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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and First Friday
9 AM SACRED HEART ~ KENT

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM
SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH
7 River Road ~ Cornwall Bridge

SUNDAY 8 AM
SAINT BERNARD CHURCH
52 New Street ~ Sharon

SUNDAY 10 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
17 Bridge Street ~ Kent

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
CONSULT THE BULLETIN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary
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Martha Lane & Kathleen Lindenmayer

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



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WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28th, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27th

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28th

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Ann Darling

8 AM ~ SHARON

Marietta Magnarelli ~ Requested by family

10 AM ~ KENT

Stefan Grochowski

Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz

MONDAY MARCH 1st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint David of Wales

Dayle and Charles Elsesser

Requested by the Parish Craft Group

TUESDAY MARCH 2nd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Agnes of Bohemia

Theresa Mullee ~ 2nd Anniversary

Requested by Marguerite Mullee

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Katherine Drexel

Raffaella Nunziante ~ Requested by family

FIRST FRIDAY MARCH 5th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

The sick of our parish family

SATURDAY MARCH 6th

SUNDAY MARCH 7th

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Jane Bly ~ Month's Mind Mass

8 AM ~ SHARON

Edward Kirby ~ Month's Mind Mass

10 AM ~ KENT

Irena Grochowska

Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. This week, following Tuesday Morning Mass, the rosary will be prayed at Sacred Heart. The intention this week is for the protection of the unborn and the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

Mass Intentions

The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention (living or deceased). By so doing, special graces from the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Our Lord are applied upon that person or intention. Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.



Annual
Giving
Statements

Parish Donation Statements are now available to those who have subscribed to our weekly donation envelopes or used our On-line giving program during 2020.

Please write "PLEASE SEND STATEMENT" on the back of your offertory envelope, or give Sandy a call at the parish office if you would like to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes.



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

Our Second Collection next weekend is the Monthly Collection for March.



We are grateful for your support of Saint Kateri Parish.

ON LINE GIVING allows you to make contributions without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site: stkateriparishkent.weshareonline.org allows you to set up automatic contributions and to change the timing and/or amount of your gift at any time.

Please call the parish office if you need assistance. Thank you!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

ENVELOPES: \$ 3,305.00
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,295.00

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,869.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,960.00



Thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Parish. May God bless you and your families.

MASS ON TELEVISION

ORTV-10 AM on WCCT-TV (WB20)

WCTX-TV(MyTV9) also at 10 AM It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5 AM on WCCT-TV.

EWTN-12 Midnight, 8 AM, Noon, and 7 PM.

Catholic TV- 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7 PM, and 11:30 PM

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The
Season
of
Lent



During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.

Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**. **ALL FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of abstinence.

The Lenten regulations also include almsgiving and acts of penance.

"The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light."
- St John of the Cross

WHEN SACRIFICE BECOMES MUNDANE

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?



The meaning of hope...to trust in the ultimate goodness of creation. Hope doesn't mean an anticipation or expectation of a deliverance from an intolerable or oppressive situation or condition.... That's what most of us are doing most of the time: wanting something other than what is. True hope is trusting that what we have, where we are, and who we are is more than enough for us as creatures of God.

From "The Art of Thomas Merton: A Divine Passion in Word and Vision"

FIRST READING

Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built

an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

GOSPEL

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

SAINT JOHN JOSEPH OF THE CROSS' STORY

Self-denial is never an end in itself but is only a help toward greater charity—as the life of Saint John Joseph shows.



John Joseph was very ascetic even as a young man. At 16, he joined the Franciscans in Naples; he was the first Italian to follow the reform movement of Saint Peter Alcantara. John Joseph's reputation for holiness prompted his superiors to put him in charge of establishing a new friary even before he was ordained.

Obedience moved John Joseph to accept appointments as novice master, guardian and, finally, provincial. His years of mortification enabled him to offer these services to the friars with great charity. As guardian he was not above working in the kitchen or carrying the wood and water needed by the friars.

When his term as provincial expired, John Joseph dedicated himself to hearing confessions and practicing mortification, two concerns contrary to the spirit of the dawning Age of Enlightenment. John Joseph of the Cross was canonized in 1839.

GROW YOUR FAITH DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

On Sundays – *Lectio Divina*: Devote a half hour or so each Sunday to reading Sacred Scripture in a prayerful manner. You might begin with one of the Gospels, or perhaps take up next Sunday's Gospel.

On Mondays – *Meditative Prayer*: Set aside time to pray by yourself and in silence. You might repeat peacefully the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

On Tuesdays – *Fasting*: Choose one day of the week each week – perhaps this day – to fast. Offer your mortification for specific intentions. Pray that your spiritual hunger will match your physical hunger.

On Wednesdays – *Charitable Works of Mercy*: Use this day to go out of your way to care for the poor, the needy, and the lonely. Reflect on all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and commit to carrying out each of them during the season of Lent.

On Thursdays – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*: Make regular Eucharistic Adoration a priority of your Lenten observance. Bring all your prayer requests and the needs of your family and friends before the Lord's Eucharistic presence. Let him gaze at you in love.

On Fridays – *Study of the Faith*: Build into your Lenten Fridays choice time to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Start with those areas of doctrine which you need to understand better.

On Saturdays – *Confession and Mortification for Sins*: Let your Lent be marked by frequent confession. Resolve to give up certain pleasures and conveniences during Lent as a penance for sin .

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

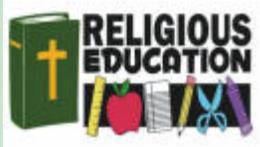
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Faith Formation Program class will be held next Sunday, March 7th, beginning with the 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. It is hoped that all of our students will be in attendance at Mass and at class afterwards.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE PRAYED AT 6 PM EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT

- MARCH 5th ~ Sacred Heart
- MARCH 12th ~ St. Bridget
- MARCH 19th ~ St. Bernard
- MARCH 26th ~ Sacred Heart

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO COULD USE THE COMFORT OF A BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE PRAYER SHAWL?



Our Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy creating beautiful shawls at home during the pandemic. Please give the parish office a call if you would like to share one with someone. If you are interested in making shawls at home, please contact Linda Chocholka at: 860-927-4807.

3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



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