



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

Parish Trustees

Mr. Jerry Tobin Mrs. Stephanie Plunkett

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.

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary
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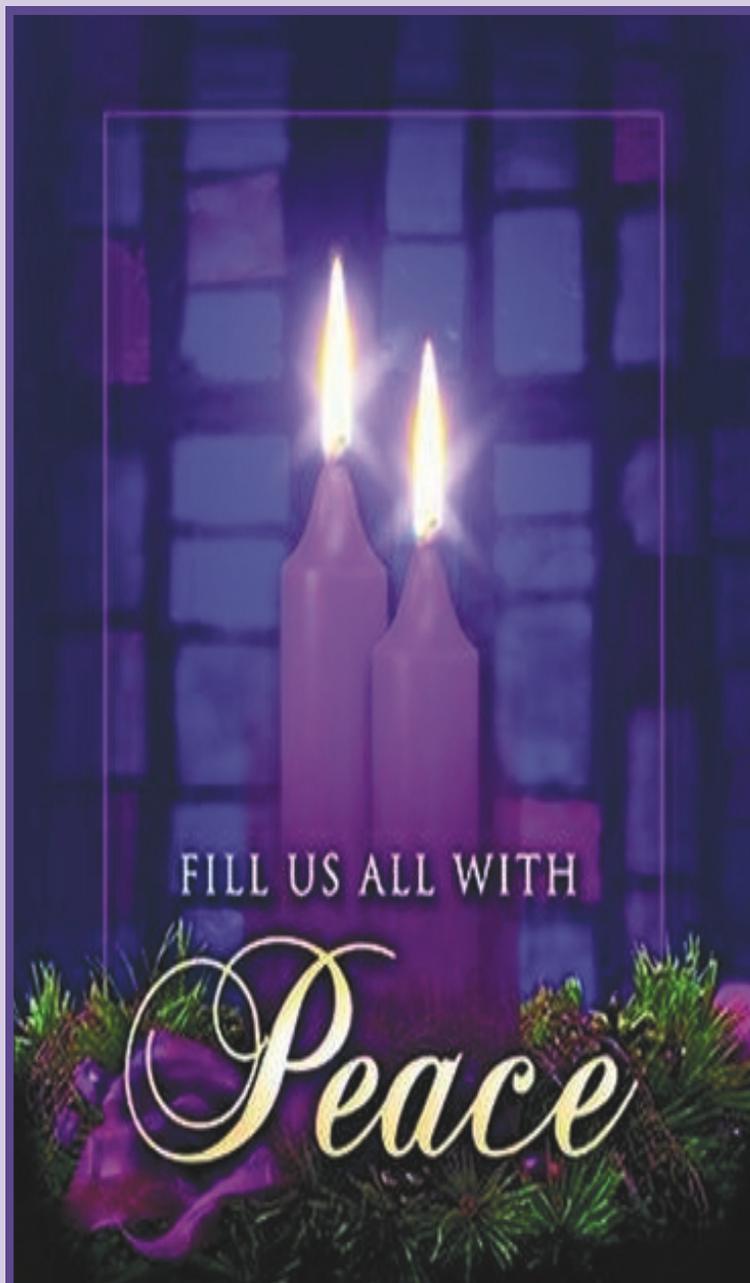
Joseph McDonough

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



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WORSHIP SITES



SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 6th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Nicola Guerrero ~ Requested by family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Ambrose, Bishop

Sr. Mary of the Incarnation, O.P.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7th ~ 6:30 PM ~ SHARON
VIGIL FOR FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For all parishioners

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For all parishioners

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11th
SUNDAY DECEMBER 12th
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Francis Kwok, MD

Requested by Ellen & John Genovese

8 AM ~ SHARON

Vivian Sullivan ~ First Anniversary

10 AM ~ KENT

Antonette Genovese

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"



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 Rosary is prayed every Tuesday at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for the protection of the unborn and the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Spend just twenty minutes praying the Rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift that one can offer for another person as it is the offering of the sacrifice of Jesus Himself on the cross. The Eucharist is "the source and sharing of the Christian life". [CCC, # 1324].

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. 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.



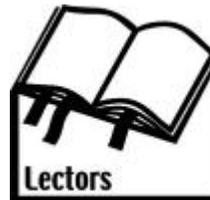
Thank you for remembering those in our parish family and local communities who are sick, hospitalized, and elderly in your daily prayers. Your simple acts of kindness do not go unappreciated, especially as the effects of the pandemic continue to affect many. A phone call to check in, a note with heartfelt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



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 1,471.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 895.00.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: \$ 1,961.00
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,105.00.
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: \$ 997.00.

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



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FORWARD WITH FAITH CAMPAIGN

The Archdiocese of Hartford is conducting the first archdiocesan-wide capital campaign in its 175-year history. The one-time campaign, called *Forward with Faith*, is being led by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation. The goal of this campaign is to raise eighty million dollars to ensure the long-term financial viability of the archdiocese, to benefit the social and educational ministries of the archdiocese, and to assist struggling parishes. All parishes benefit from the campaign, and all parishes are required to participate.

Saint Kateri Parish was presented with two options. The first option would be to conduct a full capital campaign with personal appeals directed to individual parishioners. Using this approach, the parish goal would be \$255,000 which is based on the 2018 offertory. Up to 50% of the receipts could be returned to the parish for approved projects. The second option would be to forgo the door-to-door appeal to parishioners and make a direct gift from Saint Kateri Parish in the amount of \$ 165,774, which is 65% of the parish's campaign goal.

After consultation with the Finance Council, Monsignor Guerrero has accepted its recommendation to pursue to second option. Given the demographics of our parish and the lingering concerns regarding COVID and its variants, it was deemed prudent to choose the second option. By choosing this option, the parish has taken care of this obligation on your behalf. We are fortunate that, because of your good stewardship, choosing the second option will not adversely affect the financial position of our parish.

Some parishioners may wish to make an additional contribution over and above the parish gift. Before the conclusion of the *Forward with Faith* campaign, you will be given the opportunity to do so. Additional information is available at the following website:

www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org



STIR UP OUR HEARTS, O LORD, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY



O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever. Amen.



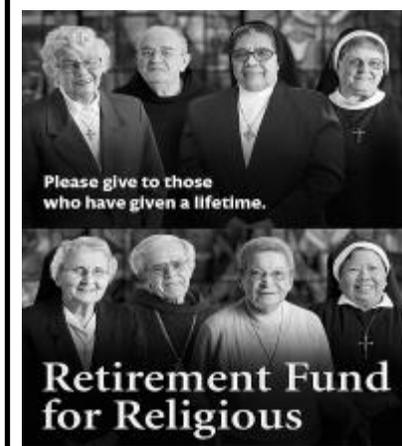
OUR READINGS TODAY

One would be hard-pressed to identify another Gospel character as intensely focused as John the Baptizer. There is no doubt about his life's work. He is to announce the coming Messiah and to prepare the waiting world to receive Him. John flashes forth suddenly and without introduction in the desert area of Judea announcing a hard, direct message of repentance. Soon a steady stream of people from all around Judea presses close to see and hear and marvel. They wonder if this is not Elijah come again, for he certainly has the attire and diet of that great prophet. Those who believe in John's message come forward to receive a baptism of repentance. For good measure, John adds that they can take no pride in their heritage as sons of Abraham. Salvation is God's great and surprising work. It begins here in the Jordan River and it simply never ends. And that, of course, is the great wonder. God offers salvation to people simply because they need it, not because they are children of Abraham or because they are learned or deserving. This great and good news will be brought by someone else mightier than John. This one is coming, and John knows he is not worthy to carry His sandals.

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the Scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to His historical birth. Today's Scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

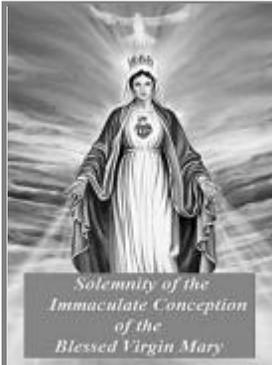
Our Second Collection next weekend is the annual Archdiocesan Collection for our Retired Religious. Thank you in advance for your prayers and also for your generosity to those who have served a lifetime in leadership, education, missionary and caregiving roles.

WORKERS NEEDED

The Harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray to the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest. Become a Priest or Religious Brother, Sister or Permanent Deacon. For information contact Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations.



860-761-7456 Fax: 860-243-0661
vocations@aohct.org - hartfordpriest.com



December 8, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Wednesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics are obligated to attend Mass for this Solemnity. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:30PM at Saint Bernard Church, and at 9 AM on Wednesday at Sacred Heart.

What a wonderful feast this is, especially since it occurs during Advent and fits so beautifully into our Advent spirituality! What we celebrate is Mary's total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in the Gospel for the Mass of the Holy Day, as Mary proclaims to the angel Gabriel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust. However, Mary is always seen as the model disciple, the model of our faith, and so this day should be a day when we pray that our faith and trust may be the same as Mary's.

Allow this Solemnity to be for you a day to reflect on the place of Mary in your prayer life and as a model of faith for you.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS WHAT IS THE RCIA?

RCIA is the program for anyone wishing to receive their sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. The program is an exploration of the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. All are welcome. For further information please speak with Monsignor

Guerrera after Mass or call the Parish Office (860) 927-3003.



The Parish Craft Group wishes to extend their thanks to all who supported their sale last weekend. They were very successful in their efforts, and through your kindness, they will be making generous donations to the Kent Food Pantry and to the Kent Fire Department. Thank you one and all!

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

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Faith Formation

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

CONFIRMATION

THE NEXT CLASS TAKES PLACE THIS 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. Saint Bridget and Saint Bernard benefit town Social Service requests. Sacred Heart benefits the Kent Food Pantry. If you wish to participate, please select a tag and return the item by next weekend 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.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

-Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 7th

6:30 PM ~ St. Bernard

Wednesday Dec. 8th

9 AM ~ Sacred Heart



As a community Christmas outreach, our parish continues to collect 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! Gifts should be unwrapped! Blessed are the givers!



Christmas Eve Masses ~ 4 PM

Saint Bridget

Saint Bernard

Sacred Heart



Christmas Day Mass

10 AM Sacred Heart



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