

Blessed Kateri Church

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following is taken from the Decree on Divine Worship: *A church is the place where the Christian community is gathered to hear the word of God, to offer intercession and praise to God, and above all to celebrate the holy mysteries, and it is the place where the holy sacrament of the Eucharist is kept. Thus it stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones. And the altar of a church, around which the holy people gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Christ himself, who is the priest, the victim, and the altar of his own sacrifice.*

As a sign that we are called by the 'living stones' that make up the church, we are asking that every family in Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Community obtain a small, flat stone and write your family name and the names of all the individual members of the family on the stone. At a point after the cement is poured in the sanctuary of the new church, you will be invited to place this stone in a place prepared for it directly under where the altar will be placed. This will symbolize our becoming the altar stones of our new church and uniting ourselves with Christ present on the altar. These stones will be an everlasting symbol for all the families who were present when our new church was built. Since this will likely take place in the winter I am suggesting you prepare the stone now.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Msgr. Desmond O'Connor

SAINT DENIS CEMETERY

In an effort to grant a dignified resting place for our loved ones and to provide for the safety of our groundskeepers, we recently sent out a letter outlining the longstanding guidelines for the maintenance of St. Denis Cemetery. We would like to remind all those who have loved ones buried in St. Denis cemetery that all items listed in the guidelines are required to be removed by September 30th. After that time the groundskeepers will remove the restricted items and will store them for an additional 15 days. Thank you for your help and support in making St. Denis Cemetery a dignified place of rest for all of our beloved deceased. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Stan at 226-6818.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

After each mass next week, the Altar Rosary Society will be selling raffle tickets for their annual Craft Fair. The tickets are one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. The grand prize of \$500 will be drawn on Saturday, November 3rd, and the winner need not be present.

The Altar Rosary Society will hold their Pot Luck Dinner on Monday, October 8th at 7pm at St. Columba School. Bring your favorite dish, or just come join us. All are welcome.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF OUR

ARCHDIOCESE: 1808-2008

To mark the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese, a Bicentennial History of the Archdiocese has been compiled. This work contains a brief history of the parishes of the Archdiocese, is almost 600 pages, and contains countless photographs of parish churches and the people who influenced the Archdiocese over the years. It is truly a keepsake item of the highest quality publication. It can be used as a gift or coffee table keepsake. The price of the book is \$30. Since there will only be one publishing, you must order immediately. Order forms are in the Church entrance. Please return them to the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This week our third graders will receive their very own glow-in-the-dark rosary beads! During the month of October they will learn how to recite the Rosary.

On Tuesday, October 1st, the monthly Parent Newsletter will be available in hard copy and on the parish website.

Our program is proud to announce that, last Sunday, three of our catechists were honored at the Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Certification Ceremony at St. Francis in Nyack. We are very proud of Mrs. Betty Perrino and Mrs. Anna Piscitelli, who both received Level II Certification (80 hours of Adult Education) and of Mrs. Mary Ellen Coleman, who received Level I Certification (40 hours). We thank them for their dedication to our parish's children and their catechetical ministry.

Several catechist-tutors are now needed to help students make up missed work. The commitment involves helping one or two students once or twice a month at your convenience. For further details, please call the office at 223-3767.

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.

COME SING WITH US

It's not too late to join our choirs! Rehearsals have begun but newcomers are still welcome to join. The adult choir meets on Wednesday evenings in the church from 7:30pm to 9pm. The youth choir (grades 2 through 10) meets on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm. For more information, call Nina Ricci at 227-3643.

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.