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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

Saint Bernard ~ Sharon

Saint Bridget ~ Cornwall Bridge

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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

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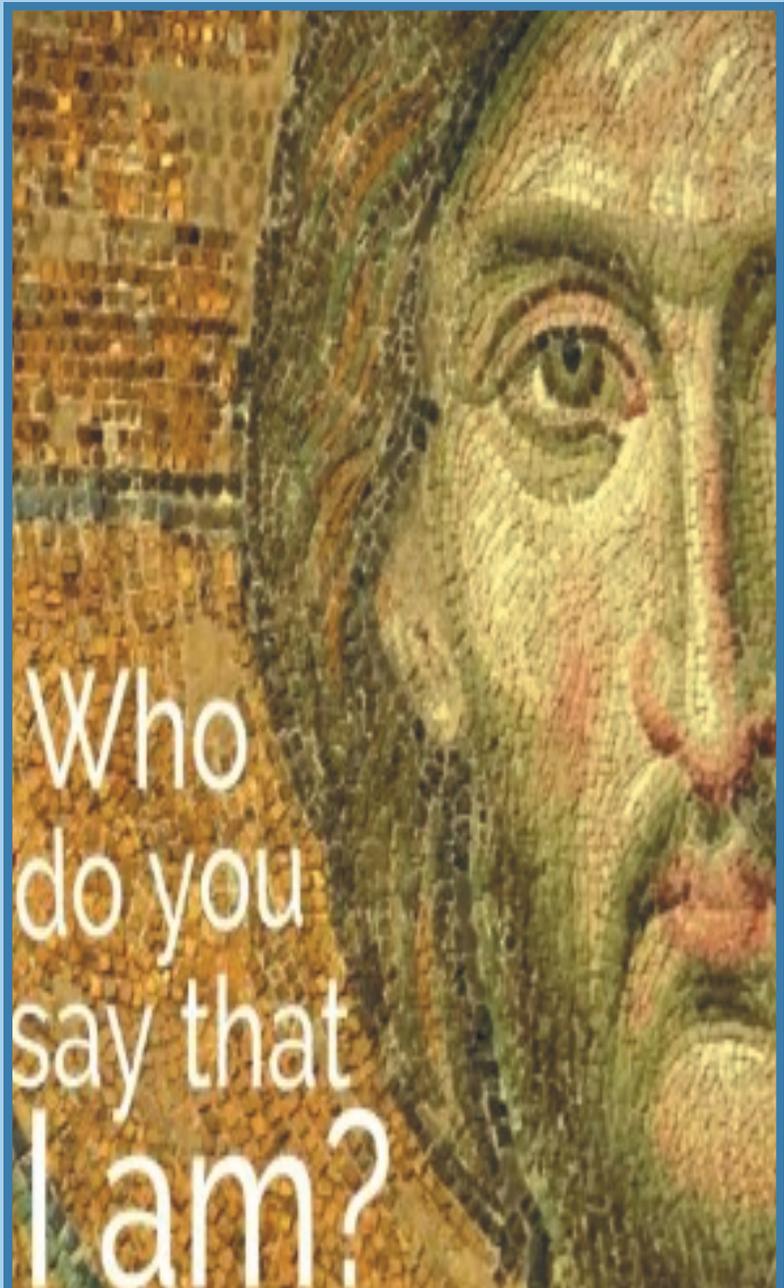
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th, 2021

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint John Chrysostom

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

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sebastiana Anastasio

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON

Our Lady of Sorrows

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18th

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Nina Buquicchio

Requested by Porsh and John Buquicchio

8 AM ~ SHARON

Anna Franceschi ~ Requested by a friend

10 AM ~ KENT

Maria Romanelli

**THERE'S NO PILLOW SO SOFT AS A
CLEAR CONSCIENCE.**

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 Carl Henry Seegers as requested by his wife Mimi Seegers.

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.

DUE TO AN EARLY HOLIDAY PUBLICATION DATE, SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WILL BE POSTED IN THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEKEND.

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



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 refugees and those who are homeless. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



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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.

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. To date, 104 families representing 41% of the parish. 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.

Treat others with kindness...

not because they are kind, but because you are!

Don't build yourself up by making others look small...

No one is impressed by a bully.

Treat others with Respect.

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Teaching Takes Time One of the biggest problems in a culture like ours is proper time management. This is not because we have any less time than others; it's because the alternatives are so many. Because we have money; because we have ease of transportation; because the urban centers we live in have much to offer us in ways to make use of our time - any of us can find ourselves in a situation where we can't possibly do everything that might be done. The opportunities become a blur; we find ourselves in a maze. Sorting out the minutes and hours becomes an awesome task. And in the process, people - those people around us who are dearest - escape our notice. Their needs go unmet, unserved. Many times those people are the little people - our children. Some argue that our children do not need the quantity of our time if the time we give them is filled with quality. It's true. There's no need to give our children even fifteen minutes of our time, if all they experience through us is negativism or unrest or a spirit of impatience. But most good teaching takes sheer time. Our loving and caring spirit, our understanding and calmness, and our devotion to Jesus Christ in word and action, need to seep in to a child's mind and soul. Such sharing rarely comes through a quick torrent of kisses or a fleeting, kindly word. It takes time and patience. Indeed the very spending of time with our children is part of our communicating to them that they are valued and loved

A FLYING RUMOR NEVER HAS ANY TROUBLE MAKING A LANDING.

You know you are living in 2021 when... You don't leave home without your hand sanitizer and mask (just in case!). You try to find the sign on the store window to see if you need your mask to enter. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :) you're reading this and nodding and laughing.



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/aohmarriage. Couples are asked to register themselves for the event, but if you need assistance, please call Sandy at the Parish Office.

A GOSPEL REFLECTION



We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard

de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly reflect his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this worldview, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as He did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



For information on the Archdiocese of Hartford Synod that recently concluded, go to: www.growandgo.com



THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

At one time there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the Cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the Cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the Cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, He handed over His Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.



IF YOU CANNOT BE ON TIME, THEN BE EARLY.

Making time for prayer strengthens our connection with God. Please make every effort to arrive on time for the start of Holy Mass, which begins with the Sign of the Cross and ends with the dismissal, "Go in Peace." The priest should be the last person to enter church and the first to leave.

ISN'T IT STRANGE how we need to know about an event for church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events at the last minute?

ISN'T IT STRANGE how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

ISN'T IT STRANGE how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

ISN'T IT STRANGE how everyone wants a place in Heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15



Faith Formation

Looking forward to seeing all our students and teachers together beginning next Sunday at the 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by classes for grades 1—8 in the church hall.

*** PARISH CRAFT GROUP ***

A **HUGE** craft and tag sale will take place 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 First Department as they continue to serve our community. Thank you!



* **TWO STRONG MEN ARE NEEDED TO VOLUNTEER TO MOVE A FEW TABLES OUTSIDE @ 9:30 ON SUNDAY MORNING FOR THE SALE...AND BRING THEM BACK IN AFTERWARDS... THANK YOU!!!**

* **OUTDOOR VENUE IS WEATHER PERMITTING!**

PARISH PICNIC



BIG GREEN TRUCK PIZZA

THIS SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12th

12 NOON ~ 3 PM

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PIZZA SALAD ESPRESSO

CAPPUCCINO GELATO WATER

SOFT DRINKS

Please bring a lawn chair

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Keynote Speaker

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Keynote Speaker



Dr. Ralph Martin

Saturday, September 25, 2021

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The Most Holy Rosary

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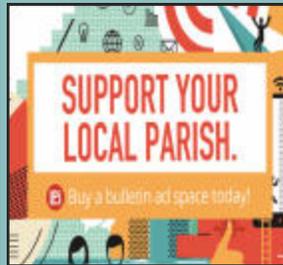
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