



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

The Member Churches of

Sacred Heart ~ Kent

St. Bernard ~ Sharon

St. Bridget ~ Cornwall Bridge

Monsignor Vittorio Guerrera ~ Pastor

Parish Trustees

Mr. Jerry Tobin Mrs. Stephanie Plunkett

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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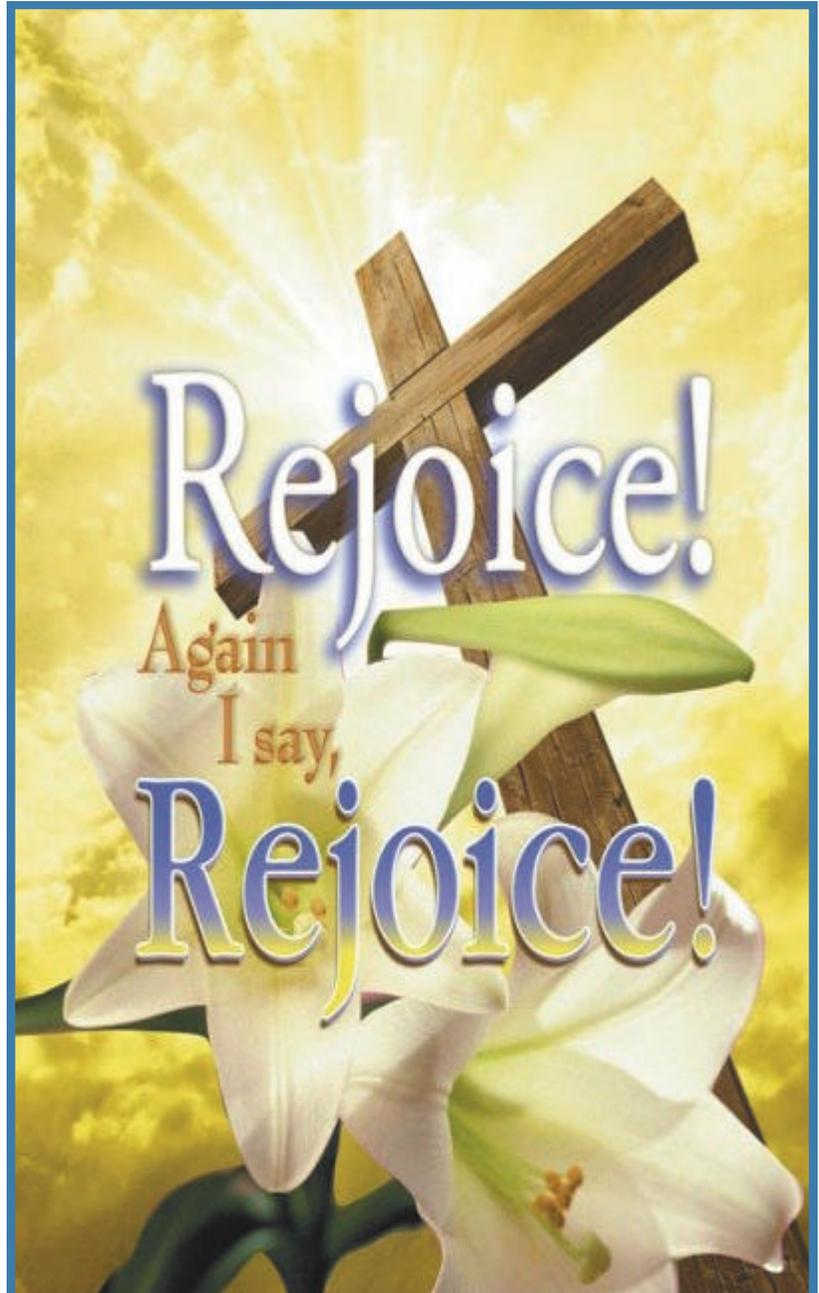
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY APRIL 4th, 2021



Mass Intentions

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

10 AM ~ Saint Bernard Church ~ Sharon
10 AM ~ Saint Bridget Church ~ Cornwall Bridge
10 AM ~ Sacred Heart Church ~ Kent

Daily Masses Will Not Be Celebrated
During Easter Week.

SATURDAY APRIL 10th SUNDAY APRIL 11th DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Vincent Amutice ~ First Anniversary
8 AM ~ SHARON
Rita McCarthy ~ Requested by Ellen & John Genovese
10 AM ~ KENT
John Lindsay ~ Requested by Anita Bonomo



In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$10,540.00 from 41 families/individuals for the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community

grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at:

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE PALM SUNDAY

ENVELOPES: \$ 1,174.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 775.00.

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



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, pray the Rosary at home since there is no Mass on Tuesday. Use this opportunity to pray the Rosary for your own special intentions, and those of your loved ones. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

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: stkateripariskent.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!



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.

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.

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

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thank you for your presence and prayers as we celebrate this great feast. I extend a warm welcome to those returning to public worship after a long absence, and to those who are visiting with us.

The Resurrection of Jesus means, among other things, that death does not have the last word. The promise has been kept: sin and death have lost their power. The love of God the Father for His Son and indeed for all of us is stronger than death. In the Resurrection of the Lord we get a glimpse of the gift and promise to us as well.

A Blessed Easter to all!

Monsignor Guerrero



EASTER DUTY

“All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year” (Can. #920). In reference to this law, in the United States the Easter season is considered from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.



**WHAT DO THE LETTERS INRI
STAND FOR
ON THE TOP OF A CRUCIFIX?**

The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, **Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews) which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.**



FIRST READING Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING Col 3: 1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

GROTTO GIFT SHOP

The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, is NOW OPEN Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 to 4:00 pm. New stock is arriving daily featuring Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. The Grotto Café remains closed until further notice. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit their website www.shrinct.org.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

“When you go to Confession, know this, that I myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in the soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity.” ~ Our Lord to St. Faustina



EASTER SYMBOLS

How do we calculate what day Easter will be?

In the year 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea, Catholic clergy decided when Easter would take place each year. Their ruling has been kept ever since. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following March 21st. Therefore, Easter falls somewhere between March 22 and April 22. It is the moon that determines when this holy day will occur.

What does "Easter" mean?

The word "Easter" probably comes from "Eostre," an Anglo-Saxon goddess of Springtime. Easter comes at the start of Spring, signaling new life.

In the original language of the Gospels, however, the Greek word *pascha* is used for the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word *pesach*, which means *Passover*. The Roman languages later used the Hebrew-Greek-Latin root for their words denoting Easter: Italian (*Pasqua*), Spanish (*Pascua*), and French (*Paques*).

What's the legend of Easter Lilies?

The Easter Lily is often used to decorate church altars during this holy season. A legend says that after Jesus rose from the dead, wherever He walked, an Easter Lily sprang up and blossomed from the soil. The trumpet-like flowers are pure white with gold-fringed centers.

Where are Easter eggs from?

The egg represents new life. The little chick that emerges from the egg's shell symbolizes Jesus emerging from the tomb.

In France when children go to confession on Holy Saturday, they take eggs to give as gifts to the priest. In Ireland, the fast of Lent ends with a breakfast of eggs on Easter morning. In some European countries, people use empty shells to decorate Easter egg trees. Each year on Easter Monday, an egg rolling contest takes place on the lawn of the White House.

Where does the Easter Bunny come from?

In ancient times, the hare, as the rabbit was known to the Egyptians, was a symbol for the moon. As we have already seen, it is the moon that determines when Easter will take place each year. Thus, the rabbit became a symbol of the coming of Easter.

Why is the lamb also associated with Easter?

Before the coming of Christ, the Jews sacrificed lambs during their Passover festival in atonement for their sins. Many of the early Christians were Jews. It was natural that the Christians associated the sacrifice of a lamb with the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. That is why Jesus is called the "Lamb of God," the one, perfect sacrifice that could take away all our sins.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

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.



Our next Faith Formation Program class will be held next Sunday, April 11th, 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.



ABOUT GOD'S DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's divine mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Our Lord requested that a Feast in Honor of the Divine Mercy be celebrated on the second Sunday after Easter. This year the feast falls on April 11th. The chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed after the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us!



The Catholic Relief Services Lenten Alms Giving Program using the Rice Bowl boxes has ended. Please place your labeled and secured Rice Bowl Box in the collection box located in the vestibule. Thank you!



Food Pantry Needs

Food insecurity in our communities remains at a record high due to the on going pandemic and unemployment situation, so the need for donations is real. Below is a

suggested list of items that the food pantries are in need of. If you are able to donate, please bring your items directly to the food pantry in your community this week. Thank you one and all!

- A & B Canned gravy, salad dressing, pancake syrup
- C & D Instant potatoes, rice, mac & cheese mixes
- E & F Tomato Sauce, pastas, peanut butter, jelly, jams
- G & H Bath soaps, shampoo, toilet pater, toothpaste
- I & J Canned, boxed or bottled fruit juices
- K & L Laundry detergents, household cleaners
- M & N Plastic wraps, paper towels, foil wrap
- O & P Coffee, tea, Bisquick, Pancake mixes
- Q & R Canned fruits and canned vegetables
- S & T Canned ham, tuna, chicken, hash, chili, stew, franks
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- W, X, Y, Z Canned meat soups, broths, boxed crackers

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