



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

Saint Bernard ~ Sharon

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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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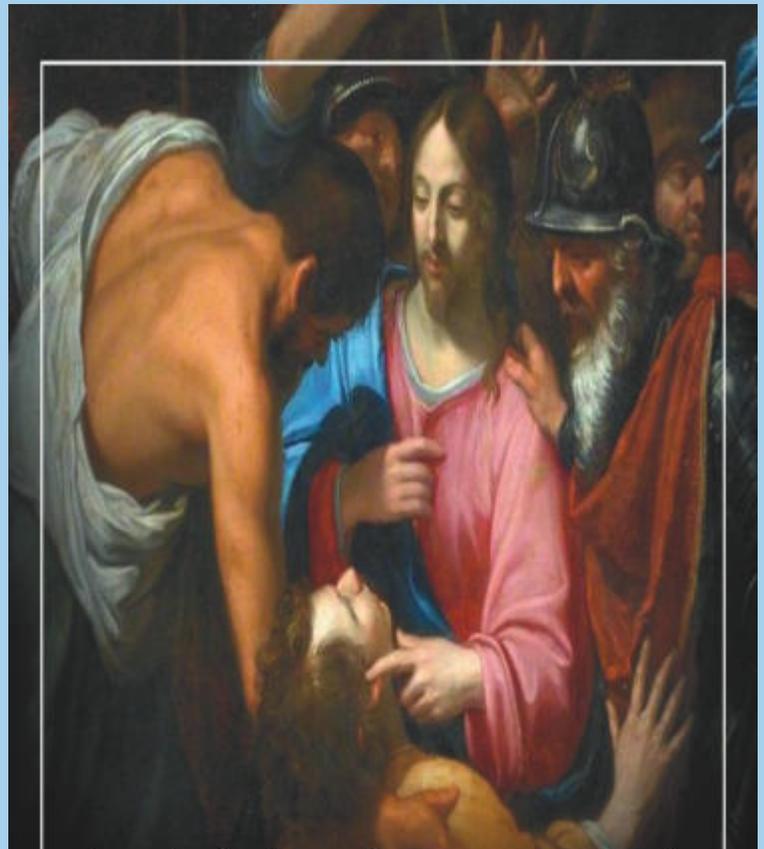
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



Jesus looked up to heaven and groaned,
and said to the deaf man, "Ephphatha!"
(that is, "Be opened!") And immediately
the man's ears were opened.

—MARK 7:31-37

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5th, 2021



Mass Intentions

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

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED ON LABOR DAY

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Blessed Frederic Ozanam

Richard Utera ~ Requested by Maureen Utera

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th ~ SHARON

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Curtiss Stella ~ Mass for the living ~ Birthday

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11th

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Captain John Michael Gray

Requested by Mary Woodman

8 AM ~ SHARON

Ruth Rumley

10 AM ~ KENT

Isabelle & Stephen Norbet
Requested by Pat Kelsey and Family



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days.

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Bridget Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of all the victims of 9/11/2021, requested by Marnell and Rick Stover.

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Utera, requested by Lee Bell.

Sanctuary Lamps may 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
22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,069.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 865.00.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI: \$ 2,000.00

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



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again") in parents ("It is just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

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.

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 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.

"Where there is no love, put love — and you will find love."

~ **St. John of the Cross**



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, 104 families representing 41% of the parish have donated. 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.

A GOOD EXAMPLE HAS
TWICE THE VALUE OF GOOD ADVICE

THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



20th Anniversary Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible event of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day twenty year ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in you will find peace and rest in your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, bless all those defending and protecting our country and it's ideals of freedom and liberty. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. *Amen*

WHEN YOU REALLY COME TO THE LORD, HE NEVER SENDS YOU AWAY EMPTY UNLESS YOU COME TO HIM STUFFED FULL OF YOURSELF.



Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration

On **Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM**, the annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in the hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to the cancellation of this annual Mass.

The liturgy will include a renewal of Marriage vows followed by an opportunity for couples to have a photograph taken with Archbishop Blair. Registration, for couples who would like to participate in the event and will be done online at bit.ly/aothmarriage. Couples are asked to register themselves for the event, but if you need assistance, please call Sandy at the Parish Office.



A GOSPEL REFLECTION

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.



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

SAINT MOTHER TERESA A MODERN DAY SAINT

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests.



Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the Order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was can-

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49



Classes for students in grades 1—8 begin in two weeks...Are your children registered? Please call the parish office to register them if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION

High School Confirmation Classes begin next 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. Please contact Kathleen Lindenmayer for all details.

kathleen.m.lindenmayer@gmail.com

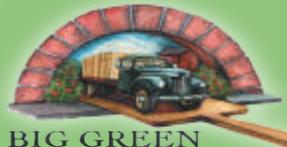
PARISH BIBLE CLASS

All are invited 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



PARISH PICNIC



BIG GREEN TRUCK PIZZA

NEXT SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12th
12 NOON ~ 3 PM

FOOTE FIELDS
IN CORNWALL

PIZZA SALAD
ESPRESSO CAPPUCCINO GELATO
SOFT DRINKS WATER

THE PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Will be having a **HUGE** craft and tag sale at Sacred Heart on Sunday, Sept. 26th following the 10 AM Mass. The group will soon be disbanding as some members have moved away, and others are unable to continue, so this is a great opportunity to select some amazing finds! The ladies will not be pricing items, rather they will ask you for a fair donation for the goods. Please plan to stop by and see what wonderful treasures you can go home with!



All proceeds will be donated to the Kent Food Pantry and the Kent Volunteer Fire Department as they continue to serve our community. **THE LADIES ARE SEEKING TWO MEN TO VOLUNTEER TO MOVE A FEW TABLES OUTSIDE @ 9:30 AM...BACK IN LATER ON.**

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