



# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

## Member Churches

*Sacred Heart ~ 17 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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FOR HOLY DAY MASSES

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

### PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary  
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM - 4:30 PM  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

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



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# SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th, 2021

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th**

**THE 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**MONDAY OCTOBER 25th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao**

Rev. Brian Jeffries

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 26th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Saint Peter of Alcantara**

Christopher Szczerba ~ Mass for the living ~ Birthday

Requested by Sharon Szczerba

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27th ~ SHARON**

**Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza**

Rev. Ronald Genua

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 30th**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 31st**

**THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Carl Henry Seegers

Requested by his wife Mimi Seegers

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. Donald French

10 AM ~ KENT

Mrs. Lorraine Kwok

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese



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.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.



## 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 those affected by natural disasters. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

## BODY OF CHRIST, SAVE ME!

Body of Christ, save me! Save me from my great arch-enemy, my weak and faltering self.

Save me from all greed of money,  
of power, and of praise.

Save me from thirst for pleasure,  
worldly show, and midnight revelry.

Save me from betraying You, Dear Lord,  
in thought, or in word, or in deed.

Amen.



Our Second Collection this 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.



We are so very grateful for your continued support of Saint Kateri Parish.

**ON LINE GIVING** allows you to make contributions without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site:

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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.

## 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.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE  
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 2,362.00.**

**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,568.33.**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE  
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 2,271.00.**

**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,220.00.**

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



# THE 30th 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](mailto:linda-mary@charter.net)



## THE TABERNACLE

For Catholics, the Tabernacle is the receptacle in which the Eucharistic bread is kept, outside of Mass. The practice began so that Communion could be taken to the sick and the dying who couldn't come to Mass.

"*Tabernacle*" comes from the Latin word that means small tent, hut or similar structure. Thus, it is the place where Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament. The early Christians did not use a Tabernacle. It was because they believed Jesus was in the consecrated bread and wine only when the community was gathered together. During the Middle Ages, there was no designated container in which the Blessed Sacrament was kept. But the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) determined that the consecrated Hosts should be kept in a secure receptacle. The result was Tabernacle. "*Be what you see; receive what you are*". (St. Augustine)

During the flood, none of the animals got a chance to play cards because Noah was guarding the deck.



Bartimaeus refused to be quiet, despite the urging of those around him. How persistent are you? Do you worry about what people will think of you? Are you afraid to speak up when you think others want you to keep quiet? Bartimaeus told Jesus what he wanted and was sure that Jesus would help him. Do you believe that? Do you know what you are truly yearning for?

*Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! —Mark 10:47*



## 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. "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 Masses are 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.



## TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to Him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek Him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.



*Congratulations*

We extend our prayerful best wishes to  
Oliver and Edwin Hernandez  
who were baptized and received their  
First Holy Communion  
last Sunday.  
May God bless them and  
their parents on their spiritual journey!



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SERVICES

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## SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE'S STORY

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually,

Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.



Jesus was called to break boundaries and take God's message of salvation to unexpected people and unexpected places. Through our baptism we are called to be prophets for the Kingdom of God. We will encounter many reactions from those to whom we are sent, not all of them positive. Unswerving dedication, bold courage, and deep biblical hope must be our trademarks.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE  
SOUL OF OUR PARISHIONER

**MAUREEN PRENTICE**

AND FOR THE CONSOLATION OF HER  
FAMILY. A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
WAS RECENTLY CELEBRATED  
AT SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O  
LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON HER*

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11



## Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT  
SACRED HEART.

## CONFIRMATION

CLASS TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART  
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
KEEP THE  
FAITH

THE SMALLEST ACT  
OF KINDNESS  
IS WORTH MORE  
THAN THE  
GRANDEST  
INTENTION



## DECORATED EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS BOXES

Karla Roder from our Parish Craft Group will be making Christmas boxes for those wishing to place one on a grave of a loved one. Small boxes are \$10 and larger ones are \$15. Orders must be placed by Nov. 7th, and pick up will be at Sacred Heart Church following Mass on November 28th. Orders may be placed on the sign up sheets in the vestibule or by contacting Karla at: [karlaroder130@yahoo.com](mailto:karlaroder130@yahoo.com)



There are many families that are in need in our communities, and with the cold weather rapidly approaching, the need to assist our neighbors is crucial.

The next time you grocery shop for your families, please consider purchasing a few extra healthy non-perishable items to donate to your local food pantry. Items that will help include soups, canned meats, boxed cereals, oatmeal, coffee, tea, jams, jellies, canned fruits, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, fruit juices, canned vegetables, fruit granola bars, rice, beans, crackers, gravies. Your generosity will be rewarded. Thank you!



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