

BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH  
LaGrangeville, New York  
Sunday, November 5, 2006  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

LITURGICAL RITE FOR  
THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK  
FOR THE BUILDING OF A CHURCH

*“When the building of a new church begins, it is desirable to celebrate a rite to ask God’s blessing for the success of the work and to remind the people that the structure built of stone will be a visible sign of themselves, the living Church”*

Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Procession to the Site of our new Church

Liturgical Greeting and Prayer:

“Lord our God, you have built a holy Church, founded on the apostles, with Jesus Christ as its cornerstone. Grant that your people, gathering today in this field, may always love you, serve you, and give you glory. May we confidently follow you, until, with you at our head, we all arrive at last in your heavenly city. We ask this through Christ our Lord. “

Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter 2:4-5, 9

Psalm 84: *“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!”*

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 19:25-27

## Blessing of the Site

“Lord, you fill the entire world with your presence so that your name may be loved throughout all the earth. You draw us together with our bishops so that we may form a holy people that gives you love and praise.

Bless the members of this parish who have participated in prayer and planning, and have contributed their resources to purchase this land and to construct a beautiful church on it. Guide our architect, encourage our construction managers, protect all the good people whose talent, hard work and physical labor will bring this important building to birth.

Today we rejoice that a great building is about to begin. Soon may we celebrate our sacraments in your holy home, our church. And one day, may we live forever with you in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen. “

After the celebrant blesses the area with holy water,  
let us sing this final hymn:

*Holy God, we praise thy Name. Lord of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth thy scepter claim. All in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain. Everlasting is thy reign.  
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Now, you are welcome to spend some time on this blessed ground absorbing the environment, turning the earth, capturing the moment, imagining the future.

*Lord Jesus, help us build a beautiful Church!*