



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

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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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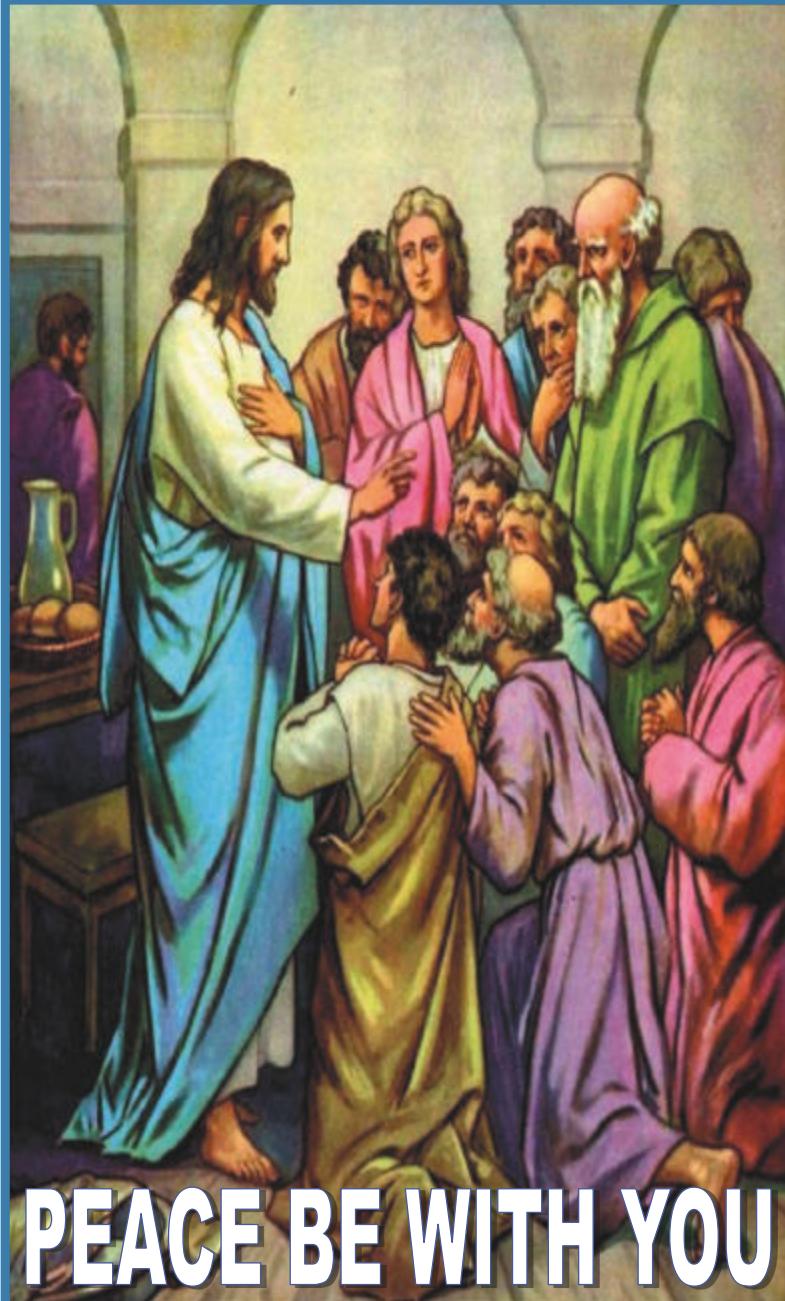
Martha Lane & Kathleen Lindenmayer

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
to make arrangements by calling the
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SUNDAY APRIL 18th, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 17th

SUNDAY APRIL 18th

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Frank Tansey ~ 3rd Anniversary
Requested by his wife Karen
- 8 AM ~ SHARON
Michael Fuller
- 10 AM ~ KENT
Andrzej Poltawski
Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz
- MONDAY APRIL 19th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**
Saint Gianna Beretta Molla
Carol Hall ~ Requested by the Prayer Shawl Group
- TUESDAY APRIL 20th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**
Saint Conrad of Parzham
Helen Kappesser ~ Requested by Stephany Woodin
- WEDNESDAY APRIL 21st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**
Saint Anselm
John J. O'Connell III
Birthday Anniversary requested by his mother

SATURDAY APRIL 24th

SUNDAY APRIL 25th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Jane Henson
- 8 AM ~ SHARON
Patricia Romel ~ Requested by John & Raffaele Racki
- 10 AM ~ KENT
Edward Lynch ~ Requested by Barbara Lynch

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But you risk living in torment if you don't
trust enough.



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 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,625.36.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,316.98.

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

The apostles were truly afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they actually touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but they also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.' Cherish them!



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 Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for the safety and well being of the men and women serving proudly in our armed forces stationed around the world. 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: 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!



Praying for Vocations to Religious Life is something we can all do.

If you know of someone who might be discerning a Vocation, encourage them, and pray for them to hear the voice that calls them.

Have them contact Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohtc.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION

The best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Call Monsignor Guerrera for details.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2021 Appeal literature! Organizations such as The Cornwall Food Pantry, The Sharon Community Foundation, and the Kent Food Bank, right here in our parish communities received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach program. That makes a great difference in the lives of our local neighbors. For your convenience you can make your donation by visiting our parish website: www.saintkaterict.org and click on the Appeal link at the bottom left corner. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined, and no Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



SAINT ADALBERT OF PRAGUE'S STORY

Opposition to the Good News of Jesus did not discourage Adalbert, who is now remembered with great honor in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, and Germany. Born to a noble family in Bohemia, he received part of his education from Saint Adalbert of Magdeburg. At the age of 27, he was chosen as bishop of Prague. Those who resisted his program of clerical reform forced him into exile eight years later.

In time, the people of Prague requested his return as their bishop. Within a short time, however, he was exiled again after excommunicating those who violated the right of sanctuary by dragging a woman accused of adultery from a church and murdering her.

After a short ministry in Hungary, he went to preach the Good News to people living near the Baltic Sea. He and two companions were martyred by pagan priests in that region. Adalbert's body was immediately ransomed and buried in the Gniezno, Poland, cathedral. In the mid-11th century his relics were moved to Saint Vitus Cathedral in Prague. His liturgical feast is celebrated on April 23.

Preaching the Good News can be dangerous work whether the audience is already baptized or not. Adalbert fearlessly preached Jesus' gospel and received a martyr's crown for his efforts. Similar zeal has created modern martyrs in many places, especially in Central and South America. Some of those martyrs grew up in areas once evangelized by Adalbert.

EUCCHARISTIC AWARENESS

Christ gave us His flesh to eat in order to deepen our love for Him. When we approach Him, then there should be burning within us a fire of love and longing... The wise men paid homage to Christ's body even when it was lying in a manger... They only saw Christ in a manger, they saw nothing of what you now see, and yet they approached Him with profound awe and reverence. You see Him, not in a manger but on an altar, not carried by a woman, but offered by a priest; and you see the Spirit bountifully poured out upon the offerings of bread and wine. Unlike the wise men, you do not merely see Christ's body; you know His power as well, and the whole divine plan for our salvation... Let us then awaken in ourselves a feeling of awe and let us show a far greater reverence than did those foreigners so that we do not approach this Sacrament casually, without thinking of what we do. St. John Chrysostom

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

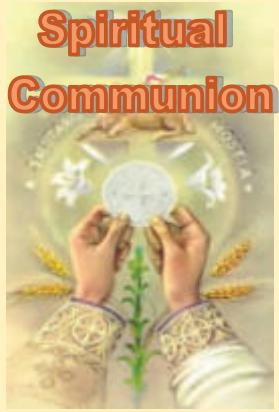
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69



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 per-
mit me to be



CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022

You are invited to join spiritual guides, Archbishop Blair and Bishop Betancourt for a biblical retreat in the **HOLY LAND**, set for January 6-17, 2022. Walk in the paths Jesus trod, pray together and share Christian fellowship at biblical sites including the Mount of Beatitudes, Calvary, the Upper Room, Church of the Holy Sepulchre and so much more! If you are interested in this journey, contact BJ Daly Horell at:

catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org



Our next Faith Formation Program class will be held next Sunday, April 25th 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

It is now time to clean up each of our three parish cemeteries before the mowing season begins.

If you placed Christmas or Easter greens or flowers on graves, we now ask you to please remove them.

Any mementos left behind will be discarded shortly as they are a hazard to our maintenance crews. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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