

VILLANOVA TRAFFIC & CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

July 17th through July 21st

Villanova University will be working on the plaza this week and would need it through the weekend, which means no pedestrian traffic in front of the Church. All access to the inside of the Church will be through the side door, adjacent to St. Rita's. **We will provide signage to detour pedestrians to those doors of the Church.** The Funeral traffic remains as planned originally. They should enter campus through Ithan Avenue and exit down the Church drive to Lancaster Avenue.

Now and running through at least July 15th, vehicle traffic from the Spring Mill Road/Route 320 Entrance to Villanova will be restricted beyond Tolentine and White Halls. The roadway behind the Monastery and Church will be blocked for utility construction and the start of Phase IV of the Transformation of the Campus Landscape initiative. Cars will be permitted to drive around the Lancaster Avenue side of Tolentine up to the Monastery Circle. As always, be respectful of spaces near the Monastery reserved for the friars who live there.

In addition, the construction of the new plaza in front of the Villanova Church, which is part of the overall Pedestrian Bridge project, has begun. The targeted completion of the plaza is August 25th. During this time, the areas outside the front of the Church will be limited to pedestrian traffic only. All vehicular traffic will be able to access the Church either from the Spring Mill Road/Route 320 Entrance, as noted above, or from the Ithan Avenue Main Entrance to the St. Rita Circle area and handicapped spaces.

If you don't have any special mobility needs, the preferred option continues to be that you park across the street from the Church. When you come off of Lancaster Avenue at St. Thomas Way, go to the top, turn right, and head to the spaces behind Moriarty Hall or beyond (designated as L2 parking.) Please be sure to use the crosswalk and follow the pedestrian signals at the St. Thomas Way intersection. This is the only safe way to cross Lancaster Avenue in that vicinity. Then follow the temporary walkway to the Church. The Pedestrian Bridge construction will last through the rest of the year, with completion perhaps coming in time for Christmas.

Stay tuned for regular updates in the bulletin and on the parish website! Please check out the link on the website for drawings that help illustrate the vehicular/pedestrian traffic plan.