

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last week, His Eminence, Cardinal Egan, celebrated a Bicentennial Mass for Dutchess County at St. Mary's in Wappingers Falls. A limited number of people were invited to represent each of the parishes in Dutchess County, so members of our Parish Council and staff attended. At the end of the Mass the Cardinal spoke about the vibrancy and growth of the Catholic Church in Dutchess County and, of course, mentioned the building of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church. He also mentioned that he was recently appointed to the Vatican Committee responsible for recommending individuals for sainthood. He promised that he would do everything possible to promote the cause of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I would also ask you to pray that Blessed Kateri be canonized a saint. There are prayer cards at the back of the church for this purpose. Please take one.

Most of you have noticed the cross placed on top of the new church. This is the wooden cross built for the groundbreaking ceremony, and the workmen asked if they could place it on the roof. This cross is a powerful symbol and gives us a sense of the size of our new church. The cross makes this structure a holy place and reminds us of our call to be a holy people.

Many of you have asked when we will be able to place our family stones under the place where our altar will be placed. I have not been given a date by the builders, but it will be in the next few weeks. Be ready, but don't make them too large. They have to fit down a four inch pipe.

As you can see, much progress is being made on the roof and side walls of the new building. All the steel framing is up, and the next dramatic step will be starting the exterior stone work. The builders are hopeful they will start in the next couple of weeks. We are just now selecting the interior tile and colors. When some of these items are selected, I hope to have a parish presentation to show some of these items to you.

Finally, and most importantly, we are moving into November; a month when we remember, in a special way, all those who have gone before us -- our deceased relatives and friends. On November 1st, the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate all those united with Christ and praying for us. On this day we will celebrate three Masses at 9am, 5pm and 7pm. November 2nd is All Souls Day, a special day of prayer for all those who have died. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is traditionally a day when many attend Mass to pray for deceased relative and friends. The Masses on All Souls Day are 9am and 7pm. You may also pray for your deceased relatives and friends by using the All Souls Day Envelopes and placing the names of those you want remembered on the spaces provided. They will be placed next to the tabernacle for the month of November.

*~Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let everlasting light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace~*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18**

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no religious education classes on Wednesday, October 31st.

On All Saints Day, November 1st, the Thursday classes will attend the Holy Day Masses at 5 or 7 pm. During the 30 minutes of class time prior to the beginning of these Masses, Msgr. O'Connor will discuss with the children the significance of the different parts of the Mass. Although the students will sit up front by class, the parents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn along with their children!

This week is **Christian Superheroes Week!** Your children and their catechists are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Saint, including such unknown saints as deceased relatives, etc. Photos of our saints will be taken and displayed in the vestibule throughout the month of November. It should be fun!

An adult class assistant is need for the 5th grade class on Wednesday evenings. Please call our office, 223-3767, as soon as possible to volunteer.

An 8th grade substitute is needed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Knowledge of Church History would be helpful. Please call for further information.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Bishops of New York State have established a way for us to become more effective players in the public arena – the Catholic Advocacy Network. This network uses the convenience of e-mail to let you lobby your legislators from your own home. Please pick up a flyer in our lobby and strengthen the Catholic voice.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Fourth Annual Blessed Kateri Parish Christmas Pageant will take place on Friday, December 14th at 7:30 pm. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 6:30pm in the church; parents and children should come. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm beginning Nov.14th. Anyone in grades 2 to 6 are invited to be part of the pageant. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in public schools to have their chance to be part of a religious pageant celebrating the birthday of Jesus.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We need your help to stock the food pantry! **Today**, SVDP members will provide plastic bags (and a list of necessary items) to anyone who would like one. All you need to do is return the bag to Blessed Kateri the weekend of Nov. 3rd and 4th with one item of your choosing or several items if you wish. Society members will be outside the church next weekend to collect the bags. Let us remember the plight of the needy.

Each week in our bulletin we will be listing items needed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This week the items needed are: Jell-O, mayonnaise and oatmeal. Please leave your items in the church vestibule.

For those in need of assistance, the SVDP hotline number is 227-7863.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PREPARING TO SERVE MASS

Young people who love Jesus and want to serve Him in our church, and who are in grades 6 and above, are the lucky ones invited to have the privilege and honor of serving Sunday Masses in our church.

Soon, Monsignor O'Connor will be scheduling training sessions for new servers. If you are in the 6th grade or older, and want to become a server, lease fill out this form with your name, address, and phone number. Send it to the rectory or give it to Monsignor O'Connor when you see him.

I am interested in becoming an Altar Server

Name

Address

Phone Number

Please return this form to Monsignor O'Connor or to the rectory by putting it in the collection basket, or mailing it to:
1810 Route 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

BLESSED KATERI TEEN PROGRAM

Thanks to all who came to last Sunday's meeting. Special thanks to the teens and adults who organized and conducted the meeting.

Tonight, October 28th, there will be a core group meeting at 6pm in the church. The core group is that group of teens and adults who will be planning the meetings and activities of the Teen Group.

Next general meeting for all high school teens will be November 4th at 6pm. We ask that you bring a snack or drink for the sharing table.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET APPEAL

Thanksgiving is approaching and it is time once again to ask for Holiday Baskets for our less fortunate families. If you would like to donate a holiday basket, or would like more information about this program, please call Linda at 227-7863.

Anyone who may have an extra turkey, please contact Mary Dietz at 226-7614.

CATHOLIC ONLINE PARENTING.ORG

A practical online course is being offered in conjunction with the Archdiocese of New York's Family Life + Respect Life Office. The course is being developed and taught by Deacon Robert Jarmick of St. Martin de Porres. It will cover preventive pro-active techniques for avoiding problems, staying calm, forgiving family members and much more. Go to www.catholiconlineparenting.org for details, or call Deacon Jarmick at 462-1949 for more information. Sign up by November 1st. The course begins November 12th.

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CRAFT FAIR AT ST.COLUMBA NOV. 3

Keep in mind that the very popular Altar Rosary Society Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday November 3rd at St. Columba School in Hopewell Junction. If you have a new gift item that you would like to donate, please mark the item "Treasure Chest Table" and leave it in the room to the left as you enter St. Columba Church. If you have any questions, call Betty Perrino at 454-1840.

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

Come join us in the lower level of Blessed Kateri Church each Monday from 9:45am-11:30am. This Monday, October 29th, we will have our Halloween costume party. On Monday, November 5th, we will be doing a Grateful Blessing craft. For more information call Donna at 226-3606.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you are sick, homebound or in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or would like a pastoral visit please contact Deacon John by calling 223-8410 and leave a detailed message or the Church Office at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may e-mail Deacon John at JBarone49@gmail.com.

TAIZE PRAYER SONG

An evening of Taize Prayer Song will be presented by the well-known Mt. St. Alphonsus Music Ministry at St. Martin de Porres Church, 116 Cedar Valley Road, on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:30pm. For more information, please call 473-4222.

BAPTISM DATES

To arrange for a Baptism at Blessed Kateri, please call the rectory at 227-1710. The next dates are, Sat. Nov. 10, Sun. Nov 18, Sat. Dec. 6, and Sun. Dec. 30, at 1:30pm.

BLESSED KATERI PRAYER NETWORK

If you have intentions or requests that you would like our Prayer Network to pray for, please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053, or Betty Paraggio at 223-5674.

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection - \$9,228

Last Year's Collection - \$9,324

For all those who will be trick-or-treating on Halloween, that they have fun and be kept safe; and that we don't forget to come to Mass the next day.

Let us pray...

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 29

9:00am Robert Freer
by the Freer and Kirchner Families

Tuesday, October 30

9:00am Edward Lynch
by the Office of Religious Education

Wednesday, October 31

9:00am Jane Martin

Thursday, November 1

9:00am John and Christine Brennan
by the O'Hare Family

Friday, November 2

9:00am For All Souls

Sunday, November 4

5:30pm Thomas McDermott
by Bob and Pat Lovelock

7:30am For All Parishioners

9:00am Anthony Gauci
by Grace

10:30am For the deceased spouses of the members of the Catholic Widows and Widowers Club
by Lorraine Travia

12:15pm William Struss
by Bob and Ann Lewis

Please pray for those who are ill

George Passarelli--Jackie DePalma--Marion Carney
Billy Jacobs--Marie Gauci--Johnny Romano
Fred Matthews--John Iacurri--Denee' DeVisio
Cathy Paraggio--Raymond Trangalli--Maria Sorrentino
Susan Lancellata--Jay Lubanski--Victor Thomas
Concetta Liccione--Mary Griego
Amelia Catherine Molella--Al Multari--Anne Diggins

Liturgical Ministers for November 4th

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30 Msgr. O'Connor	David Anderson	Anne Anderson, Andrea Cirone Tara Izzo	Elizabeth Baxter, Ciaren Bruen Brian Young
7:30 Msgr. O'Connor	Mary Biasotti	Virginia Fisher, Andrea Ceonzo	Sean Burke, Remo Ricci Jaclyn Ricci
9:00 Msgr. O'Connor	Lisa Struss	Suzanne Power, Betty Perrino Steven Ren	Adam Varano, Sara Ren Clare Whitton
10:30 Fr. O'Hare	Marie Smith	Lorraine Travia, Pat Mackey Carolyn Criscione	Hunter Criscione, Brad Fisher Nicole Fortunato
12:15 Fr. O'Hare	Norma Kraus	Deacon Barone, Carol Reilly Rosemary Archer	Jansen Kantor, Samantha Slusz Jacqueline Rooney

