

St. Theresa Church

Investments for the Future

To ensure a successful future, we as a parish must invest in the following:

- **Rectory Front Steps**

Over the years, the platform and steps have deteriorated and could soon become a safety concern. We need to repair immediately.

- **Our Sign located on the Stafford Road**

As you can see in the picture, the sign is in a state of great disrepair and need to be replaced. Our goal is to both modernize the look of the sign and to create a more prominent display.

- **The Rectory Boiler**

Our boiler is very old and inefficient and we've reached the limit in the amount of costly maintenance we spend each year to keep it in service. The boiler should be replaced.

- **Doors and Windows**

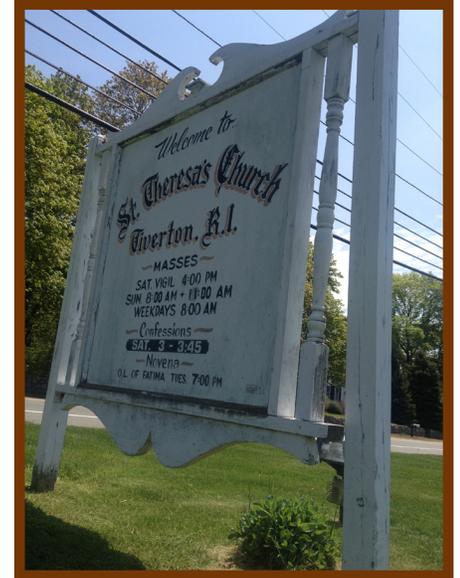
Many of the rectory windows and doors need to be replaced. Not unlike the rectory boiler, the windows and doors are equally inefficient, drafty and contribute to an ever-increasing heating and cooling expense.

- **The Church Bells**

Some years ago, a generous parishioner donated the church bell sound system which no longer works. The needed repairs to return the system to a usable state are very costly and not a prudent use of our budget dollars. We will work to install a new system entirely.

- **Our Parishioners - Our Most Valuable Asset**

We are recruiting parishioners to join a newly formed parish maintenance committee which will be key to helping Father Shemek, the Trustees and Finance Council prioritize, seek bids, secure contracts etc. Please let Fr. Shemek know if you have a talent or expertise to share!



**Outdated Parish Sign
on Stafford Road**

**In case you missed
Fr. Shemek's
Special Announcement
at Mass last weekend.
*Our mortgage is paid!***



**We appreciate your
unwavering commitment to
helping us meet our
operating needs by
continuing your generous
weekly offertory gifts.**

Maintenance Update

St. Christopher Church

Our Latest Infrastructure Initiatives

Protecting Our Investment

Keeping St. Christopher Safe, Sound and Beautiful

It's been awhile since we've given you an update on our infrastructure improvement initiatives. As we've vowed to be good stewards of your time, talent and treasure, we're pleased to report our list of accomplishments is ever growing - thanks in large part to your financial and spiritual generosity. Check the box below to see what we've accomplish this year.

Along with the coming of Spring, we will continue to improve our parish. We remain focused on trying to invest in our infrastructure fund (which includes 20% of our Initiative of Renewal donations) to ensure we'll be prepared for major repairs in the future. We also continue to leverage the generous donations of talent and treasure of some of our parishioners to best continue the work on much-needed upgrades and repairs.



Fence in Much Need of Replacement

We'll soon be working on a few critical items. We will be replacing the fence around our Blessed Mother Shrine which has become a great safety issue, fixing the leak in the upper entrance to the church hall and replacing the carpet, and finishing the renovation of the side sacristy.

Mission Accomplished!

- Renovated Bathrooms - *Eagle Project*
- Remodeled Sacristy
- New PA Amplifier in Hall - *Donation*
- Repaired Leaks in Side Sacristy
- New Bell Tower Chime System - *Donation*
- Completed 20 Items in Rectory
- Installed "Drop" Safe for Collection
- Leased a More Efficient High-Volume Copy Machine



THANK YOU ALL!

For helping accomplish all this while consistently reducing the balance of our loan!

We have asked the Town to resurface the road on the south side of the church and will be looking at repairing some of the cracks in the parking lot.

Most importantly, we want to add to the beauty of our church by refreshing the sanctuary with new carpeting and repairing the plaster cracks in the ceilings and walls. We will need some help with treasure to accomplish this goal.

If you'd like to make a special donation toward the sanctuary repair, please contact Fr. Shemek or send a check in an envelope marked "Sanctuary".

CONGRATULATIONS!

Under the direction of Jim Hines, St. Christopher has reached our Catholic Charity Campaign Goal!!

The overage returns to the parish and will be earmarked for the improvements listed above.