



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

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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

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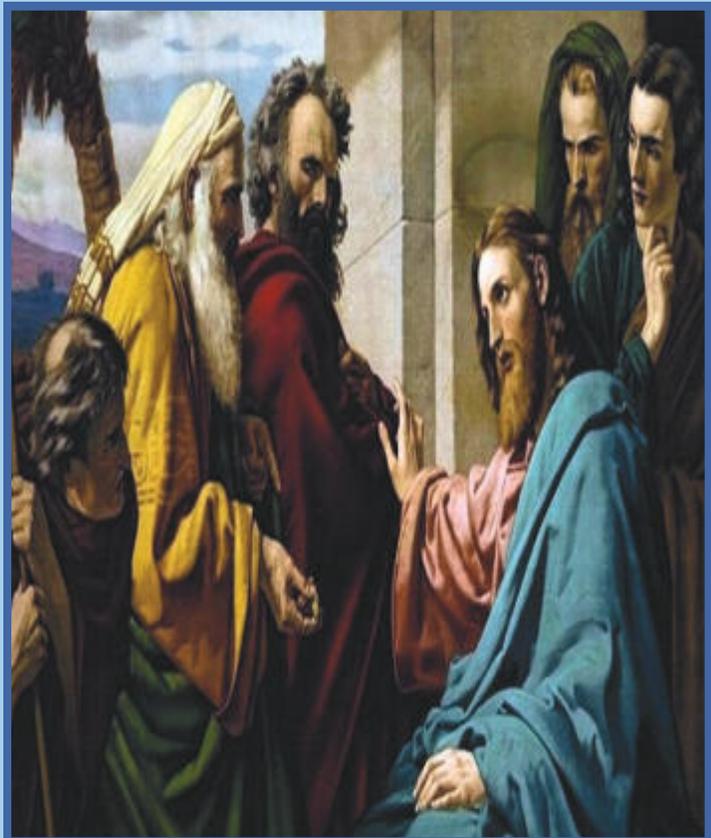
BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES

**THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME
WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEARTS
ARE FAR FROM ME;**



**IN VAIN DO THEY
WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES
HUMAN PRECEPTS.**

SUNDAY AUGUST 29th, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY AUGUST 28th
SUNDAY AUGUST 29th

THE 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Germaine Aldrich

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. Brian Jeffries

10 AM ~ KENT

The Sansoucia and Ayres Families
Requested by Laverne Ayres

MONDAY AUGUST 30th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Jeanne Jugan

John & Kitti O'Connell ~ Mass for the living
Requested by their mother

TUESDAY AUGUST 31st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
Francis S. Mukuka

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1st ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON
Saint Giles

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

FIRST FRIDAY SEPT. 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Kitti and John O'Connell ~ Mass for the living
Requested by their mother.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4th
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5th

THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Peter Bogdanchick

Requested by Mary Woodman

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. Mark Flynn

10 AM ~ KENT

Richard Utera
First Anniversary



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

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 our volunteer community first responders. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



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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.

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
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 1,889.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 935.00.

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



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, 102 families representing 40% of our parish. For your convenience, donations may be made on our parish website: saintkateri.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.



PARISH BIBLE CLASS

All are welcome to participate in "THE BIBLE ON THE VIRGIN MARY". The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Bridget Church Hall. If you are interested, please contact Andrea McCormick at: amccormick0412@sbcglobal.net

THE 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to join Archbishop Blair and other clergy throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this fall (September 4-October 7). All will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus Through Mary— Following in the Spirit of St. Therese, the Little Flower*. The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Therese and is ideal for adults and children. Each day of the Consecration, participants may follow along with the book. Books are available through EWTN Religious Catalogue or St. Anthony Bookstore in Orange, CT. To learn more about the Consecration journey, visit www.childconsecration.com

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed. The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.



SEPTEMBER 1ST IS THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.

This annual day, established by Pope Francis in 2015, is an opportunity to pray, reflect and act to care for God's creation. All of us, both those who most contribute to climate change and those whom it most affects, pray today for better stewardship of the Earth.

"The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

+ Pope Francis in his announcement for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation



WHY WE SHOULD ATTEND HOLY MASS...

The Mass is the best means we have: To render God the highest form of worship. To thank Him for all His blessings. To make reparation for all our sins. To obtain all the blessings we desire. To release souls from purgatory and to shorten our own time there. To preserve us from all dangers to soul and body. To be consoled at the hour of death, for at that moment their memory will be our greatest consolation. To intercede for us at the Judgment Seat of God. To bring down God's blessings; therefore, try to attend at Mass every day, or as often as possible, and of course, on Sundays. To better understand the sublimity of the Passion of Christ, and therefore, to increase our love for Him.

OUR SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS OUR MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER



THE STORY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that

he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

- * I've learned ... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength or ability to help them in any other way.
- * I've learned ... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- * I've learned ... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- * I've learned ... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5



Faith Formation

Register today!!

Classes start on September 19th beginning with the 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church for all students in grades 1—8. Please call the parish office or check the parish website this week if you still need to register your children. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION

High School Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 12th at 8:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Classes are held on the first and 3rd Sunday of each month. There will be a meeting via ZOOM for all parents on Tuesday August 31st at 7 PM. Please contact Kathleen Lindenmayer for all details.

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PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th
12 NOON ~ 3 PM
FOOTE FIELDS IN CORNWALL



PIZZA SALAD
ESPRESSO CAPPUCCINO
GELATO SOFT DRINKS
WATER



The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is offering free guided tours the last Sunday of each month following the 11 AM Mass. Tours cover the cathedral's interior and the newly dedicated Cathedral West Lawn. The Cathedral is located at 140 Farmington Avenue in Hartford and parking is available behind the Cathedral accessed from Asylum Avenue. For more information, please call 860-249-8431.

14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

Keynote Speaker



Fr. Ralph Marino

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Conference Theme:
The Most Holy Rosary

www.ctcatholicmen.org

Details/Purchase Tickets

Location: New Britain Stadium
An Outdoor Venue • Doors open at 7:30 event starts at 8:00

Keynote Speaker



Fr. Donald Calamia, MSJ



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