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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
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 - 4:30
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

Martha Lane & Kathleen Lindenmayer

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



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WORSHIP SITES**



*"I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine grower."*

SUNDAY MAY 2nd, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY MAY 1st
SUNDAY MAY 2nd
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

William "Billy" Rose ~ 1st Anniversary
Requested by Karen Tansey

8 AM ~ SHARON

The deceased members of the Seabury Family

10 AM ~ KENT

Michael Genovese

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

MONDAY MAY 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saints Phillip and James, Apostles
James Cornelius ~ Month's Mind

TUESDAY MAY 4th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Blessed Michael Giedroyc

John Spolowich ~ Requested by the Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY MAY 5th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
The sick of our parish

FIRST FRIDAY ~ MAY 7th
9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Rose Venerini
John J. O'Connell III
Requested by his wife

SATURDAY MAY 8th
SUNDAY MAY 9th

THE 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

8 AM ~ SHARON

10 AM ~ KENT

Masses for all Mothers, living and deceased



RICE BOWL DONATIONS... The Catholic Relief Services Lenten Alms Giving Program in our parish was widely successful this year. A total of \$1,235.21. was raised through your generosity, and this entire amount has been forwarded in your name to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you to all who participated! May God Bless You!



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 this weekend is our Monthly Collection for May

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENVELOPES: \$ 1,737.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 840.00.

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



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."



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 protection of the unborn and the sanctify to all human life from conception to natural death. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



MOTHER'S DAY MASSES

If you wish to have your mother {living or deceased} remembered at all Masses on Mother's Day, please write her name on the Mother's Day envelope located on the vestibule and we will place them on the altar.



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!

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.



POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Amen

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our three second graders will receive their First Holy Communion at a Special Mass next Saturday, May 8th at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church.

We offer them our prayers and our best wishes as they receive our Eucharistic Lord for the first time.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL DIES IN JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

On April 20th, the Judiciary Committee failed to take any action on House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients", resulting in the death of the bill for this legislative session. The bill passed out of the Public Health Committee and then was referred to the Judiciary Committee for further review. This type of legislation has gone by many names such as aid-in-dying and physician-assisted suicide.

The following is a statement from Christopher Healy, Executive Director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference.

"All glory goes to God. People of faith came together and their voices were heard and we are most grateful to legislators who realized we must show more compassion and support for those who are in distress and isolation, rather than lead people away from hope and love.

This victory belongs to the thousands of people from all faiths who got involved because they believe life is sacred and God-given. We have more to do and must improve palliative and hospice care, educate families on pain management and increase resources for mental health services."

COURAGE IN PRAYER...

- ◆ Lord, Help me to know what in my life obstructs my relationship with you, and help me to drop it permanently.
- ◆ Jesus. Grant me the grace to open my heart, my mind, and my life to Truths of the faith that I am wrong about.
- ◆ Oh Lord, help me to love nothing and no one, including myself, more than you.



FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

If you have changed your mailing or residential address, switched to a cell phone rather than a land line, or have an email address, please give the parish office a call to update your information. Many thanks for your assistance in helping us to keep our records up to date.

REGINA CAELI

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.
V. Has risen, as He said. Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly Risen. Alleluia





OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the *Month of May*, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.



DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM 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 email Linda Chocholka at: linda-mary@charter.net
She will be happy to provide information.

The body that lay lifeless in the tomb is ours. The body that rose again on the third day is ours. The body that ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the Father's glory is ours. If then we walk in the way of His commandments, and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price He paid for our salvation in a lowly body, we too are to rise to share His glory. The promise He made will be fulfilled in the sight of all: Whoever acknowledges me before men, I too will acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven.
St. Leo the Great

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

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.

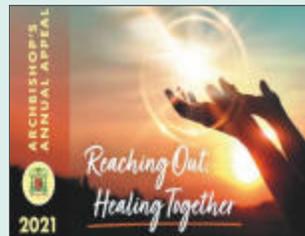
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? If you are someone who is a member of another faith denomination and are being called to the Catholic Church...

If you are someone who has been coming to the Catholic Church but have never been baptized...

If you have been baptized but have not received religious education or your other sacraments... If you know anyone who fits one of these descriptions...



Please consider RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process whereby adults enter the Church. You can contact the parish office or speak with Monsignor Guerrero. (860) 927-3003.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative.

Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as the Sharon Community Foundation, the Kent Food Pantry and the Cornwall Food Pantry right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors. 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. For your convenience, donations may be made through our parish website at:

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "SAINT" AND A "BLESSED"?

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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