## Pastor's Journal...
## Fr. William P. Felix



15 November 2026 + Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The entrance project at St. Joseph Church continues to progress nicely. Most of the concrete work is completed. The village will be completing their sidewalk, curb, and gutter, in front of the church as well. Window and door installation should take place this week. The completion of the decorative work on the front, is also expected to be completed. The weather has been very cooperative, thank God! Now a bit of bad news! In our construction meeting this week, we were told that the elevator company will not be able to install the elevator until the week of December 7th. While this is only a couple of weeks before Christmas, once the elevator is installed a number of other things need to be done, including inspection and certification. We cannot use the elevator nor occupy the church with a large number of people until all of this is complete. Right now, we are looking at final completion the first full week in January 2027. In short, we will not be able to celebrate Christmas Mass at St. Joseph Church as we hoped.

The Christmas season extends until the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th. My hope is that we will be able to set that date as the blessing (or baptism) of the new entrance at the 10:30am Mass. All Christmas decorations need to come down following the Baptism of the Lord since we return to ordinary time. I am not sure how much, if any, Christmas decorating will take place in St. Joseph Church. While this is certainly disappointing, we will make the best of it.

I want to thank all of you who have already contributed and/or pledged in this year's diocesan/parish annual appeal. Please remember how important this is in order for us to pay down our project loans quickly. The faster we retire the loans the less interest we have to pay. The Christmas Bazaar and dinner last Sunday was spectacular. Everyone I talked to said how delicious the meal was and what a wonderful array of silent auction items were gifted. A special shout-out goes to the youth who helped with the dinner and tables. Everyone appreciated your time and effort. Thanks to everyone who had some part in a very successful and fun Sunday.

Continued blessings and best wishes,