

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As you can see, the outside of the new church is progressing. The stonework should be completed in the next in four weeks. You will also see the installation of the handicap parking area on the north side of the building and the plaza in the front. Sidewalks around the building will be installed in a few weeks. The final layer of blacktop in all the parking areas will not be installed until all heavy equipment is finished on the site.

On the inside, they are still working on the grid-work and sheetrock for the ceiling of the main church. They hope to have this completed within a week so preliminary painting can be done. This has to be completed before the installation of all the woodwork in the main church. While woodwork is being installed in the main church, work will take place on the Chapel and Meeting Room sections of the building. The tile flooring and the pews will be the last items installed, hopefully toward the end of August. We still expect to move in during September.

Several of you have questioned the stained glass windows. The Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha circular window in the Chapel, the large rose window in the Church, and the fourteen small saints windows are being manufactured and will be installed when the Church opens. The large windows are receiving the stained glass from Saint Thomas the Apostle Church. These have not yet been removed from Saint Thomas, and will require eight months of restoration before being installed in Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I still cannot provide an accurate timeline for their installation.

We did receive final approval for the Parish Offices being added on the present building, and the Rectory to the north side at the rear of the Church. Foundations for both of these projects will begin shortly, and hopefully both of these will be completed by the end of September. The Religious Education portion of the building will take at least four weeks to complete and it is expected to be completed during October.

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.

ORGAN CONCERT

On Sunday, November 9th at 5pm, world renowned organist Diane Bish will perform a concert in our new Church. This concert will celebrate the installation of our new Allen Organ and is co-sponsored by Allen Organs and the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Diane Bish is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today. You don't want to miss this concert! Admission is free, by advance reservation. Reserve your seat by calling the rectory at (845) 227-1710 or visiting the parish website at www.blessedkateriparish.com.

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS

Capuchin Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Marigliano, Fr. Michael Sevigny and Fr. Phil Romano will be leading the following pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world this fall:

Holy Land – Sept 25-Oct 3

Franciscan Italy – Oct 2-9

Paris, Lourdes and Lisieux; – Oct 23-30.

Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours at 646-736-7964, info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com or on the web at www.FranciscanSpiritTOurs.com. Mention you were referred by your parish bulletin.

OUTDOOR ROSARY TO BE CREATED

As a young girl and as a teenager, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha had a great devotion to praying the Rosary. Since she was not permitted by her family to keep a Rosary, she made one of stones in the woods where she could pray it daily. We want to make a similar outdoor Rosary as soon as the landscaping is completed. In the meantime, we have to select enough stones while they are still available during this construction phase. At 9am on Saturday, July 26th, we will collect the needed stones, wash them, and paint them white. We also need some adults who could bring wheelbarrows that day. With your help we can collect and paint enough stones between 9am and 12 noon. A later date will be set to actually build the outdoor Rosary. If you can volunteer on the 26th, please contact the rectory at 227-1710 or blessedkateri@frontiernet.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY JULY 16 through SATURDAY JULY 19

Wednesday and Thursday from 6 – 10pm / Friday and Saturday from 4 – 11pm

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