

If you wish to assist with additional financial support:

Visit our Web site (www.CathedraloftheAssumption.org), click on Donate Button, choose Campaign – Haiti Sister Parish – in comments you might note Haiti Relief.

Put funds in a green School Lunch Program envelope or

Send a check to the parish (433 South Fifth St, Louisville, KY 40202) noting Haiti Relief.

There will be additional collection opportunities in the coming months.