

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #4

Lord Jesus, help us build a beautiful church!

Thanks be to God for the good weather He has given us since our groundbreaking on Sunday, November 5! We have been able to make very significant progress in the site preparations for our new church. Men and machines have been raising the elevation of the ground where the church will be built, filling in and leveling much of the approach road to the front of the church, creating new retention ponds for rainwater, and doing work for the new parking lot to be built on the far side of the church. You can see why we had to budget one million dollars just for the site work around and under the new building!

Weather permitting, we will hit another good target this week when we begin to put in the concrete footings for the church.

On Monday our Poughkeepsie paper had a page one article about historic stained glass windows coming to us from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Harlem, which has been closed for three years already.

I have written to you about them, and our plans to remove, repair, and remount these valuable one hundred year old windows as a beautiful feature of our new church. Understandably, some parishioners of St. Thomas are unhappy to have their church be closed and these windows taken away, so we have to pray for a fair and satisfactory resolution to their concern.