



# *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish*

## *Member Churches*

*Sacred Heart ~ Kent*

*Saint Bernard ~ Sharon*

*Saint Bridget ~ Cornwall Bridge*

*Monsignor Vittorio Guerrera ~ Pastor*

## *Parish Trustees*

*Mr. Jerry Tobin Mrs. Stephanie Plunkett*

### **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

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 - 4:30

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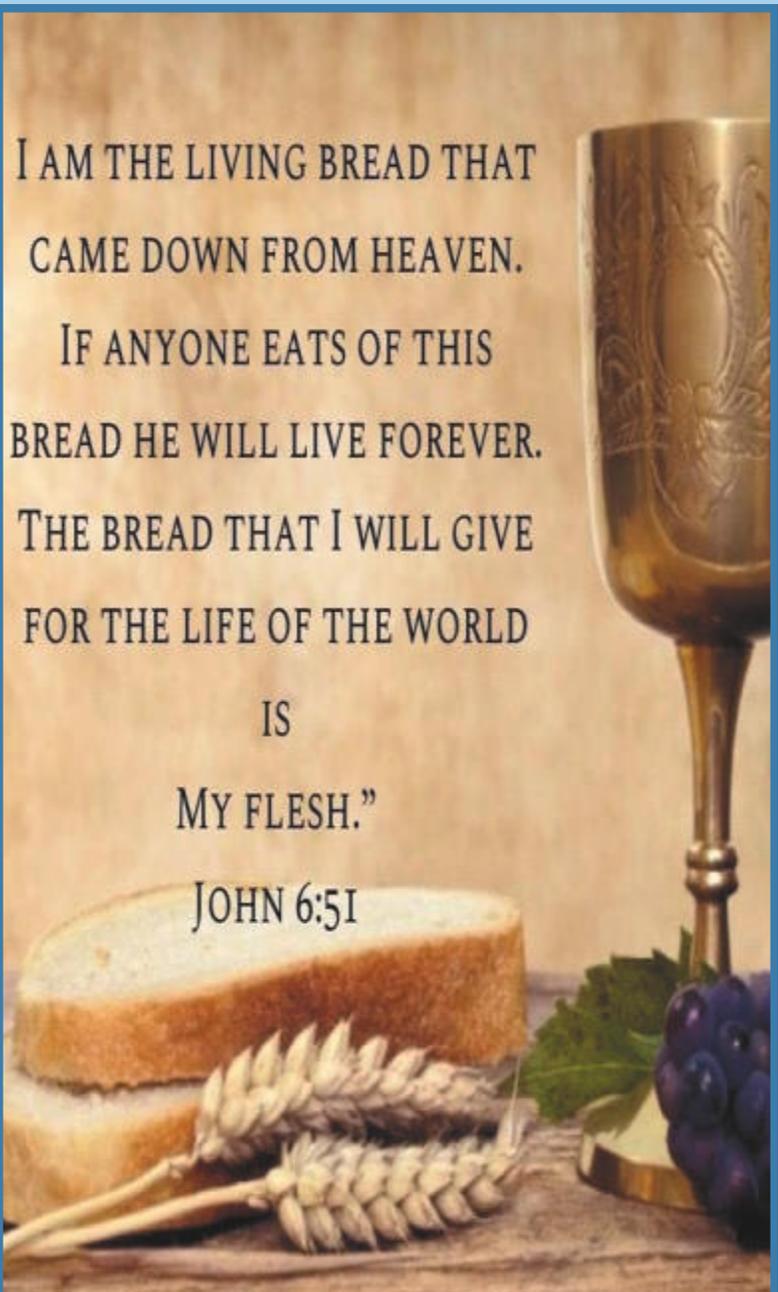
Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

### **BAPTISM & MARRIAGE**

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



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# SUNDAY AUGUST 8th, 2021



**SATURDAY AUGUST 7th**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 8th**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Frank Tansey as Requested by Karen Tansey  
8 AM ~ SHARON  
Carol Buckley ~ Anniversary  
10 AM ~ KENT

Michael Kelsey  
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family

**MONDAY AUGUST 9th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**  
**Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
John & Kitti O'Connell ~ Mass for the living  
Requested by their mother

**TUESDAY AUGUST 10th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**  
**Saint Lawrence**

Nicola Guerrero ~ Requested by family

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON**  
**Saint Clare**

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

**SATURDAY AUGUST 14th**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 15th**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Brian Kaylor ~ Requested by the Kaylor family  
8 AM ~ SHARON  
Saint Kateri Parishioners  
10 AM ~ KENT

Alfonso Alcaraz  
Requested by Edward Sebrank



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Long Island, New York, was originally called Isla de los Apostolos - Isle of the Apostles - by the Spanish who discovered it in 1525.

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 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENVELOPES: \$ 1,684.00.**  
**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,885.00.**  
**AUGUST MONTHLY: \$ 776.00.**

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



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...**

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

**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 peace throughout the world and acceptance of our differences. 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.



Is God calling you to be a priest, brother, or sister? Call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).



**DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO COULD USE THE COMFORT OF A BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE PRAYER SHAWL?**

Our Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies continue to create beautiful shawls at home. 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 contact Linda Chochocka at: [linda-mary@charter.net](mailto:linda-mary@charter.net)

She will be happy to provide information.

# THE 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.  
 God, the Father of Heaven, Have mercy on us.  
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy on us. God,  
 the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.  
 Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.  
 Holy Mary, pray for us.  
 St. Joseph, pray for us.  
 Renowned offspring of David, pray for us.  
 Light of Patriarchs, pray for us.  
 Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.  
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.  
 Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.  
 Diligent protector of Christ, pray for us.  
 Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.  
 Joseph most just, pray for us.  
 Joseph most chaste, pray for us.  
 Joseph most prudent, pray for us.  
 Joseph most strong, pray for us.  
 Joseph most obedient, pray for us.  
 Joseph most faithful, pray for us.  
 Mirror of patience, pray for us.  
 Lover of poverty, pray for us.  
 Model of artisans, pray for us.  
 Glory of home life, pray for us.  
 Guardian of virgins, pray for us.  
 Pillar of families, pray for us.  
 Solace of the wretched, pray for us.  
 Hope of the sick, pray for us.  
 Patron of the dying, pray for us.  
 Terror of demons, pray for us.  
 Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.



Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.  
 And prince over all his possessions.  
 He made him the lord of his household

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. Saint Joseph, pray for us.



### Food Pantry Needs

Food insecurity in our communities remains high, so the need for donations continues. Below is a suggested list of items that the food pantries are in need of. If you are able to donate please bring your items directly to the food pantry in your community or the baskets in the church. Thank you.

- A & B Canned gravy, salad dressing, pancake syrup
- C & D Instant potatoes, rice, mac & cheese mixes
- E & F Tomato Sauce, pastas, peanut butter, jelly, jams
- G & H Bath soaps, shampoo, toilet pater, toothpaste
- I & J Canned, boxed or bottled fruit juices
- K & L Laundry detergents, household cleaners
- M & N Plastic wraps, paper towels, foil wrap
- O & P Coffee, tea, Bisquick, Pancake mixes
- Q & R Canned fruits and canned vegetables
- S & T Canned ham, tuna, chicken, hash, chili, stew, franks
- U & V Boxed cereal, Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
- W, X, Y, Z Canned meat soups, broths

## OUR GOSPEL TODAY...

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

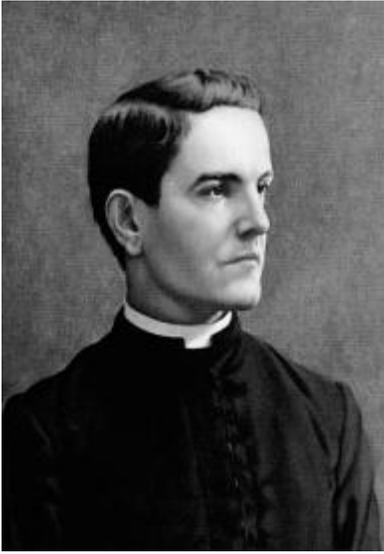


Applications for enrollment in the Catholic Biblical School are now being accepted through the end of August. The required Orientation is Saturday, September 11, and classes begin September 20-24. Virtual and in-person classes are scheduled as follows:

- ◆ 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>

## THOSE LITTLE CROSSES WE CARRY

God asks us to bear our cross for a certain period of time and nothing we try to do seems to lift that cross from our shoulders entirely until we are transformed and God is ready to elevate us to a new level of love.



### **BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY'S STORY**

The eldest son of an immigrant Irish family from Waterbury, CT, young Michael left school at 13 to work in a brass factory making spoons. At 16 he began studies for the priesthood in Quebec, but was obliged to leave to help support the family when his father died. Michael completed his education in Baltimore, Maryland, and was ordained for the diocese of Hartford in 1877.

Assigned to St.

Mary's Parish in New Haven, Fr. McGivney was very active in parish and civic affairs, serving as director of public plays and fairs. He volunteered to become the guardian of Alfred Downes, a minor whose father had died leaving a large family in poverty. This situation as well as his own family's circumstances and that of other immigrants impressed on Fr. McGivney the need for lay Catholic men to establish a mutual aid society to provide financial assistance for their families if the primary wage earner died. Protestant fraternal groups already provided this type of life insurance protection for their members.

In 1882, Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus among a small group of St. Mary's parishioners to promote charity, unity, and fraternity, assisting widows and orphans. Because of the Knights' emphasis on serving Church, community and family, the organization grew and did not remain strictly parish-based. Patriotism was added as a founding principle in 1900.

Father McGivney died from pneumonia in 1890 and was buried in Thomaston, Connecticut. Later his body was moved back to St. Mary's in New Haven where it remains today. He was beatified last year.

### **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](mailto:office.stkaterict@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Thanks!



## **READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

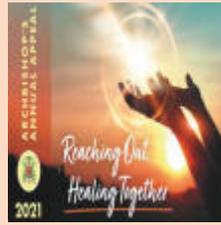
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15



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. To date, 101 families representing 39.92% of the parish have donated. 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.

*August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray to our Lady daily.*

# PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th**

**12 NOON ~ 3 PM**

**FOOTE FIELDS  
IN CORNWALL**

**FEATURING THE**



**BIG GREEN  
TRUCK PIZZA**

**PIZZA ~ SALAD  
ESPRESSO  
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GELATO**



Parishioners are invited to join the fun at the Bitterman Center of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Canaan for Friday night BINGO. Doors open at 5:30 PM; seating is limited to the first 40 people; masks are required while playing. All are welcome! Join the fun!



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