



# 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

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE

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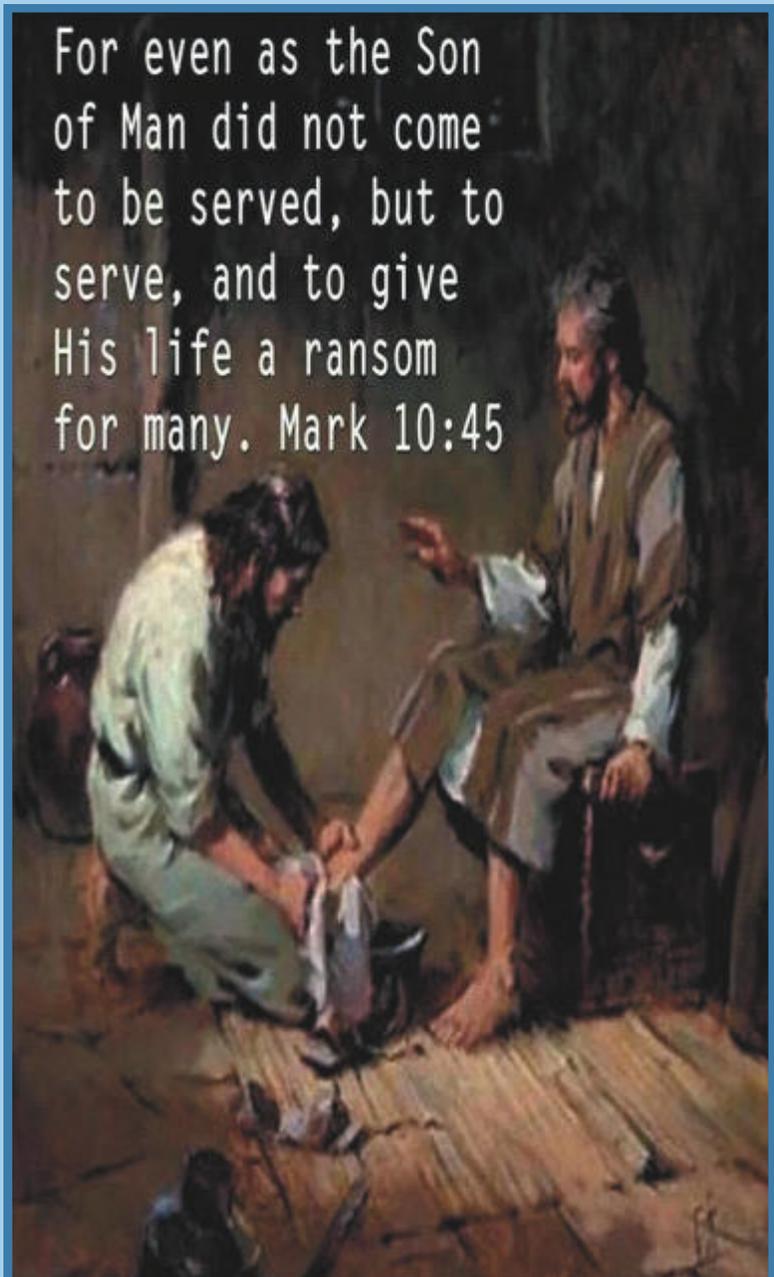
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Registered parishioners are asked  
to make arrangements by calling the  
Parish office



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For even as the Son  
of Man did not come  
to be served, but to  
serve, and to give  
His life a ransom  
for many. Mark 10:45

# SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th, 2021

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Joseph & Lilliana Botte ~ Mass for the Living  
Wedding Anniversary

8 AM ~ SHARON  
William Morrison  
Requested by Betty Morrison

10 AM ~ KENT  
Rita and Raymond McCarthy  
Requested by Ellen & John Genovese

### MONDAY OCTOBER 18th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT Saint Luke ~ Evangelist

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

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 19th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

Marian DeLuca ~ Mass for the living ~ birthday  
Requested by Sharon Szczerba

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON Saint Paul of the Cross

Rev. Peter S. Dargan

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE  
Phil Gargan ~ Requested by Mary Gargan

8 AM ~ SHARON  
Lynn J. Carolan

10 AM ~ KENT  
Deceased Members of the  
Chapman and Sheehey Families  
Requested by Pat Kelsey



*If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.*  
—Thomas à Kempis

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 Bernard Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of William Morrison, requested by his daughter Betty Morrison.***

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  
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEKEND  
DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLICATION TIME**

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



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

"Advise" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

## 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 following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for the sick and the dying in our families. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



*People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point...the glass is re-fillable!*



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Please call the parish office if you need assistance.  
Thank you!

## Mass Intentions

Our Mass Intention Book for 2022 is 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.



Our Second Collection next weekend is the Propagation of the Faith, Mission Collection. World Mission Day, or Mission Sunday, was instituted by Pope Pius XI

in 1926, to remind Catholics about their commitment and support to the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifice. Thank you in advance for bringing the Pope's words into every home, and for supporting those most in need today.

# THE 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Wish you could touch someone's life who is seriously ill or suffering by wrapping them in warmth and love? The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls for just this purpose. Prayers for healing and consolation are said for the future recipient while members crochet/knit these shawls. If you know someone who is struggling through a difficult time, please consider a gift of a prayer shawl from Saint Kateri Parish. Prayer shawls requests can be made by calling the parish office during office hours. If you are interested in joining or learning more about this ministry, please email: linda-mary@charter.net

## MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION

If you are a Catholic couple, or a Catholic married to a non-Catholic outside the Catholic Church, for whatever reason, and are now interested in having your marriage convalidated, please contact Monsignor Guerrero and learn more about the next step. Receive the grace of God from a sacramental marriage.



## THREE WAYS TO WALK JESUS' PATH

The magnificence of Heaven is simply beyond our comprehension. Our limited minds can't imagine how amazing it is. Jesus came to tell us about it and show us how to get there. He hoped we'd follow in His footsteps and do what He did.

**Service others with love.** Jesus asked us to love one another as He did. Some of the ways He showed love were to treat strangers kindly, tend to the material needs of the needy, lend an attentive ear, help people make good and virtuous decisions that bring them closer to God. Try to show love in these ways daily.

**Lighten your load.** Not only did Jesus have few material goods, He sent His disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them –or us– to be distracted. Jesus knew that the more we have, the more we'd think about our stuff and the less we'd think about God. Consider shedding what you don't need, and buying only items that replace what is worn out or broken. Give the money you save to charity.

**Quiet down.** Jesus frequently went off to be alone with God. Take some quiet time each day just to keep company with God. Even spending as few as 15 minutes a day with God in silence will bring you peace.



## ALL SOULS

The Church commemorates all the Faith Departed. The reason for the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is the doctrine and belief that all who die in venial sin, or have not fully atoned for other past transgressions, are detained in Purgatory, and that the faithful on earth can help them through their temporal punishment and hasten their admission to the joys of heaven by prayers and alms, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The memorial day of the dead comes down to us from the first Christians, and, in the course of centuries, November 2 was selected for the annual commemoration of all the

Faithful Departed in churches of the Latin rite. In every land and in every Christian soul resound the mournful tones of prayer for the dead: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Since it is impossible to offer a Mass for the particular intention or intentions of each individual on All Souls' Day or during the month of November, in many dioceses of the United States and other countries there is a custom by which a collection is made of money offerings by the people. Masses are then offered on All Souls' Day for the intentions of all the people.

Throughout the month of November, those who have gone before us blessed with the sign of our faith will be remembered at all Masses. If you would like to include a loved one, family member, or friend, please write the names on the back of the ALL SOULS' ENVELOPE found at the entrance of each worship site. They may be placed in any collection basket.



## A GOSPEL REFLECTION

"What do you wish me to do for you?"

Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

## WHAT IS THE LONGEST NAME IN THE BIBLE?

The name **Maher-shalal-hash-baz** is a reference to the impending plunder of Samaria and Damascus by the king of Assyria, Tiglath-Pileser III (734-732 BC).

*"Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!"*

*-St. Josemaria Escriva*

*"One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world."*

*- Saint Dominic*



### SAINT LUKE'S STORY

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the *Gospel* writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest family members and friends are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: 1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.



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**Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day.**

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9



## Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th  
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT  
SACRED HEART.

## CONFIRMATION

CLASS TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th  
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART  
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Christ gave Peter, the first Pope, the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Those keys are depicted on the Papal Seal. The keys symbolize authority, but why are there two, one gold and one silver, on the Seal? They represent the power to bind and to lose on earth [silver] and in heaven [gold].



Another interpretation says that the silver Key represents "binding" and the golden key represents "losing". The crossed keys form an "X" which is the first letter of Christ's Name in Greek.

"Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a cross"

~ Saint John Vianney

### FREE ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE



Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be repaired and returned to you within a week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me OR this is a donation. Cell: Dick 239-463-3993 / or call Betty 860-595-6370 or email holdenbnd@gmail.com.

If you have any of these items to donate to the missions, send them along as well; key chains, chaplets, prayer cards, medals, medals on chains, 3" or less statues, scapulars, bookmarks, small booklets. Thank you!



Our parish **SOCKTOBER** NEW sock drive is underway 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.

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