



# Parish of The Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

St. Dorothy and St. Thomas Churches

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September 30, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You've no doubt noticed that daylight is gradually diminishing, and nightfall is creeping up earlier each day. The leaves are already beginning to change color and will soon be falling. That means Fall is upon us and it is time for the Grand Annual collection. After all these years of being a pastor this is my first time writing a Grand Annual letter, though not the first-time asking parishioners to donate in some way to help with the upkeep of their parish. In other churches and in synagogues the members of the congregation are asked to tithe and in some they are asked to commit to a certain amount so the parish can make a feasible and reasonable budget, based on an amount of expected income. As you know we are dependent upon a system where the amount of donations for operating income varies and is uncertain from one year to the next.

In the past, a Grand Annual Collection would have been used strictly for capital improvements. As you know the parish has continued to experience a shortfall in our Operating Income from the Weekly and Monthly Offertory. As a result, the Grand Annual was used to help pay monthly bills and needed repairs. Consequently, many needed improvements had been, and unfortunately will be, deferred. Looking at the next page you will see what needed to be done, and in the case of the St. Thomas doors, other projects that were deferred.

Our facilities are in constant use and in need of frequent maintenance. One of the most used buildings, Villanova Hall, is closed for an indefinite period because of the unplanned mold remediation. Just as you know from your own experience, it seems as soon as one repair or project is completed another problem arises. The Pastoral Plan is essential to the success and future of our Faith Community. To ensure this continues, the daily operation of the parishes must be maintained as well as its facilities.

Please see the reverse side for the projects that have been and will need to be completed within this next year. Due to the increasing cost to maintain our facilities, I ask each family to prayerfully consider this year's Grand Annual Collection and contribute \$400. I fully understand that not everyone is in a financial position to make this pledge, some may be able to contribute more and others less. Please give as generously as you can, and know that each contribution, no matter how small or large is greatly appreciated and needed. Please help us to continue to transform the Parish of the Transfiguration, a faith community of which we can all be proud.

May God bless your generosity, and may He continue to bless you and your loved ones with every grace you need to live your Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Walter A. Carreiro, Pastor

**Un-Budgeted Projects Complete the Past Fiscal Year 2022**

<b>St Dorothy Church</b>		<b>Total</b>
• Painted Exterior Fascia Boards	\$1,175	
• Replaces Hot Water Tank	\$1,887	
• Replaced Light Control Panels and Faulty Outlets	\$1,506	
		<b>\$4,568</b>
<b>St Thomas Church</b>		
• Dead Tree Removal	\$2,200	
• Replaced Heat Traps in Lower Church	\$2,871	
• Computer Equipment Replacements	\$4,377	
		<b>\$9,448</b>
<b>Rectory</b>		
• HVAC System	\$11,132	
• Replaced Carpeting	\$ 3,327	
• Pastor's Computer and Set-Up	\$ 1,078	
• Replaced Damaged Blinds	\$ 3,127	
		<b>\$18,664</b>
<b>Rectory Sewage Pipe Back Up</b>		
• Replaced Broken Pipe	\$2,075	
• Asbestos Removal	\$3,100	
• Remove Toilets and Vanities	\$ 489	
• Replace Damaged Flooring	\$4,200	
• Install Toilets and Replace Vanities	\$2,780	
		<b>\$12,644</b>
<b>2022 Total</b>		<b><u>\$45,324</u></b>

**Projects To Be Completed This Fiscal Year 2023**

<b>St Dorothy Church</b>		<b>Total</b>
• Update and Repair Sound System	\$ 9,963	
• Repair Front Granite Stairs	\$29,000	
• Repair Church Bell Carillon System	\$ 9,890	
• Repair Inoperable Church Lights	\$ 5,500	
		<b>\$54,353</b>
<b>Projects To Be Completed This Fiscal Year 2023 Continued</b>		
<b>St Thomas Church</b>		<b>Total</b>
• Upgrade and Repair Sound System	\$16,827	
• Repair Front Stairs	\$ 800	
• Repair Slate Roof	\$17,500	
• Plaster & Painting Interior	\$ 5,200	
• Replace doors	\$90,000	
		<b>\$130,327</b>
<b>Villanova Hall</b>		<b>Total</b>
Mold Remediation in Lower Hall		<b>\$44,600</b>
<b>2023 Total</b>		<b><u>\$229,280</u></b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b><u>\$274,504</u></b>