



# *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish*

## *Member Churches*

*Sacred Heart ~ Kent*

*Saint Bernard ~ Sharon*

*Saint Bridget ~ Cornwall Bridge*

*Monsignor Vittorio Guerrera ~ Pastor*

## *Parish Trustees*

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, Tuesday, and First Friday

9 AM SACRED HEART ~ KENT

Wednesday 9 AM

ST BERNARD ~ SHARON

### **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

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN  
FOR OUR HOLY DAY MASSES

### **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**

Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

### **BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**

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



**ALL THREE PARISH  
WORSHIP SITES**

*When Jesus landed and saw  
a large crowd, he had  
compassion on them,  
because they were like  
sheep without a shepherd.  
So he began teaching  
them many things.*



# SUNDAY JULY 18th, 2021



**SATURDAY JULY 17th**  
**SUNDAY JULY 18th**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Dorothy Isaak ~ Requested by a friend  
8 AM ~ SHARON  
Flora & Gerard Insolia  
Requested by Judith and Joseph Patitucci  
10 AM ~ KENT  
Gloria Norbet  
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family

**MORNING MASSES WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY JULY 24th**  
**SUNDAY JULY 25th**

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Kevin Neary ~ 1st Anniversary  
8 AM ~ SHARON  
Vivian Sullivan ~ Requested by her family  
10 AM ~ KENT  
Eugen Roeder ~ Requested by  
Karla and Richard Roder



**Our Second Collection today is our annual summer Missionary Collection. Your donations will help to support the works of the MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE**

**around the world. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for these and all missionaries who work each day spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and performing good works for those most in need.**



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 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENVELOPES: \$ 2,352.00 .**  
**JULY MONTHLY: \$ 1,196.00.**  
**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 885.00**

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**ENVELOPES: \$ 2,537.00**  
**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,488.33.**

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



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, attentive listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred and treasured time.



## 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 is for the safety and well being of our men and women serving around the world in our armed forces.

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](http://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.



Please remember in your prayers all active military members who are away from their families while serving around the world. God, please keep watch over all those who are serving in the United States Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Army, National Guard & Coast Guard.

**Regardless of what God does with our prayers, a lot of good comes from saying them.**

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Something to Ponder...

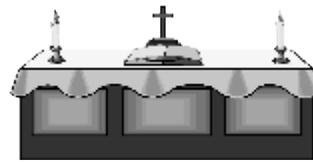
A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about, and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing?"

That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?" The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said, "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair, and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt, and he's too heavy for me." Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.



## THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

The Altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4). Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. A corporal (from the Latin for "body") is placed over the altar cloth. The chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, is placed on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

## DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We thank everyone who has already contributed to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made your 2021 Appeal gift, please join your fellow parishioners and make a gift today. As of June 28th, 85 families representing 34% of the parish have donated \$ 23,245. For your convenience, donations may be made on our parish website: [saintkaterict.org](http://saintkaterict.org) by clicking the "Donate Now" button at the bottom of the homepage. You may also pick up an Appeal packet found in the vestibule of each church.

## A MEDITATION ON OUR GOSPEL TODAY

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



## SUMMER MASS ATTIRE

The warm summer months and casual dress just seem to go together. But what about dressing for Mass? Mass is not an ordinary event. It is our highest act of worship and we should dress in such a way as to demonstrate our belief in this truth.

Rather than trying to enumerate every possible item of clothing, thing *modestly and respect*: "What's the best version of myself that I can offer to God and His people this week."



Applications for enrollment in the Catholic Biblical School are now being accepted through the end of August. The required Orientation is Saturday, September 11, and classes begin September 20-24. Virtual and in-person classes are scheduled as follows:

- ◆ In-person in the Greater Hartford area on Tuesdays, 7-9 PM
- ◆ In-person at St. Aloysius in Plantsville on Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM
- ◆ Virtual (including satellite sites for small groups) on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Get started as soon as you enroll. First-time students go to:

<https://catholicedaohct.org/prospective-students/applying-to-cbs> for information and to apply.



## SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN'S STORY

From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children—the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden—Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named copatronesses of Europe.



## VOTIVE CANDLES

In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and the synagogues in order to light other candles or oil lamps in the evening, but also to show the presence of God (cf. Exodus 27:20-21 and Leviticus 24:2-4). Later, the Talmud prescribed a lit lamp at the Ark,

where the Torah and other writings of Sacred Scripture were kept, to show reverence to the Word of God. This is perhaps the origin of keeping a sanctuary lamp burning before the Eucharistic Lord in the Tabernacle.

In our Catholic tradition, light reminds us of Christ. Recall Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life" (John 8:12).

With this background, we can appreciate the usage of votive candles. As in the early days of Christianity, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of Our Lord or saint. We do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. With the light of faith, we petition Our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer (for the duration of the lit candle) even though we may depart and go about our daily activities.

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

# ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD 2020



The Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce that the **Closing Mass** celebrating the end of the Synod 2020: Grow & Go will be celebrated at the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford on Friday, August 13th at 6:30 PM.

The experience of the pandemic, and the restrictions it imposed, make this closing Synod Mass even more significant as a way of coming together again as an Archdiocese. This being the case, **every parish is asked to send a delegation of 30 parishioners.** We would like to have 10 people from each of our worship sites who would be interested in carpooling. Please contact our delegate officials to sign-up or obtain more information. Justin Money [Sacred Heart] 860-927-7978; Tom Bartram [St. Bernard] 860-364-5364; Marnell Stover [St. Bridget] 860-672-6787. This will be a ticketed even. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.



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## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

What is the RCIA? RCIA is the program for any adult wishing to receive their sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. The program is an exploration of the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. All are welcome. For further information please contact Monsignor Guerrera at the parish office, or speak with him after any Mass.

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