



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

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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.

PARISH OFFICE

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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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to make arrangements by calling the
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SUNDAY JANUARY 2nd, 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

SATURDAY JANUARY 1st
SUNDAY JANUARY 2nd
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Sr. Mary Renilda, C.S.S.F.
8 AM ~ SHARON
Rev. Joseph A. Dillon
10 AM ~ KENT
Jane Bly ~ First Anniversary

MONDAY JANUARY 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
The Holy Name of Jesus

John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

TUESDAY JANUARY 4th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Msgr. David Q. Liptak

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint John Newmann

John J. O'Connell IV ~ (healing) ~ Requested by his mother

FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 7th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Parishioners of Saint Kateri

SATURDAY JANUARY 8th
SUNDAY JANUARY 9th
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Barbara McCurdy ~ Requested by Marnell & Rick Stover
8 AM ~ SHARON
Mike Bouchar
Requested by Judy Hannon and Family
10 AM ~ KENT
Frances Davis
Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganja



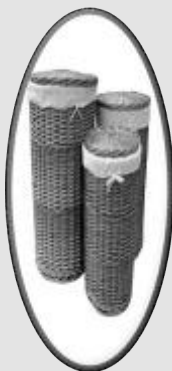
The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can 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
THE 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: \$ 4,962.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,130.00.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR
CHRISTMAS MASSES,
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY,
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY AND
JANUARY MONTHLY
WILL BE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN
NEXT WEEKEND.

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



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

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 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].

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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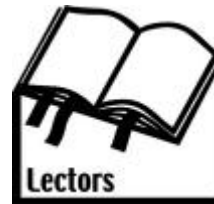


We are so very grateful for your continued support of Saint Kateri Parish.

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

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



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.

"God, to Whom the angels are subject: Whom principalities and powers obey: was subject to Mary; and not alone to Mary, but to Joseph also, because of Mary. Admire and revere both the one and the other, and choose which you admire the more: the most sweet condescension of the Son, or the sublime dignity of the Mother. For that God should obey a woman is humility without compare; and that a woman should have rule over God dignity without equal." -St. Bernard

Our second collection this weekend is the
January Monthly Collection.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

On the spiritual Feast of the Epiphany, we remember those mysterious figures from the East who visited the Holy Family. They have long been the subject of stories and legends. Early on, they were looked upon as royal figures. This may have been suggested by Psalm 72: "The Kings of Arabia and Sheba shall bring tribute: all kings shall pay Him homage". There is no indication that the Magi were kings, but we do believe that they came from afar, from distant pagan lands. And they came to praise the Lord.

Today's first reading emphasizes that Jesus didn't just come for His immediate community, but He came for everyone. That means we can look at anyone and say: "Jesus came for this person, and He would have come if this were the only person in the world. Jesus loves this person." This person is you.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves. We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others.

We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."



Monsignor Guerrero received the following thank you note from the Vicar for the Center of Catholic Education and Formation...

On behalf of the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I extend my sincere gratitude to you and your parishioners for the contribution of \$1,043.00 to the 44th Annual HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) Collection.

The HOPES Collection provides individual HOPES Grants for each of our Catholic elementary schools. These grants are used for improvements in school technology, security, marketing, creating safer environments for students and enhancing their educational resources.

We thank you and your parish for supporting our schools, our children and our families as we work to fulfill the Church's vital mission of ensuring a culture of educational excellence where our faith is learned and lived every day.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Michael Whyte
Vicar for Center of Catholic Education and Formation
Archdiocese of Hartford

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux



4 DAILY HABITS TO KEEP YOUR FAITH ALIVE

MORNING OFFERING: By praying a morning offering you dedicate the rest of the day to God, which then prepares you to tackle anything that comes at you during the day.

NIGHTLY EXAMINATION: This is important and it helps prepare you for your next confession. It is healthy to

examine your faults and failings and to ask God's help to overcome them.

MENTAL PRAYER (15 MINUTES): It consists of a "heart-to-heart" with God and leaving time for talking and listening. God is extremely interested in what is going on in your life.

SPIRITUAL READING (15 MINUTES): One way to do this is to read the Gospel reading for today and then find a spiritual book that will help you grow in your relationship with God.



The red-breasted robin is a lovely symbol of Christmas. The story is told is that Joseph built a fire in the manger to keep Mary and Jesus warm, but the flames kept dying. A robin fanned them with its wings so that the fire wouldn't die, and his proximity to the fire turned his breast red.

It's also said that a robin landed on the shoulder of Jesus as He carried the Cross on Good Friday. When the bird plucked thorns from His brow, the bird's breast was stained forever with His Blood.

THOUGHTS ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



In his Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (see Colossians 1:15-20). The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating others. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to Him we are, therefore, all related to one another. We celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus this Monday, Jan. 3rd.



WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated Host. The Real Presence of

Jesus remains in the consecrated Host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped Host and consume It. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators, if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30



CLASSES MEET
NEXT SUNDAY,
JANUARY 9th
BEGINNING WITH
THE 10 AM MASS AT
SACRED HEART.

Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION

THE NEXT CLASS TAKES PLACE NEXT SUNDAY,
JANUARY 9th BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



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Contrary to popular
belief, cars did exist
when Jesus was
alive.

We know this
because all the wise
men came to see
Jesus in one
Accord.



The visit of the Magi was prophesied in the Old Testament. *"The kings of Tarshish and the Islands shall offer gifts, the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him"* (Psalm 72:10-11). *"Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."* (Isaiah 60:6).

St. Matthew recorded that they brought three gifts: Gold – the gift for a king, Frankincense – the gift for a priest, and Myrrh – a burial ointment. The kings witnessed the presence of the Messiah on Earth, and the fulfillment of God's promise of a Savior. Christmas is our reminder that God is always faithful. Christmas is our epiphany into God's eternal love.

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