

East Rocks Road Bridge over the Merritt to St Jerome Church Closes March 22

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has informed the parish that the East Rocks Road bridge over the Merritt Parkway, meaning the section of East Rocks between Ox Yoke Lane and Granite Drive, is to be closed Monday, March 22, 2010 until May 31 of next year, 2011. The East Rocks Road Bridge over the Merritt Parkway is being replaced.

If you use East Rocks Road to drive to St. Jerome Church from any location south of the church, you can drive an alternate route past the church and then back onto the open northern portion of East Rocks Road. You can drive to the church on West Rocks Road to Bayne Street to East Rocks, or on Grumman Avenue to Half Mile Road to East Rocks.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation project will include complete demolition of the superstructure of this historic rigid frame concrete bridge and the casting of a new superstructure of identical dimensions and appearance. Due to the type of replacement, staged construction will not be possible. The Connecticut Department of Transportation is allowing approximately 430 calendar days for the work with no scheduled work during the winter shutdown period. There also will be lane shifts and crossovers on the Merritt Parkway as part of the traffic control plan.