

Case Statement

There are unique opportunities as a parish for us in the coming years. After prayer, discernment, and reflection, Fr. Barbella and lay leadership have identified areas of the parish in need of attention. While physical buildings do not make a parish, they are essential to fulfilling the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, religious education, and fellowship.

Since the dedication of the parish in 1959, faithful parishioners have built and maintained the facilities of St. John Vianney Parish through sacrifice and commitment. Now, to better serve our parishioners and responsibly steward the blessings that have been given to us, the following projects are necessary:

PARKING LOT - \$300,000

For the safety of our parishioners, we would like to have the parking lot repaved. This will cover the remaining cost since we already have \$125,000 in restricted gifts.

FIRE ALARM - \$48,000

Upgrade the fire alarm system for the church and school.

CHURCH SACRISTY ROOF REPAIR - \$30,000

There are several leaks that need to be addressed.

CHURCH GUTTERS - \$25,000

Repair and replace all the gutters of the church to address the leaks.

HVAC SYSTEM - \$127,000

(Price due to our being eligible for a 70% rebate program from the power company.)
Install a new heating and air conditioning system for the rectory, cafeteria, and school gym.

RECTORY - \$44,000

Gutters: All gutters around the rectory need to be replaced.
Basement Wall: The wall in the basement of the rectory is 62 years old and needs to be repaired in places from water damage that has now been mitigated.
Windows: All windows are 62 years old and need to be replaced.

SCHOOL ELEMENTS - \$400,000

Gymnasium AC: We need to install an AC unit for the gym.
Windows: All windows need to be replaced.

PRE-K WINDOWS - \$36,000

Replace all the windows in the pre-k building, approximately 42 that have been there a long time. Window replacement in several buildings will mean better energy efficiency.

CONVENT WINDOW REPLACEMENTS - \$23,000

There are 34 windows around the convent that have not been replaced.

DEBT REDUCTION - \$500,000

Our parish has an outstanding debt with the Diocese from the replacement of the school roof in 2022 and work done in the Church 15 years ago. We have been making regular payments but would like to make a significant contribution by paying down the principal and shortening the length and cost of this loan.

CHURCH CONTINGENCY FUND - \$100,000

Establish a contingency fund that can be used in the future to address any issues that arise above and beyond the regular operating costs. This will not include the items presented here.

This will establish an emergency fund to protect the parish and cover unexpected needs.

OVERALL PROJECT COST FOR REPAIRS/UPGRADES: \$1.6 – \$1.7M

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - \$120,000

Each parish in the Diocese of Metuchen participates in this appeal each year in order to fund and service various Catholic ministries, health services, faith formation, compassionate outreach, vocation and formation of seminarians, care of elderly priests, and support for needy parishes and schools. Our plan is to incorporate these needs into our case for the campaign. In this way, our parish can focus on one major effort for 2025, rather than asking families to contribute twice in the same year.



TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL \$1.75M - \$1.85M