



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Member Churches

Sacred Heart ~ 12 Bridge Street ~ Kent
Saint Bernard ~ 52 New Street ~ Sharon
Saint Bridget ~ 7 River Road ~ 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

SUNDAY 8 AM
SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Michael Brown
Joseph McDonough

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



*“Whoever receives one child
such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever
receives me, receives not me
but the One who sent me.”*



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th, 2021

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18th
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Nina Buquicchio ~ Mass for the living ~ birthday
Requested by Porsh and John Buquicchio
8 AM ~ SHARON
Anna Franceschi ~ Requested by a friend
10 AM ~ KENT
Maria Romanelli

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saints Andrew Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang

John J. O'Connell III
Requested by his wife

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Matthew

Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz ~ Special Intention
Mass for the Living ~ Requested by the Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON
Saint Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions

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

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25th
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th

THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Aileen Kehoe
Requested by Aileen Kaylor
8 AM ~ SHARON
Bartolomeo Longo ~ Requested by Family
10 AM ~ KENT
Cecilia "Billie" Mullen
Month's Mind Mass



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another. Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.



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 Faith Formation teachers and students as they begin their instructions this week. 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.

FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

What are the seven deadly sins? They are: 1. Pride - the excessive conceit of one's own ability. 2. Covetousness - an excessive desire for worldly things. 3. Lust - the desire for the sinful pleasures forbidden by the 6th commandment (i.e.) inappropriate sexual desire. 4. Anger - excessive emotion of hatred against any person or a desire for revenge. 5. Gluttony - excessive desire for food or drink. 6. Envy - is the feeling of sorrow at others good fortune, or joy at evil that befalls another individual. 7. Sloth - laziness of mind or body.

These sins are the sources of other sins or are the direct cause of other sins.



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
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,623.00
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 865.00.
SEPTEMBER MONTHLY: \$ 954.00.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ENVELOPES: \$ 2,264.45.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,643.33.

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



On Sunday, October 10, at 2 PM, the annual Archdiocesan Anniversary 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 anniversaries in 2020 or 2021.

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. This 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 can be made online at bit.ly/aohmarriage.

THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish has already raised \$ 47,160. This means we are now OVER 90% of our parish goal and I am incredibly grateful. I am also hopeful that our parish will be able to exceed this year's goal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, there is still time and I ask that you please consider doing so in the coming days. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout the Archdiocese. Gifts may be made directly online by visiting:

www.archdioceseofhartford.org

With prayerful regards,
Monsignor Guerrero

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford, on Sunday, October 3rd at 2 PM at St. Bridget Church, Cheshire. Archbishop Blair will present the "*Gianna Beretta Molla Award*" which is given to persons who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the protection of all human life. For more information, please email sister-suzanne@prolifeministry.org.

HOPES COLLECTION HELP OUR PARISH ELEMENARY SCHOOLS NEXT WEEKEND

The **HOPES** Collection benefits the Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford by providing schools with individual **HOPES** Grants. Your prayers and financial assistance helps to ensure a faith filled education for many students. Our second collection next weekend will benefit this program.



GENUFLECTING SHOULD NOT BE A LOST ART— IT IS A TRADITIONAL SHOW OF RESPECT

We are fortunate enough to worship in our parish churches in which the Body of Christ is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the Lord's Real Presence with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the church and every time passing by the Sanctuary. Normally, a genuflection in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. The word "genuflect" derives from the Latin "to bend the knee." Scripture says: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." [Phil2: 10] One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a profound bow at the waist.

A GOSPEL REFLECTION



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the Kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often ambitious pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe what we hear. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. Always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness. While satisfying our ego may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat care-free, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first, rather "seek first His [God's] Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." [Mt 6:33]

THE VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE LINE

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and feeling good about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

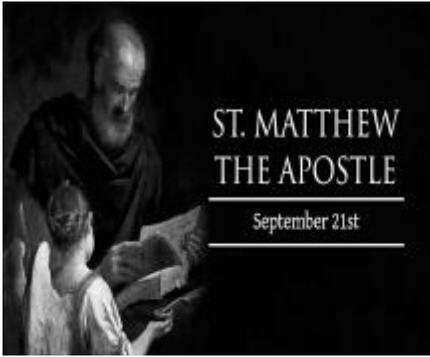
It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

"Imagine yourself always to be the servant of all, and look upon all as if they were Christ our Lord in person. And thus shall you do Him honor and reverence."

~Saint Teresa of Avila



ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

September 21st

SAINT MATTHEW'S STORY

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves.

Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of His intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great Teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; He is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But Matthew was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw Him. "And he got up and followed Him" (Matthew 9:9b).

NEVER RUIN A GOOD DAY
BY THINKING ABOUT
A BAD YESTERDAY!

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE ACTIVE IN OUR PARISH

Being an active church member and parishioner helps strengthen your commitment. In order to better follow Christ, it's important to stay committed to your faith and your fellow Christians. By being an active member of the church, you strengthen your bond with both Christ and other church members, as well as potential members.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45



Faith Formation

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH! CLASSES BEGIN FOLLOWING THE 10 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY FOR ALL 1st—8th GRADERS!

THE PARISH CRAFT GROUP

There will be a **HUGE** craft and tag sale at Sacred Heart next 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 Kent Volunteer Fire Department as they continue to serve our community. Thank you!



***LOOKING FOR A FEW MEN TO MOVE TABLES OUTDOORS AT 9:30 SUNDAY AM FOR THE SALE...PLEASE HELP!!!**



We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

Keynote Speaker



The Right Reverend

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Conference Theme:

The Most Holy Rosary

www.ctcatholicmen.org

Details/Purchase Tickets

Keynote Speaker



Fr. Donald Collins, SDC

Location: New Britain Stadium

An Outdoor Venue • Doors open at 7:30 event starts at 8:00



Thank you to our many parishioners who devote their time and talents to the loving care of our worship sites. To those who help out with landscaping to those who teach; those who ensure that the altar is prepared; the linens cleaned, pressed

and placed; to those who clean the church; help out with functions; lectors; extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist; and musicians, the list goes on and on. Thank you one and all! You are truly appreciated!

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