



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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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

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 - 4:30

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



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THE ASSUMPTION



OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SUNDAY AUGUST 15th, 2021

Mass Intentions

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 Sebranek

MONDAY AUGUST 16th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Stephen of Hungary

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

TUESDAY AUGUST 17th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Joan of the Cross

Michael Fuschi

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON

Saint Louis Toulouse

John & Kitti O'Connell ~ Mass for the living

Requested by their mother

SATURDAY AUGUST 21st

SUNDAY AUGUST 22nd

THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Emilio Tomasi ~ 1st Anniversary

8 AM ~ SHARON

Connor D. Smith

10 AM ~ KENT

George Sulli

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 3,011.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,368.33.

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 Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

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 Mary, our Blessed Mother, to intercede for us to make known our heartfelt prayers. 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:

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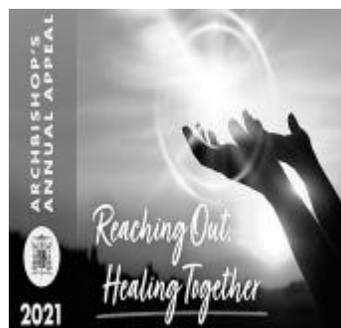
Please call the parish office if you need assistance.

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.



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 parishioners.

For your convenience, donations may be made on our parish website: **saintkaterickt.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.

DON'T POINT A FINGER ~ LEND A HAND.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE BEATITUDES

As Catholics, we should all know the Ten Commandments, but there are many who are not as familiar with the Beatitudes that Jesus gave us as part of His Sermon on the Mount. The eight Beatitudes are not intended to replace the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament but rather to enhance our living of the Commandments in light of the new covenant Christ established with us. Pope Francis recently offered a very contemporary interpretation of the Beatitudes in light of the world in which we are now living.

- * **BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT** “Wealth ensures nothing! Saint Luke invites us to live a plain and austere life, ‘sharing with those most in need.’”
- * **BLESSED ARE THE MEEK** “If we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, we can actually help them.”
- * **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** “True justice comes about in people’s lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the weak and the poor.”
- * **BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL** “Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding.”
- * **BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART** “There can be no love without works of love...the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that come from the heart.”
- * **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS** “Peacemaking is not just about wars but about avoiding doing injury to others with gossip. We need to be artisans of peace. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart.”
- * **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS’ SAKE** “Persecutions are happening today, sometimes involving the shedding of blood but also from slander and lies about others.”

Our Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that the Beatitudes are challenging. We can only practice them if the Holy Spirit fills us with His power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and pride. Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel. We are asked to help the suffering individual but also to seek social change that restores just economic and social systems. This desire for change can lead us to two different errors. The first is to treat Christianity like some sort of aid organization, ignoring that we are called to a personal relationship with God and not just a social agenda. The second error is to distrust social engagement as too worldly or to focus on only one issue at the expense of many others. Our defense of the unborn must be clear, firm and passionate for at stake is the dignity of a human life. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, the infirm, the elderly, the migrant and the refugee. There is so much at stake in the world today with the violence, division, hate, prejudice and disregard for human life with which we are living. This is a good time for all of us to renew our understanding of both the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes... and, more importantly, living them for ourselves and others.

THE ASSUMPTION

What lessons are we able to learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God’s will, living each day with confidence in God’s mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus’ public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: “For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into Heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.”

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God’s grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

“I prefer to judge the Church on her saints rather than her sinners because her saints have done so much more for me than her sinners could ever take away. I cannot help but think that others are like me and could find the same benefit from the plethora of saints who point the way to our loving God”.

— Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J. from *Finding True Happiness*

Thank You
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GENEROUSLY

Monsignor Guerrero received the following thank you note from The Catholic Mission Aid Society:

Dear Monsignor Guerrero,

Thank you and all the good people of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish for the offering of \$ 847 for the support of the Church’s missionary work. Your assistance is a blessing to those who serve in mission dioceses—and especially this year for the **Missionaries of La Salette**.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father’s main resource for the more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

I thank you for the additional effort that went into conducting this year’s appeal in your parish, for your continued generosity and for your prayerful support of the missions. Be assured of my prayers for you and the people of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

Sincerely,

Reverend Monsignor James A. Shanley
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocesan Director—Mission Office.



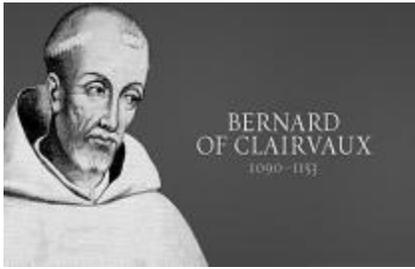
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SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX'S STORY

Man of the century! Woman of the century! You see such terms applied to so many today—"golfer of the century," "composer of the century," "right tackle of the century"—that the line no longer has any punch. But Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," with-

out doubt or controversy, had to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these—and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope. The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christians were the first to call their burial grounds "cemeteries." When our Lord spoke to His Apostles about the death of Lazarus, He referred to his friend as being asleep. The Greek word, *koimeterion*, from which we derive "cemetery," means "dormitory," or "sleeping place."



A family that prays together stays together. As we are united at this moment, let us join also the prayer of all and everyone. What you can do I cannot do. And what I can do you cannot do. But all of us together are doing something for God.

~St. Mother Teresa

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12



Faith Formation Classes for students in grades 1—8 begin on Sunday, September 19th. Registration forms have been emailed out to families who had children in the program this past school year. Please complete the form, and submit it to the parish office. 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.

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