



# 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, Wednesday  
and First Friday

9 AM

SACRED HEART 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

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# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 2021

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6th**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th**

**THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Walter Kearns ~ Requested by Karen Tansey

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. James Famelli

10 AM ~ KENT

Mrs. Lorraine Kwok

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 8th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Blessed John Duns Scotus**

Rev. Joseph Gorman

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica**

Debbie Deluca

Requested by her family

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT**

**Saint Leo the Great**

Christopher Szczerba - Mass for the Living

Requested by Sharon Szczerba

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13th**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14th**

**THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Kathryn Powers ~ Requested by Barbara Lynch

8 AM ~ SHARON

For All Veterans

10 AM ~ KENT

Guy and Elizabeth Mankin



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it actually counted for a great significance. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and they are what glue our family together. Seize the moments that seem little... for they are very precious!



## 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 all of our Veterans, living and deceased. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

## Mass Intentions

The Saint Kateri Parish 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.



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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.

**OUR SECOND COLLECION THIS WEEKEND IS THE MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER**

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 Richard Sullivan requested by his nephew Matt Sullivan.*

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.



**Please note the Weekday Winter-Mass schedule change of location. Wednesday morning Mass at 9 AM will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church.**

## HELLO NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

A businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to church to pray for the money. By chance he sat next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed: "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention ..."

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 1,503.00.**

**ON LINE GIVING: \$ 885.00.**

**ALL SAINTS DAY: \$ 164.00**

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



# THE 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, (# 2447) reads:

*The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. 242 Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The*

*corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. 243 Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: 244*

*He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise. 245 But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. 246 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? 247.*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are oriented toward the soul. Though ideally applicable for all faithful, not everyone is considered capable or obligated to perform the first three Spiritual Works of Mercy before they possess the proper tact, knowledge or canonical training to do so. The remaining four Spiritual Works of Mercy are considered to be an obligation of all faithful to practice unconditionally.

### THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY AND THEIR HOLY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ARE:

1. To admonish the sinner. It is an act of love to try to make another realize how bad sin is. This might be done by trying to keep him out of sin or an occasion of sin, or by trying to get him to confession. In cases where we think it might make him worse, we do not correct him directly. We can let him know indirectly, especially by our example that we do not approve of his actions. Proverbs 27:17 Luke 15:7; 7:3, 2 Timothy 4:2
2. To instruct the ignorant. It is an act of love to help others in one way or another to learn the truths they need to know to save their souls. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:47-49; John 20:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:1-5
3. To counsel the doubtful. It is an act of love to help others to be certain about what they should do to love and serve God. Many souls could be saved if Catholics would make the effort to speak the truth in love to their neighbors. Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20; 9:14-29; Luke 8:11-15; John 14:27
4. To comfort the afflicted. It is an act of love to help another person in any kind of sorrow, and to refrain from doing anything that would unnecessarily cause another person more sorrow. Psalms 9:8-11; 22:23-27; Psalms 27:4-5; 30:2-4; Psalms 46:2; 55:22; Psalms 56; 71:20-22; Psalms 116; 119:49-50; Jeremiah 29:11-14 Lamentations 3:21-24; 31-33 Nahum 1:7-8; Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:15-18; 27; 16:22-23; 2 Corinthians 5:17 1 Peter 5:5-11; Revelation 21:4
5. To bear wrongs patiently. It is an act of love to accept the consequences of another's thoughtlessness or carelessness and to suffer inconveniences which another should bear. This is the example given to us by Jesus who suffered greatly for us all when he was innocent. Matthew 5:38-48 Luke 6:27-36; 1 Peter 2:18-19
6. Forgive Offenses Willingly. It is an act of deep love to forgive all those who have injured us in any way, even deliberately and with malice. Christ demands that His followers have great love and forgiveness for one another and even for our enemies in imitation of His own forgiveness of us and of His enemies as He hung on the cross. In His almighty wisdom, God knows that failing to forgive causes further injury to the person originally injured. Matthew 6:14-15; 18:15-35; Mark 11:25; Luke 11:1-4; 17:1-4
7. To pray for the living and the dead. Sharing in the communion of saints demands that we pray for everyone. This is a great means of spreading the fires of love to others, whether in this world or in purgatory. Prayers for the dead at a cemetery carry special graces. 2 Maccabees 38-46



## OUR GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus expressed disdain over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

Human beings have a tendency to judge others even though Jesus has told us not to. We admire those who have power and wealth while despising those who appear stingy or low class. We do not know the hearts of others only our own. That \$1000 donation may be 1% of someone's income while another \$5 donation may be 5% of theirs. Put your focus on what you are doing and why. Do what is right, not what will impress others. Give what you can responsibly. Be generous to all those in need. God is the only qualified judge, leave others to His judgement.

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory:

***Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most precious blood  
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the universal Church, for  
those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.***



It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest family members and friends are still suffering the 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.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF OUR FORMER PARISHIONER

**WALTER KEARNS**

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

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

### SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory."

~ Pope Benedict XVI



### ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman

doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more.

Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

## Saintly Wisdom

“As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming toward us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.’”  
Ven. Fulton Sheen

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.

Catechism of The Catholic Church, 366.

### WHAT IS PURGATORY?

It is a state after death, in which those who die in God’s friendship, but are not completely free of sin and its effects, suffer for a time.

“As we walk the road of our spiritual journey, let us not miss the opportunity to offer a smile and a word of kindness to every person we encounter, for we are welcoming the presence of Christ among us.”

## READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8



# Faith Formation

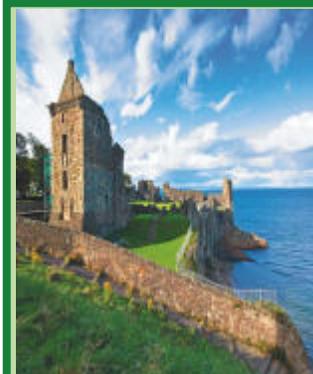
CLASSES MEET THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th  
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT  
SACRED HEART.

# CONFIRMATION

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



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.



**SCOTLAND AND IRELAND**  
APRIL 28th—MAY 12th, 2022

The Office of Radio and Television and WJMJ Radio invite you to join Father John Gatzak on this tour to the beautiful countries of Scotland and Ireland. The tour features: Edinburgh Castle; St Giles' Cathedral; the Palace of Holyroodhouse; Rosslyn Chapel, Dunfermline Abbey; St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral, Blair Athol Distillery, A sheepdog demonstration;

Lock Ness cruise and much more.

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