



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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Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



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WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY JANUARY 9th, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

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

4 PM ~ SAINT BRIDGET
 Barbara McCurdy ~ Requested by Marnell & Rick Stover

8 AM ~ SAINT BERNARD
 Mike Bouchar
 Requested by Judy Hannon and Family

10 AM ~ SACRED HEART
 Frances Davis
 Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz

MONDAY JANUARY 10th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Gregory of Nyssa
 Ferdinando Nunziante

TUESDAY JANUARY 11th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Blessed William Carter
 Rita Elliott ~ Requested by Sharon Szczerba

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
 Priest's Intention

SATURDAY JANUARY 15th
SUNDAY JANUARY 16th
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ SAINT BRIDGET
 John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of healing
 Requested by his mother

8 AM ~ SAINT BERNARD
 Ruth Morrison
 Requested by her daughter Betty Morrison

10 AM ~ SACRED HEART
 William Silk
 Requested by his wife Joan Silk



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 Bridget Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara McCurdy requested by Marnell and Rick Stover.

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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS:
\$ 5,261.00

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: \$ 760.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY: \$ 354.00.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: \$ 2,874.00.

JANUARY MONTHLY: \$ 812.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,900.00

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



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's Gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.



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 Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. 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.



Weekly donation envelope users and on-line giving subscribers may obtain a copy of their 2021 donations to the parish by calling the office, or writing "please send statement" on the back of their weekly envelope. A statement will be mailed to you in a timely manner.



In following the directives of the Catholic Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks of birth. If you

are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent, please contact the parish office or speak with Monsignor Guerrero after Mass today.



GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE

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.

Please call the parish office if you need assistance.

**TRUST SAYS JESUS CAN
 FAITH SAYS JESUS WILL !!!**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PASTOR'S NOTE



Dear Parishioners,

With today's Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season comes to a close. I take this occasion to thank all those who helped decorate and enhance our worship sites for the holiday season, coordinators of the Giving Trees, readers and greeters, musicians, and those who worked behind the scenes. It takes many dedicated individuals to keep all our churches and buildings which make up our parish operating smoothly. I also thank everyone who sent me Christmas greetings, as well as cards and various gifts. Please know that your thoughtfulness and generosity are most appreciated.

As we begin this new year, I pray that God will bless you, Our Lady watch over you, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha intercede for you!

Monsignor Guerrero



Have you ever wondered where we get the names for the months of the year? Our calendar takes the names of the months from the ancient Roman calendar, which was pagan in origin. The original Roman calendar had only ten months but in the year 700 B.C., January and February were added to make twelve. March was considered the first month of the year because it was the beginning of the planting season.

JANUARY is named for the Roman god Janus.

FEBRUARY is named for the purification festival Februa when Romans prepared for the new year.

MARCH is named after the Roman god of war and agriculture - Mars.

APRIL comes from the Latin *aperire*, which means open. It is in April when leaves and buds begin to open.

MAY is named after the Roman goddess of growth and living things - Maia, or it could also be derived from the Latin word *majores* - older men - because it was during this month that they were honored.

JUNE is named after the Roman goddess of marriage - Juno, or it could also be derived from the Latin word *juniores* - younger men - because it was during this month that they were honored.

JULY is named after Julius Caesar.

AUGUST is named after Caesar Augustus. August was originally *Sextillus*, the sixth month. At the time of renaming from *Sextillus*, to August, it had only 30 days. This did not sit well with the new ruler because July, named after his uncle had more days. He took a day from February and gave it to August.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER derive their names come from the Latin words meaning seventh (*septem*), eighth (*octo*), ninth (*novem*) and tenth (*decem*). These names are remnants of the original Roman calendar whose year only had ten months so these names make no sense in our modern day twelvemonth calendar.

With all this in mind, if you have not brought one of the 2022 Religious Art parish calendars home for your family, please do so today. They serve as wonderful resources throughout the year.

BIRTH INTO A NEW CREATION



"Baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection," (Rom 6, 3-5). Thus does St

Paul clearly show us that our new birth through baptism is the symbol of our resurrection after death. This will be achieved in us through the power of the Spirit, as it is said: "It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body," (I Cor 14,42f.). What this means is that, just as our body here below, so long as its soul is present, enjoys a visible life, so it will receive then, in the same way, an eternal and incorruptible life through the power of the Spirit. The same thing applies to the birth given us in baptism, which is the symbol of our resurrection. Through it we receive grace by the same Spirit, but with moderation and in the form of a token. We will receive it in its fullness when we truly rise and incorruptibility is indeed given to us. That is why, when the apostle Paul speaks of the life to come, he tries to reassure his listeners with these words: "Not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for the redemption of our bodies," (Rom 8,23). For if we have received here and now the first fruits of grace, we expect to receive them in their fullness when the happiness of the resurrection is given to us.

Theodore of Mopsuestia (?-428), Bishop and theologian Commentary on St John's Gospel, Book 2



Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have taken place.

Then, God did something truly amazing and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action He let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well. Through those holy waters, God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

To appreciate the beauty of each unique snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold!



SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS' STORY

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said "The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian." When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the "Athanasius of the West."

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.



THANK YOU!



(Msgr. Guerrero received the following thank you note from the St. Francis Breadline in Manhattan)

Monsignor Guerrero,

Thank you so much for the socks that were collected and sent to our guests on the St. Francis Breadline.

Nothing quite starts the day like a new pair of socks.



Sincerely,
Patrick Regan



The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. -St. Ambrose of Milan

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

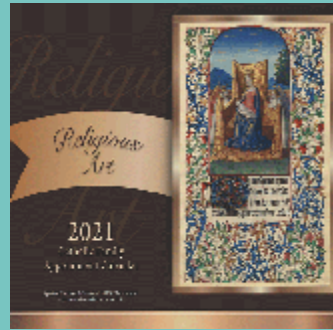


CLASSES MEET THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT SACRED HEART.

Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION

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



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PARISH WINTER WEATHER POLICY

If schools in Region 1 are either delayed or cancelled due to the weather daily Mass will not be celebrated.

For weekend Masses, please use your own judgement regarding safety. If Mass is cancelled, it will be posted on all of the major television networks...CT NBC, CT FOX 61 and WFSB. You can also access these stations on line and check their cancellation listings. Again, use your judgement and be safe.



WITH VERY SPECIAL THANKS...

The Parish Craft Group would like to thank all of the wonderful people who have supported them over all the years that they have been together. During that time they have made beautiful decorations, ornaments, doll clothing, aprons, jewelry, bird houses, wreaths, and so much more that they have sold at their many sales. Sadly, with some members moving, and others no longer able to participate, the group has now disbanded. Their final sale several weeks ago realized almost \$2,000. From those proceeds, the group has made several final donations. A generous donation was made to Saint Kateri Parish. They have set aside funds for the Prayer Shawl Ministry to purchase materials. Local charities receiving donations include the Kent Fire Department and the Kent Food Pantry. Generous donations were also sent to St. Jude's Children Hospital and Boys Town. These are charities that the group has also donated to in the past.

May God Bless all of these wonderful folks...the parish extends our thanks to all of you!



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