

August 19, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past several months, we have been carefully reviewing the needs of our parish facilities. The current roof of the church is outdated and worn, allowing water to leak through the church ceiling in multiple areas. Additionally, the glass doors at the main entrance were installed in the late 1990s, and the door framing is significantly damaged after several years of 'wear and tear' and weathering. Damage to the door framing poses a security risk as the doors do not always latch properly.

After gathering quotes from multiple vendors, consulting with our finance council, and receiving diocesan approval, I am happy to announce that we are moving forward with these two essential improvement projects. I share with deep gratitude that we are able to fund these projects using a bequest of a parishioner who has passed.

The church and rectory roofs are scheduled to be replaced the week of August 25, 2025. The church roof is expected to take four days to replace, weather permitting. Please take note of the following changes to our weekly schedule during the roof replacement:

- The small parking area near the chapel entrance will be unavailable during the roof replacement. Please park in the main parking lot. The main entrance doors will be open for daily Mass, confessions, and to access our offices.
- Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be canceled on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.
- Daily Mass will take place in the narthex, located near the main entrance by the statue of St. Anthony. Mass times will remain the same.
- The sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. will happen in Meeting Room A, located off the gathering space.

The main entry doors are scheduled to be replaced mid-September. During the door replacement, please enter the building using the doors near the gymnasium. A staff member will be stationed at these doors to welcome and assist you.

I am grateful for your support in maintaining our parish as a beautiful place to worship. In keeping the welcoming spirit here at St. Anthony, the new doors will open wide to warmly welcome both guests and parishioners. Status updates on the upcoming projects will be available on our parish website, saparish.com.

God bless,

Father Tony Pelak

Pastor