

Dear Parishioners of Blessed Kateri,

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I will be sending mail to all our registered parishioners this week, giving the latest news about our parish and our building plans. There is a lot going on, more than this space can handle, and I also want to reach those who don't see the bulletin.

Everybody is interested in knowing whether we have a groundbreaking in sight. Pray with us that we can begin this year before winter sets in. A date depends on approvals that we still need from agencies that are doing their work and then have to report to the town Planning Board.

Just to share with you some things we are doing:

Part of our compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act involves making a contract with an archeology professor. The archeological testing that will be going on involves cutting down many acres of the tall grasses where the church and parking lots will go, so that three-foot deep holes can be dug every fifty feet to look for evidence of previous inhabitants of the area.

Part of the Health Department approval process is the running of two wells we have dug, one older and one brand new, for a continuous period of 72 hours. This means that our building has to be without water for 72 hours – a hard thing to do while many people come for religious education and other purposes. So a water tanker becomes a necessity.

Part of the Department of Transportation approval process requires us to cut down several trees that interfere with the sight lines for the two new exits from our parking lots. Long term, we are also committed to bi-annual traffic volume reviews on Rt. 82 in order that the road be safe and the traffic keep flowing.

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