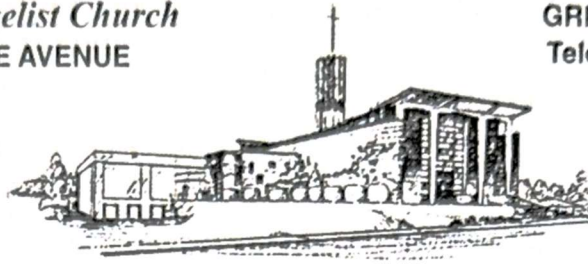


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**Dear Parishioners,**

Peace and every blessing in Christ Jesus.

For generations, our parish church has stood as a sacred dwelling where the People of God gather to worship, to be nourished by Word and Sacrament, and to grow in communion with one another. It is here, within these walls, that we have welcomed new life through Baptism, been restored through Reconciliation, united in Matrimony, and sent forth in mission after the Eucharist—the very heart and summit of our communal life.

As faithful stewards of this spiritual home, we are now called to care for the space that has so faithfully cared for us. Time and use have taken their toll, and it is necessary to undertake vital renovations that will preserve and enhance the dignity of our worship and the hospitality of our parish, as I call it as a ‘Family of Families.’

Thanks to your generosity and the grace of God, we have already made significant progress: the roof has been repaired, a new furnace installed, the parish hall exterior painted, and our facilities made more accessible in accordance with ADA standards. These accomplishments are a testament to your shared love and devotion—true reflections of the self-giving love we celebrate each time we gather around the altar.

Yet the work continues. Project One of our renovation plan—slated to begin this August—will include the restoration of the sanctuary, the renewal of the confessional, and the construction of fully ADA-accessible restrooms. Project Two will improve the parish offices, ensuring both functionality and privacy for pastoral work and residence. Project Three envisions the addition of a Narthex, a gracious space for gathering, fellowship, and welcome, especially for those entering our doors for the first time.

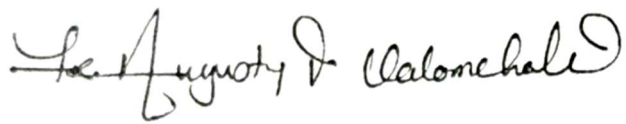
These sacred undertakings require the prayerful and generous support of our entire community. As St. Paul reminds us, “Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others.” (Philippians 2:4).

Every gift—whether material or spiritual—contributes to the ongoing renewal of our parish family. Whether you are able to give financially, offer your time or talents, or hold this effort in prayer, your participation is both vital and deeply appreciated.

To contribute, you may use the donation envelopes available in the church. This will allow for lump-sum or periodic payments, as your budget permits. You may also contact the parish office directly if you would prefer alternative arrangements. If now is not the right moment for financial support, please know your prayers for the success of this mission are equally precious.

May we, united in Christ and guided by the Spirit, continue to build not only stone upon stone, but hearts united in faith, hope, and love. May our parish, ***"Family of Families,"*** remain a dwelling place for the Lord and a beacon of welcome for all who seek Him.

**With sincere gratitude and prayer,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Augusty Valomchalil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F" and "V".

**Fr. Augusty Valomchalil**

**Pastor**