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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

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FOR OUR HOLY DAY MASSES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary

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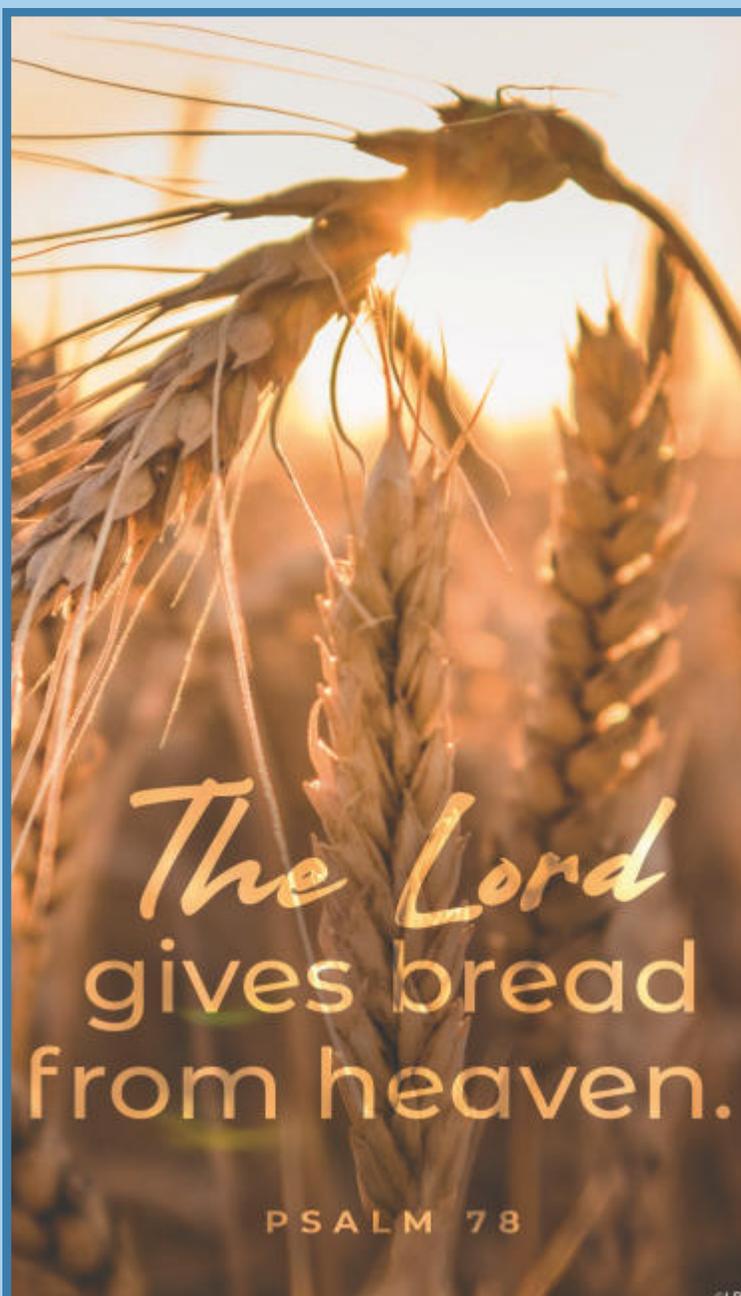
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
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Parish office



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY AUGUST 1st, 2021



SATURDAY JULY 31st
SUNDAY AUGUST 1st

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Michael Mullee ~ 3rd Anniversary

Requested by Marguerite Mullee

8 AM ~ SHARON

Janet Day

10 AM ~ KENT

Zygmunt Zganiacz

Requested by Barbara & Andre' Zganiacz

MONDAY AUGUST 2nd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

Guy DiStefano ~ Requested by Sharon Szczerba

TUESDAY AUGUST 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON

Saint John Vianney

John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of healing

Requested by his mother

FIRST FRIDAY AUGUST 6th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

The Transfiguration of the Lord

The sick of our parish family

SATURDAY AUGUST 7th

SUNDAY AUGUST 8th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Frank Tansey ~ Requested by Karen Tansey

8 AM ~ SHARON

Carol Buckley ~ Anniversary

10 AM ~ KENT

Michael Kelsey

Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.



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



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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.

WHY IS A CATHOLIC FUNERAL IMPORTANT ?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death. Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at church, and the interment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one. Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees.



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 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 1,924.75.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 3,035.00.

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

THE 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR GOSPEL TODAY...

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from Heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirst

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS OR HOMEBOUND...

Parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to hospital admission or extended convalescence. Please call Msgr. Guerrero to arrange a time and date. Also, please know that hospitals, by law, will not automatically inform us of your presence there - even if you state your religious affiliation as Catholic on an entrance form. Whether you are hospitalized, recuperating, or simply unable to attend parish services, you or your family member is asked to inform us as to your desire for visitation and/or reception of Communion. It is our most sincere desire to keep our parish family connected and included, especially in times of dealing with health and recovery issues. A simple call is all it takes.



Anointing the sick



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.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR

The scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, is one of the most popular and celebrated of Roman Catholic devotions. The sacramental (as the lay faithful commonly use it) is a miniature derivative of the actual brown scapular used by the Carmelites - the sleeveless outer garment falling from the shoulders which is worn as a sign of their vocation and devotion. Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying, “Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace.”



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 date, 89 families representing 35.46% of the parish have donated \$ 38,735. For your convenience, donations may be made on our parish website: 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.

SUMMER MASS ATTIRE



The warm summer months and casual dress just seem to go together. But what about dressing for Mass? The 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, think modesty and respect: “What’s the best version of myself that I can offer to God and His people this week?”

OUR SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS THE MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST

THE STORY OF SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA



At the same time that Martin Luther was attacking abuses in the Church, a reformation within the Church was already being attempted. Among the early movers of the Counter-Reformation was Anthony Zaccaria. His mother became a widow at 18, and devoted herself to the spiritual education of her son. He received a medical doctorate at 22, and while working among the poor of his native Cremona in Italy, was attracted to the religious apostolate. He renounced his rights to any future inheritance, worked as a catechist, and was ordained a priest at the age of 26. Called to Milan in a few years, he laid the foundations of three religious congregations, one for men, one for women, and an association of married couples. Their aim was the reform of the decadent society of their day, beginning with the clergy, religious, and lay people.

Greatly inspired by Saint Paul—his congregation is named the Barnabites, after the companion of that saint—Anthony preached with great vigor in church and street, conducted popular missions, and was not ashamed of doing public penance.

Anthony encouraged such innovations as the collaboration of the laity in the apostolate, frequent Communion, the Forty Hours devotion, and the ringing of church bells at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. His holiness moved many to reform their lives, but as with all saints, it also moved many to oppose him. Twice his community had to undergo official religious investigation, and twice it was exonerated.

While on a mission of peace, Anthony became seriously ill and was brought home for a visit to his mother. He died at Cremona at the age of 36.

PARENTS ~ Read this well:

Your children are more observant than you may think. They know very well if you take your faith seriously or if you are picking and choosing which parts of the Faith or the moral law to obey and they will interpret that to mean that they can, too.

- Leila Miller from Raising Chaste Catholic Men

HELP US KEEP YOU CONNECTED

Have you recently moved, or changed your phone number or email address? We depend on you to help us maintain accurate contact information for our registered families. We also depend on your email information for occasional and time-sensitive news. Please send your contact information to Sandy at:



office.stkaterict@gmail.com or call the parish office.
Thanks!

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20



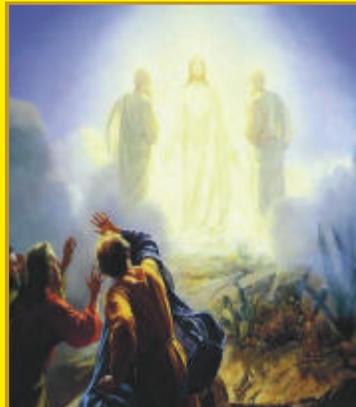
Faith Formation Classes for students in grades 1—8 begin on Sunday, September 19th. Registration forms will be emailed out to families who had children in the program this past school year. Please complete the form, and send it to the parish office with your registration fee. If your child is new to the program, please call the parish office and a registration form will be sent to you. We ask that this be done as soon as possible so that materials will be ready for all students on the first day of class. If you have any questions, please contact our Faith Formation Coordinator, Gwynne Seufert at 860-927-3559.
Thank you for your cooperation.



This year, the Crop Walk will be a **HYBRID EVENT** out of an abundance of caution. Participants are encouraged to walk throughout the month of September, which is National Hunger Awareness Month. All walking will culminate on Sunday, September 27th.

If you wish to participate, please contact Adam Smedberg at 413-770-0624 or you may reach him via email at: asmedberg@cwsglobal.org

THE TRANSFIGURATION



The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated this Friday, August 6th, commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John.

While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14).

In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light."

This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil."

The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light. "In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!"



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