

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Most of you can see the stonework progressing at a steady rate on the outside of the Church. The stonework on the church proper is scheduled to be finished in about a week, and then there is stonework that has to be done on the entrance area. Wiring has been installed for the much needed additional light-posts in the two parking lots. Soon, the walkways in front of the church and the handicap parking area to the north side of the church will be complete.

On the inside there is a flurry of activity. The ceiling of the main church is almost complete, and the walls are prepped for painting. Tile work has commenced in the bathrooms, and the sanctuary floor will be next. When that is complete, installation of the woodwork in the sanctuary area will begin. Work is also progressing on the Daily Mass Chapel and meeting room.

Many are asking "when will we be able to move to the new church?" **IF** everything goes well, we could be in there for the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>; keep praying.

There is activity in other areas as well. The 10,000 gallon oil tank for the new church has been installed. The foundation for the rectory building on the north corner of the church has been poured, and we expect the modular home to be delivered during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>. During the next two weeks you will see the foundation for the Parish Offices in front of the present building taking shape. Work has already begun in the downstairs of the present building. The hallway ceiling and classroom walls are receiving another layer of sheetrock to bring them up to current fire standards. The rear exit will be enclosed, and new classroom doors will be installed. Then, the minute we move into the new church, the present church will be converted into classrooms. Everything is scheduled for completion by the middle of October.

Some parents are already asking about the beginning sessions of Religious Education, since we have scheduled eight classes and will have only four classrooms until the middle of October. The opening week of September 8<sup>th</sup> will be a general meeting in the church with both parents and children attending. This is the same as in the past. During the following four weeks, each class will be in individual classrooms two weeks, and in a large session for an instructional mass and tour of the new building the other two weeks. Obviously the new building will afford the young people many opportunities to deepen their faith and knowledge as they learn about the many statues, stained glass windows, and other liturgical items.

While this is a busy and somewhat challenging time for us as a parish, it is also an extremely exciting time for all of us at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

**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 leaving a

detailed message at 223-8410 or calling the Church Office at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may e-mail Deacon John at [JBarone49@gmail.com](mailto:JBarone49@gmail.com).

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 15**

*On Friday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, we will offer Masses at 7:30pm on August 14 and at 9am and 7:30pm on August 15*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

It's still more than a month before classes begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> (and, yes, classes WILL begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>!), but it's definitely not too early for parents and other interested adult parishioners to think about teaching in our program for the upcoming year. Catechists are still needed to teach some of our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Lots of support is provided, and many training classes are given over the summer. Please give it prayerful thought and make a "commitment-free inquiry" by calling the Office of Religious Education, 223-3767, as soon as possible for details.

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

If you are a young adult (20-30 years of age) and work in the city, you may want to attend the annual open house for young adults on September 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Cathedral Parish House, 14 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street. You will learn about the mission of the CSPYA and meet Catholic young adults from all over the Tri-State area. Please bring family and friends, especially those who are looking to become more involved in their Faith! Please RSVP to [info@cspya.org](mailto:info@cspya.org) if you plan on attending.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)**

- Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you interested in being Baptized, receiving Holy Communion or Confirmation?
- Are you interested in just learning more about our Catholic Faith?

Anybody who is interested in growing in the faith, becoming a Catholic, or receiving these sacraments is urged to contact Monsignor Desmond at 227-1710. Blessed Kateri is presently taking candidates for this year's R.C.I.A. program. Sessions will be starting in September and continue through the Easter Season. They will be held on Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm. We are also asking anyone interested in assisting in this program to contact the rectory also.