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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

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Parish office



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SUNDAY MAY 23rd, 2021



SATURDAY MAY 22nd SUNDAY MAY 23rd **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Deacon Robert G. Fracasso, Sr.
8 AM ~ SHARON
Geraldine and James New
10 AM ~ KENT
Devin Michael Hamilton
Requested by Peggy & Frank Danek

MONDAY MAY 24th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

TUESDAY MAY 25th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Bede the Venerable
John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of Healing
Requested by his mother

WEDNESDAY MAY 26th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Philip Neri
Kaeley O'Connell ~ Mass for the Living

SATURDAY MAY 29th
SUNDAY MAY 30th
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Samantha Mish ~ Requested by Ellen & John Genovese
8 AM ~ SHARON
Rita and Arthur Baruth
10 AM ~ KENT
Harry Norbet
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family



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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."



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 sick and the hospitalized of our parish family. 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.

WHY IS JESUS CALLED "CHRIST"?

"Christ" in Greek, "Messiah" in Hebrew, means the "anointed one". Jesus is the Christ because He is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for His redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father. Jesus accepted the title of Messiah but He made the meaning of the term clear: "come down from heaven" (John 3:13), crucified and then risen, He is the Suffering Servant "who gives His life as a ransom for the many" (Matthew 20:28). From the name Christ comes our name of Christian.



We are grateful for your support of Saint Kateri Parish.

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Thank you!

GRACE...

Everything is a grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father's love - difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's miseries, burdens, needs - everything, because through them, we learn humility, and realize weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God's gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events - to the heart that loves, all is well.

~ St. Therese of Lisieux

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the presence of God within. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the Church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As of May 14th, 75 families representing 29.76% of households have donated \$ 20,895 to the Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact on someone's life. For your convenience you can pick up a packet at the doors of each worship site, or make your contribution by visiting our parish website:

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All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in Appeal literature, which can be found at :

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

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

MARY GARDENS

Christians of the early Church frequently used floral symbolism to honor the Blessed Mother. The Church Fathers, for example, took passages from the Scriptural passages from The Song of Songs to liken Our Lady to the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. By the Middle Ages, nearly 700 flowers and herbs had come to be associated with the Blessed Virgin. Some were associated through tradition, such as the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. Some were associated through legend. Our Lady's bedstraw is an herb said to have been placed by Mary in the manger. Columbine was called Our Lady's slipper because it was said to have grown where Mary's feet touched the earth. Here is a list of some common annuals and perennials named after or dedicated to Our Lady:



Annuals: Sweet Alyssum—Mary's Flower; Marigold—Mary's Gold; Petunia—Mary's Praise; Sweet Pea—Mary's Smile; Cornflower—Our Lady's Crown; Pansy—Our Lady's Delight; Forget-Me-Not—Eyes of Mary

Perennials: Morning Glory—Our Lady's Mantle; English Daisy—Mary's Rose; Snowdrop—Our Lady's Tears; Lily Of The Valley—Our Lady's Tears; Daffodil—Mary's Star; Bleeding Heart—Mary's Heart; Iris—Our Lady's Sword



Happy, indeed sublimely happy, is the person to whom the Holy Spirit reveals the secret of Mary, thus imparting to him true knowledge of her. Happy the person to whom the Holy Spirit opens this enclosed garden for him to enter, and to whom the Holy Spirit gives access to this sealed fountain where he can draw water and drink deep draughts of the living waters of grace. That person will find only grace and no creature in the most lovable Virgin Mary. But he will find that the infinitely holy and exalted God is at the same time infinitely solicitous for him and understands his weaknesses. Since God is everywhere, he can be found everywhere, even in hell. But there is no place where God can be more present to His creature and more sympathetic to human weakness than in Mary. It was indeed for this very purpose that he came down from Heaven. Everywhere else He is the Bread of the strong and the Bread of angels, but living in Mary He is the Bread of children. - from "The Secret of Mary" by Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

~ St. Julian

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT'S STORY

The legacy of Madeleine Sophie Barat can be found in the more than 100 schools operated by her Society of the Sacred Heart, institutions known for the quality of the education made available to the young.



Sophie herself received an extensive education, thanks to her brother Louis, 11 years older and her godfather at baptism. Himself a seminarian, Louis decided that his younger sister would likewise learn Latin, Greek, history, physics and mathematics—always without interruption and with a minimum of companionship. By age 15, she had received a thorough exposure to the Bible, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church and theology. Despite the oppressive regime Louis imposed, young Sophie thrived and developed a genuine love of learning.

Meanwhile, this was the time of the French Revolution and of the suppression of Christian schools. The education of the young, particularly young girls, was in a troubled state. Sophie, who had discerned a call to the religious life, was persuaded to become a teacher. She founded the Society of the Sacred Heart, which focused on schools for the poor as well as boarding schools for young women of means. Today, co-ed Sacred Heart schools also can be found, along with schools exclusively for boys.

In 1826, her Society of the Sacred Heart received formal papal approval. By then she had served as superior at a number of convents. In 1865, she was stricken with paralysis; she died that year on the feast of the Ascension. Madeleine Sophie Barat was canonized in 1925.



MONDAY MAY 24th

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33



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.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.

Alleluia.



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