



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

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN
FOR HOLY DAY MASSES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

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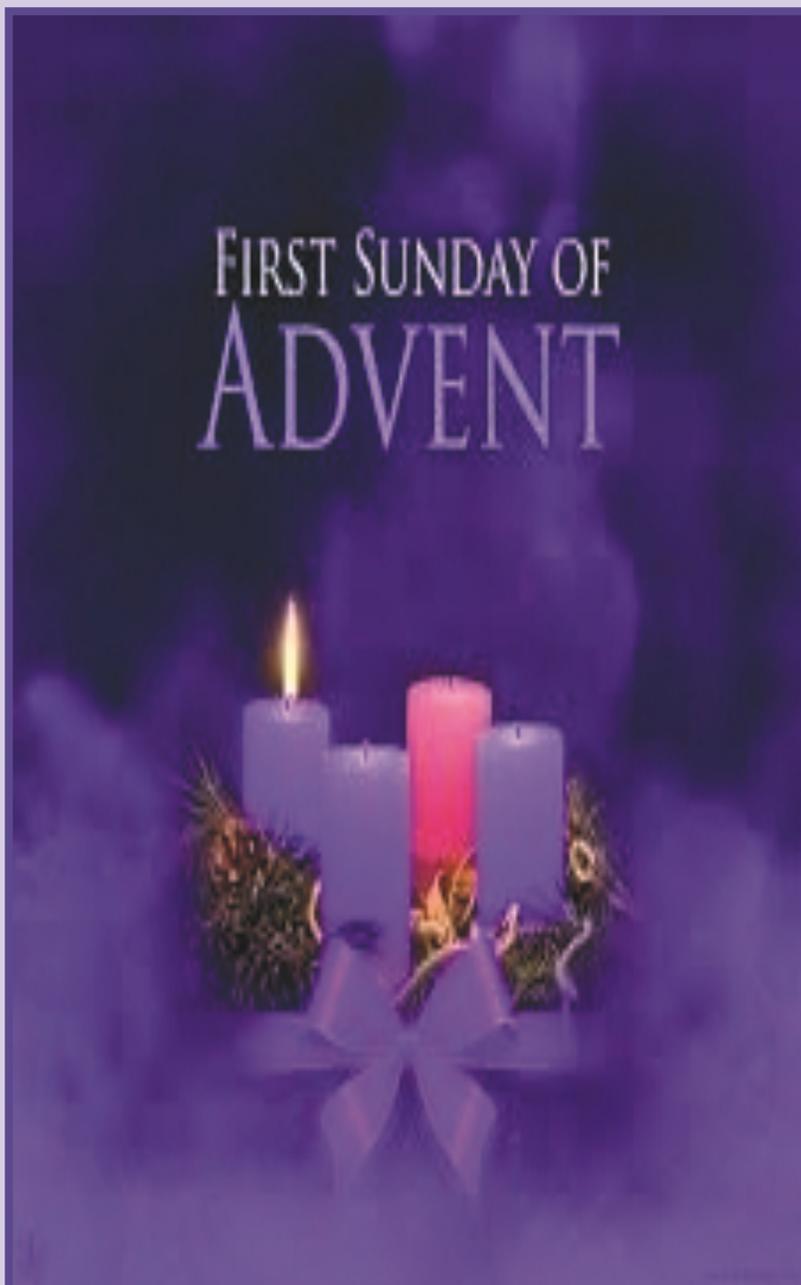
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to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27th
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28th
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Guido Sebblen ~ Requested by Mary Woodman
8 AM ~ SHARON

William Barnes
Requested by Judy, Jeff and Patrick Hannon
10 AM ~ SACRED HEART

James Clements

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Clement
Maureen Prentice ~ Month's Mind Mass

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Andrew, Apostle
Grace Manning ~ Mass of Healing
Requested by the Gawel Family

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Blessed Charles DeFoucauld
David Lanese

FIRST FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Rev. Theodore Raczynski

8 AM ~ SHARON

Rev. Carmine Ranieri

10 AM ~ KENT

Joyce Arnold ~ Month's Mind Mass



It is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an "Advent", a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ.
Pope St. John Paul II



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 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY ENVELOPES, ON LINE GIVING AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WILL BE POSTED IN THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK. DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLICATION DATE...

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's Gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



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 families as we gather together to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings. 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.



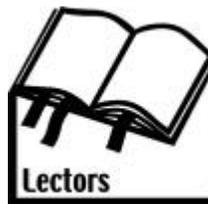
Thank you for remembering those in our parish family and local communities who are sick, hospitalized, and elderly in your daily prayers. Your simple acts of kindness do not go unappreciated, especially as the effects of the pandemic continue to affect many. A phone call to check in, a note with heartfelt thoughts really make a difference, so thank you!



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:

stkateriparishkent.weshareonline.org allows you to set up automatic contributions and to change the timing and/or amount of your gift at any time.



We are seeking parishioners to come forward who are willing to serve as Lectors at Mass. You may serve at the church that you usually attend. If you are interested, please call the parish office or speak with Monsignor after Mass.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes may be found in the vestibules for anyone wishing to make donations in memory of loved ones and to decorate our sanctuaries for Christmas. Thank you.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PAPAL TEACHING ON DISSENT

"It is sometimes reported that a large number of Catholics today do not adhere to the teachings of the Church on a number of questions, notably sexual and conjugal morality, divorce and remarriage. Some are reported as not accepting the Church's clear position on abortion. It has been noted that there is a tendency on the part of some Catholics to be selective in their adherence to the Church's moral teachings. It is sometimes claimed that dissent form the *Magisterium* is totally compatible with being a 'good Catholic' and poses no obstacle to the reception of the sacraments. This is a grave error."

(Address of Pope St. John Paul II, meeting with the bishops of the United States, Los Angeles, Sept. 16, 1987).

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

**Hail and blessed be th hour and moment
in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure**

**Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe,
O my God! To hear my prayer**

**and grant my desires,
Through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
And of His Blessed Mother. Amen.**

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen time a day, from Nov. 30th, the feast of St. Andrew, until Christmas, will obtain what is asked. This prayer has the Imprimatur of Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan, Archbishop of NY, Feb. 6, 1897).



Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



Advent Begins...

Today we begin our Advent journey, which will culminate in Christmas. Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes near to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return to us in the celebration of Christmas. We remember His historic coming in the humility of the human condition. But He enters our hearts each time we are willing to receive Him and He will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead". Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering Him. In today's Gospel Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant so as to be ready to welcome Him at the moment of His return. St. James wrote: "You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." (James 5:8)

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, at that time, I will raise up for David, a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land.... May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love for you." The Holy Season of Advent has begun. A time of yearning, of expectation, of longing that things can be better. As the prophet told of God fulfilling His promise, may we participate in allowing that to happen today. The advent time is brief, but offers a great opportunity to do two things. Consider what it was like before the coming of the Messiah, the chaos, the desire, the need for the Father to send someone. Consider our time, when the same disturbing chaos dominates our thinking with wars, poverty, hate expressed in so many ways. The expected Messiah, would bring that injustice to an end, and will if we but seriously live these special days in prayer, reflection and signs of love and support of others. In this time of commercialism, may we pause to consider those who are hurting in any way, those who are poor, those who do not know our Savior.

THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST

St. Bernard of Clairvaux says there are three comings: Advent prepares not just for the first coming of Christ to Israel, or even the second at the end of time. There is a third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest and consolation. We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.

In the first coming He was seen on earth, dwelling among men; He Himself testifies that they saw Him and hated Him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on Him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In His first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming He comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming He will be seen in glory and majesty.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord Himself says: If anyone loves me, He will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, He will appear as our life; in this middle coming, He is our rest and consolation.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once He takes possession of all.

THE ADVENT WREATH:



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works

undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. Whether at home or in the church the Advent wreath reminds us to re-focus on Christ.



Every single, couple, or family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our parish is encouraged to register. If you have not yet registered or wish to register with Saint Kateri Parish, please call or email the Parish Office. Also, if you are registered and need to update your information from the time you originally registered please inform the parish office.

Registering with the parish is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family. It is also necessary for the issuance of sponsor certificates, letters of recommendation and religious education, and character references.

You are invited to become more active and supportive of our parish. Please pray for our parish.

OUR SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS THE MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

MARY LOUGHNEY

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



A couple of older ladies had the most annoying habit of going up to single folks at weddings, poking them in the ribs and cackling, "You're next!" They stopped after the singles started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



Faith Formation

THE LAST CLASS OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT SACRED HEART.

CONFIRMATION

THE NEXT CLASS TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



Our traditional Christmas Giving Trees are in place this weekend. Saint Bridget and Saint Bernard will benefit town Social Service requests. Sacred Heart will benefit the Kent Food Pantry. If you wish to participate, please select a tag and return the item by December 12th the latest to the church where you selected your tag.

Times remain difficult for many families throughout our communities. Your caring and outreach will be especially appreciated this Christmas season. Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas! Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

Our parish is also collecting small gift items for the elderly residents of Sharon Health Care center. Items such as adult coloring books, number puzzles, word searches, and similar books, colored pencils, large size crayons, small boxes of candy, scented soaps, shampoo, hand lotions, sweatshirts and sweatpants in both large and extra large sizes, note cards, and plain paper note pads are sought. Collection boxes are available in each church. Thank you for your outreach and caring!

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers are needed at all three churches. Boys and girls in grades 3—high school who are interested in serving at Mass are invited to attend the first workshop on Saturday, Dec. 4th at 10 AM at Sacred Heart. To register, please call the parish office or see Msgr. Guerrero after Mass.



Stop by after Mass this Sunday for the Craft Group Christmas Bake and Craft Sale. This is your last opportunity to purchase some really lovely Christmas ornaments; homemade baked goods; seasonal decorations, jewelry and a great assortment of other items. The group is asking for a donation rather than a set price for all items. Please stop by and be generous. All proceeds will benefit the Kent Fire Department and the Kent Food Pantry.

We extend our thanks to the faithful members of this group who have worked tirelessly for over ten years at Sacred Heart. They have donated thousands of dollars to many worthy charities from their sales; sent religious articles and books to missionaries, and schools, and supported local charities as well.



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