

Repair, Renovate, Restore

**The St. Thomas the Apostle Pipe Organ was installed in 1986.
After 33 years of service, our organ is in desperate need of
repair, renovation, restoration...and your help!**

The Facts

- The organ is played at over 400 Masses and numerous rehearsals each year.
- It serves the Parish on a weekly basis, school liturgies, weddings, funerals and other special functions.
- The pipe organ accompanies a multitude of choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists.
- There are over 1,000 pipes, 25 voices, 12 ranks, and 2 manuals (keyboards).

The Issues

- In the 1980s, when our organ was custom built, a change in zinc manufacturing affected the pipe organ industry, resulting in weakened metal pipes. As a result, MANY of our pipes need to be replaced and many others repaired.
- 33 years of dust and incense necessitates the removal and cleaning of all pipes.
- The original organ design allowed for pipe work that was never installed. As a result, the organ has no Principal Pedal stop and is missing other stops that would be standard in an instrument serving any parish.
- The pedalboard is completely worn from use.
- The electrical system is in need of modernization, as technology has vastly changed over the last 33 years.

The Plan

- The Console will be completely rebuilt or exchanged, upgraded, and modernized.
- The Windchests and bellows will be completely re-leathered, providing 30-40 years of reliable service.
- The pipework and all related parts will be completely cleaned, and all compromised internal zinc pipes repaired or replaced.
- The Trumpet and Cromhorn pipes will be completely revoiced and rescaled to correct the physical failure of the original zinc pipework, providing vastly-improved tonal resources and superior tuning stability.
- New pipe racking and supports will be put in place to ensure stability.

Contributions are greatly accepted, please make checks payable to St. Thomas Church, and in the memo section write Pipe Organ Restoration.