

St. Matthias, Westmount - Hochelaga Deanery

Address: 10 Church Hill, Westmount QC. H3Y 2Z9

Location Type: Community

Location Comments: St. Matthias faces on to Chemin de la Côte Ste. Antoine. It has visibility provided by other services around it such as the City Hall and Selwyn House, a private boys school

FACILITY EXTERIOR (Curb Appeal):

Building: The large stone structure looks in good condition.

Doors: All of the doors are heavy stained wood. They do not look welcoming.

Gardens: Very nice - however, trees hide the building.

Walkways: Good condition

Parking: Street

Lighting: Functional and safety

Overall Appearance: The church looks austere. There are many doors - not sure where they lead – does not have a welcoming appearance.

Cemetery: None

FACILITY INTERIOR:

Worship Space:

Walls: Fair condition

Flooring: Hardwood floors and aisle carpet in good condition

Use of Space: The sanctuary is nice and open. The space was built for a very large congregation - no longer effective. There is storage and clutter in open view in the transept areas.

Ancillary Space: (Parish Hall)

Walls: All ancillary areas need to be painted. The entranceways all need to be updated.

Flooring: Older tiles and carpeting throughout the spaces need to be replaced.

Offices: Yes, clergy and administrative offices - nice spaces

Washrooms: Yes - fair condition, not wheelchair accessible

Wheelchair access: Not accessible

Use of space: The space is not laid out effectively. There are many levels. There is clutter around the building. Upper Hall is used by a daycare.

SIGNAGE:

Directional: None

Location: Poor condition, very small, difficult to read, parallel to the road, not visible

Special Event Signage: None

Interior Signage: None, very confusing building

PAST FIVE YEAR UPGRADES:

Repairs to basement from water leaking into the ground from the steam boiler, patched roof, repairs to some wiring, reducing clutter around building

PLANNED FUTURE UPGRADES:

Roof needs repairs - they are looking at a major building renovation.

