



# 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*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and First Friday  
9 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Wednesday 9 AM  
ST BERNARD CHURCH

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM  
SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

SUNDAY 8 AM  
SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 AM  
SACRED HEART CHURCH

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN  
FOR HOLY DAY MASSES

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary  
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Michael Brown  
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### BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



ALL THREE PARISH  
WORSHIP SITES

*"Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them,  
for the Kingdom of God  
belongs to such as these.*



*Amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not accept the  
Kingdom of God like a child  
will not enter it."*

# SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 2021

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Bernadette Schullery ~ Requested by Ed Schullery

8 AM ~ SHARON  
Rev. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR

10 AM ~ KENT  
Doris Nunziante  
Requested by Family

**DAILY MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED THIS  
WEEK AS OUR ARCHDIOCESAN  
PRIESTS ARE ATTENDING THEIR  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION.  
PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Robert Friselle

8 AM ~ SHARON  
Anna and Gaetano Bellavia  
Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

10 AM ~ KENT  
Patricia Verdon  
Requested by Peggy and Frank Danek



Often when we lose all hope and think this is  
the end, remember God and pray.  
It's just a bend, not the end.

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 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,495.00.  
HOPES COLLECTION: \$ 1,043.00.  
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 910.00.

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 encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love; a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas. Love with your whole heart, mind, soul and body.



## 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. The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. This Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart at 9 AM in lieu of Mass. The intention this week is for the protection of the unborn. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



We are deeply grateful for your continued and generous 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](http://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

Our Mass Intention Book for 2022 is now open for those wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for family members, loved ones, or special 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 NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY



In every danger of forfeiting divine grace, we should think of Mary, and invoke her name, together with that of Jesus; for these two names always go together. O, then, never let us permit these two most sweet names to leave our hearts, or be off our lips; for they will give us strength not only not to yield, but to conquer all our temptations. "The invocation of the sacred names of Jesus and Mary," says Thomas Kempis, "is a short prayer which is as sweet to the mind, and as powerful to protect those who use it against the enemies of their salvation, as it is easy to remember."

I've seen better days, but I've also seen worse.  
I don't have everything I want, but I do have all I need.  
I woke up with some aches and pains, but I woke up.  
My life may not be perfect, but I am blessed.  
Lessons Learned in Life

# THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN:

Lord, Creator of Life, you have blessed us with the privilege of bringing new life into the world. May your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to recognize Your special gift of children, and Your great love for each of us created in Your image and likeness. You sent Your son Jesus to redeem us and through love He entered our world. We now turn to Mary, our Mother, for her intercession as we struggle to protect innocent unborn children. Following Mary's example may we proclaim the truth of our faith, assist those in crisis and protect those most vulnerable. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



Thomas Wolfe wrote that *"You Can't Go Home Again"*, for he believed that going home again is bound to be a great disappointment.

This is not so with the Catholic Church though. No matter how long you've been away, you can always come home.

The Eucharist is the number one reason people come back to the Church.

They also want to help other people; be part of a faith community, or want their children to have a faith foundation. That Catholic Church has the fullness of truth and grace. People want to be healed, and they want to forgive others. People make mistakes, but they want to find meaning in life.

Whatever the reason...coming back is a decision only you can make. God never forces, He invites. He will always welcome you home.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



October 4th is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Animals will be blessed in his honor after Masses this Sunday, October 3rd.

## A GOSPEL REFLECTION



Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our

lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of His children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as He created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on Him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



## Oktoberfest Potluck Dinner

October 9th following The Vigil Mass

Saint Bridget Church

All are Welcome!

## WHAT WOULD MARY DO (WWMD)?



WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. Perhaps you have wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do? We can argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic Law and present Him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give Him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer Him on this Cross, if it is Your will. Yes, yes, yes. Well, "we can't be like Mary", we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it

so hard? Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's. But God is eager to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live. What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

## EXERCISE DAILY ... WALK WITH THE LORD



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## THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the Rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the Rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the Rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the Apostle of the Rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the Rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—His birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The Rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.



### ARE CATHOLICS STILL REQUIRED TO FAST PRIOR TO RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION?

The General Rule is that Catholics are to fast for one hour from solid food and beverages, with the exception of water, before receiving Holy Communion. The period of fast is reduced for those who are sick, in the hospital, advanced in age and for those caring for them.

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-2



## Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd  
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT  
SACRED HEART.

## CONFIRMATION

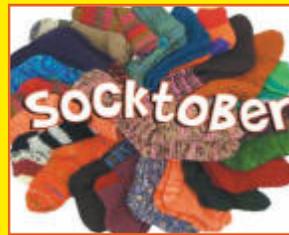
CLASS TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd,  
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART  
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

## THE SAINT JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION



Each year, Archbishop Leonard Blair acknowledges an individual in each parish throughout the archdiocese who has given selfless service to their particular parish. This year, we are happy to announce that the recipient from our parish is Dennis McCarthy, from our Saint Bridget worship site.

**CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS!**



Throughout the month of October, our parish is conducting a new sock drive to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church; Father Joe Cavoto's Parish in New York. Each worship site will have collection boxes in the vestibule for the new socks to be donated. Socks for children and adults are needed in all sizes, and cold weather socks would especially be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Socks will be collected beginning next weekend and until October 31st. Thank you for your participation.



Food insecurity in our communities is real, and sadly remains high, so the demand for donations is crucial to help those in need. Below is a suggested list of items that the food pantries have requested. If you are able to donate, please bring your items directly to the food pantry in your community or place them in the baskets in the church. Thank you.

A & B	Canned gravy, salad dressing, pancake syrup
C & D	Instant potatoes, rice, mac & cheese mixes
E & F	Tomato Sauce, pastas, peanut butter, jelly, jams
G & H	Bath soaps, shampoo, toilet pater, toothpaste
I & J	Canned, boxed or bottled fruit juices
K & L	Laundry detergents, household cleaners
M & N	Plastic wraps, paper towels, foil wrap
O & P	Coffee, tea, Bisquick, Pancake mixes
Q & R	Canned fruits and canned vegetables
S & T	Canned ham, tuna, chicken, hash, chili, stew, franks
U & V	Boxed cereal, Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
W, X, Y, Z	Canned meat soups, broths, boxed crackers

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