



Dear Parishioners,

Our parish campus is overdue for a critical transformation. **Our parking lot has not seen major maintenance or renewal for over 30 years.** Decades of heavy traffic, freezing winters, and natural wear have caused the asphalt to fall into severe disrepair, creating deep cracks, potholes, and safety hazards for our community

As such, I am excited to announce a major upgrade to our parish campus. Our aging parking lot and key walkways will undergo complete replacement to ensure safety, improve accessibility, and modernize our facilities.

Below is an overview of the project details, financial plan, and ways you can stay updated on its progress.

Project Overview & Timeline

- **Project Duration:** The construction is expected to take between **2 to 3 weeks** and will begin **mid-to-late August**.
- **Contractor:** **T.L. Edwards, Inc.** based in **Avon, MA**.
- **Scope of Work:**
 - **Full Asphalt Replacement:** All existing asphalt in the parking lot will be completely removed and replaced.
 - **Sidewalks & Pathways:** The central pathway and the parish center sidewalks will be fully repaved.
 - **Island Endcap Removal:** The island endcaps will be removed to create a safer, more open driving space and allow for easier, more efficient winter snow plowing.

Accessibility Upgrades

- **Improved Handicap Access:** Excavation will take place near the church's handicap ramp to allow for a more gradual, easier access point.
- **More Accessible Parking:** Additional handicap spaces, including van-accessible spots, will be created near the ramp and across reconfigured sections of the lot.

Financial Breakdown

We are committed to full financial transparency. The total cost of this vital infrastructure project is estimated to be between **\$400,000 and \$500,000**.

To fund this, we are utilizing a combination of savings and a structured loan:

- **Diocesan Loan:** We are taking a **\$300,000 loan** directly from the Diocese.
- **Loan Terms:** A 7-year term with a stepped interest rate structure:
 - **Years 1–4:** 3% interest
 - **Years 5–6:** 4% interest
 - **Year 7:** 5% interest
- **Early Repayment Plan:** We aim to pay this loan off well ahead of schedule using funds raised through our upcoming annual appeals.

Stay Updated

Please review the weekly bulletins, monitor our parish website, and listen closely to announcements at the end of Mass for updates and any possible interruptions in the normal weekly schedule of the parish.

Words of Gratitude

This massive undertaking would not be possible without the dedicated leadership of our **parking lot committee**.

I extend my deepest gratitude to members **Joe Bettencourt**, **Lorraine Levy**, and **Ted Sargent** for their tireless work. They have generously shared their time, professional expertise, and logistical assistance to review vendor bids, analyze the structural needs of our campus, and secure the best possible financial terms for our parish.

Looking to the Future

Thank you for your patience, prayers, and continued financial generosity as we build a safer, more accessible parish community together!

+ *In Christ* +,

Fr. Matt

***For any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact me at
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