

Blessed Kateri Church January 14, 2007 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #6

Lord Jesus, help us build a beautiful church!

Back in October, when we received the green light to start our construction, no one could have expected such favorable weather for November, December, and now January! No snow, no freezing of the ground - we have lots of weather issues to thank the Lord for.

We also have seen a very opportunistic response from our construction manager, Michael Fitzgerald. He has taken advantage of the good weather to bring in heavy equipment that has moved a load of earth, and has accomplished several parts of the project, including these: underground drainage and catch basins have been installed around the perimeter of the church and in the new south side parking lot; grading is completed on that south parking lot, and it is ready for the crushed stone foundation and concrete curbs; work on the new exit road for the north side parking lot is progressing; excavations for the foundation footing for the church building are underway; weather permitting, the concrete work will start momentarily.

We cannot expect such great conditions to continue without interruption, but even with the inevitable days when work cannot be done, we have made a fantastic start on an 18 month journey to our new worship space.

Mr. Fitzgerald also tells me that the invitation to parishioners to submit proposals on their trades has been excellent. He will be in touch with them as their specific trade is ready for bidding. Again, his address is: 955A McLean Ave., Yonkers NY 10704.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no classes on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day.

Grateful thanks go to the families who contributed a total of \$325 to the Blessed Kateri Building Fund this Christmas in honor of their catechists. Together we are truly building a **House for God and a Home for Us**, and, eventually, many more classrooms for religious education!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY
AT KNIGHTS' HALL**

To welcome parishioners to see the newly renovated Council Hall of the Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 13378, the Knights will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast at the Hall today, January 14th, from 9am to noon. Donations will be just \$5 per family. The hall is on Noxon Road opposite the Lagrange ball fields.

CATHOLIC PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese invites Catholic public school teachers, grades 7-12, to an Appreciation Breakfast at The Riverview in Hastings-on-Hudson, on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10am to 1pm. You can download the registration form at the catechetical office website; www.nyfaithformation.org.

**WASHINGTON DC MARCH FOR LIFE
MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

Once again, anyone from Blessed Kateri who would like to join Msgr. Belford and other people from Dutchess County at the annual pro-life demonstration and March for Life in Washington DC can join us for prayer and travel on Monday, January 22nd.

Monsignor Belford will concelebrate the 4:30am Mass at St. Columba Church, and will be on the bus that leaves that parking lot at 5 AM. Call George Morton now at 226-6896 for reservations. The contribution to help pay for the buses is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students.

If you cannot attend the March, you can still experience the energy of the day and join in the prayers by turning to EWTN – the Eternal Word Television Network – on channel 31. They will have extensive coverage beginning with special Masses the day before and continuing all Monday long.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Registered parishioners who use the Parish Envelope system are welcome to request official contribution statements for tax purposes by writing us a note or by calling the rectory at 227-1710. Please provide your name, phone (and envelope number if you know it.)

To make it easier for you: if you requested a letter last year, you do not need to call us again. A contribution statement will automatically be sent to you this and every year. We expect to have your contribution statements in the your hands very soon.

Our ability to provide this valuable service for tax purposes is just one of the important reasons for you to gift-wrap your donations in a church envelope each week.

**HAPPY HOUSE LEARNING CENTER
PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**

Happy House Learning Center is a longtime community resource and popular ministry for young children offered by the Sisters of St. Aloysius at their convent in Hopewell Junction. Registration for Nursery, Pre-School and Kindergarten programs for the 2006-2007 school year will take place on Friday, January 26th, from 3:30 to 6:30pm in the Happy House Kindergarten classroom. Please bring birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and record of immunization. There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. For more information, call 226-5671.

**SAVE THE DATE/ FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
OUR PARISH WINTER DINNER DANCE
IS SAT. MARCH 3rd AT VILLA BORGHESE**

Everybody needs a lift towards the end of winter, so join us for a fun evening of dining, dancing and fellowship! Mark the date now - Saturday, **March 3rd**, at the **Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls**. Information about reservations and ticket prices will follow.