



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.

PARISH OFFICE

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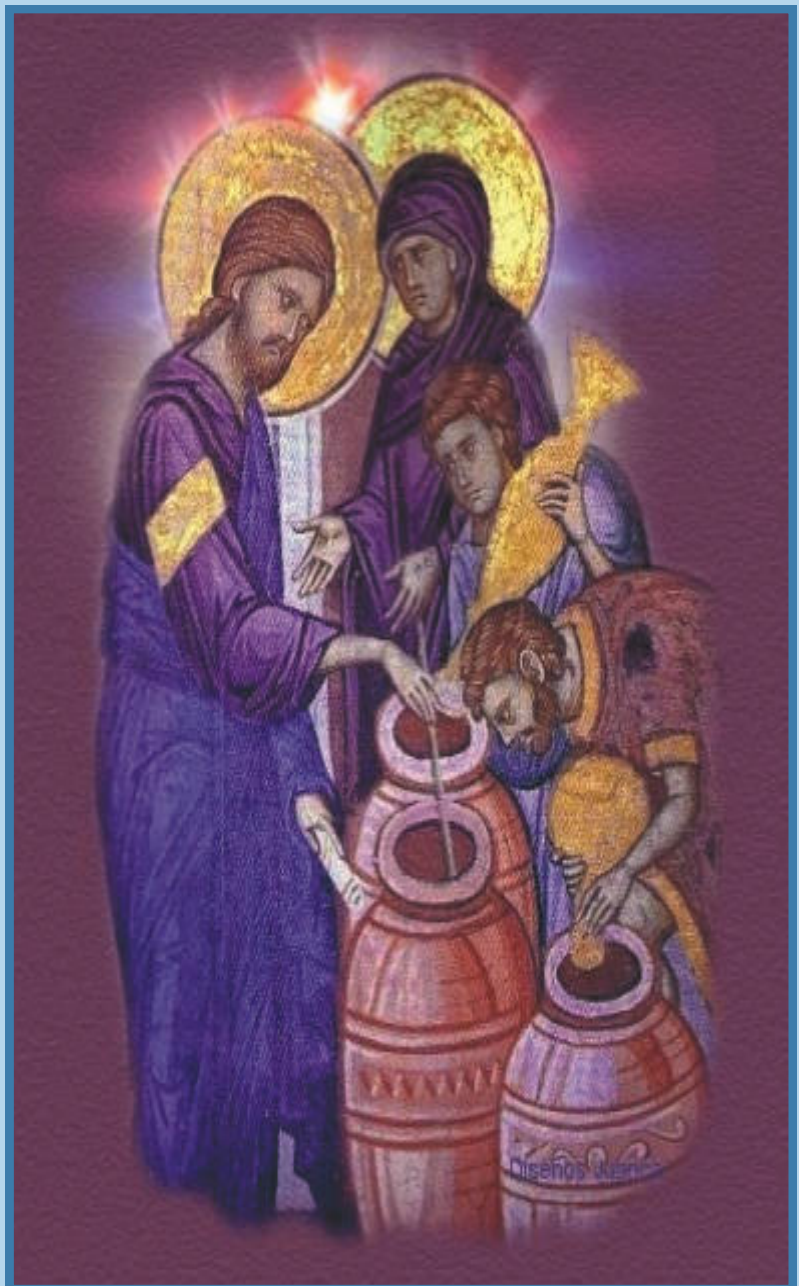
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY JANUARY 16th, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 15th

SUNDAY JANUARY 16th

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of healing
Requested by his mother
- 8 AM ~ SHARON
Ruth Morrison
Requested by her daughter Betty Morrison
- 10 AM ~ KENT
William Silk
Requested by his wife Joan Silk

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL NOT
BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY JANUARY 22nd

SUNDAY JANUARY 23rd

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE
Frances Davis
Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz
- 8 AM ~ SHARON
Mike Bocher
Requested by Judy Hannon and Family
- 10 AM ~ KENT
Rita McCarthy
Requested by Ellen & John Genova



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched they must be felt with the heart.



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 Ruth Morrison, requested by her daughter, Betty Morrison.

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 THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: 875.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,318.33.**

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted that her son would make the best decision. We all know the outcome! Setting good examples as parents will help to guide your 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 those who are addicted and suffer substance abuse, that they receive the help they so desperately need. 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.

CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS

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.

A Christian is not one who is committed to being better than others: he knows he is a sinner like everyone. A Christian is simply a person who pauses before the new Burning Bush, at the revelation of a God Who does not bear the enigma of an unspeakable name, but asks His children to invoke Him with the name of 'Father,' to allow themselves to be renewed by His power and to reflect a ray of His goodness for this world so thirsty for good."

DIVINE DELIVERY

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"



GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE



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

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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. Thank you!

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Wedding at Cana



There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the wedding...the mother of Jesus told Him 'they have no wine.' His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever He tells you.'...and His disciples began to believe in Him."

By changing the jars filled with water into wine our Lord did two things: he provided drink to the wedding guests and he showed that, through Baptism, people were going to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord Himself declared this elsewhere when He said: "New wine into fresh wineskins!" (Mt 9:17). The fresh wineskins stand, in fact, for Baptismal purity, the wine of the Holy Spirit's grace.

Like wine, let us acquire a good taste and sweet aroma, then we shall be able to say together with the apostle Paul: "We are indeed the good aroma of Christ for God" (2Cor 2:15). Before Baptism the catechumen resembles still water, cold and colorless..., useless, unable to restore strength. If kept too long water deteriorates, stagnates, turns foul... The Lord said: "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born again of water and the Spirit" (Jn 3:5).

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us 'do this in memory of me' and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us 'do whatever He tells you.' Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning 'pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'



Dear Monsignor Guerrera,

I want to thank you, Porsh Buquicchio our fellow staff member, and your parishioners of Saint Kateri Parish, for all of the wonderful and thoughtful gifts you so generously donated to our residents here at Sharon Health Care Center. Your kindness and generosity is most greatly appreciated by all of us at Sharon HCC. You have truly brightened the lives and spirits of all of our residents, and touched the hearts of our staff, with your amazing display of kindness, consideration, and generosity. God bless you and every one of your gracious parishioners! I want to express my sincere gratitude from the bottom of my heart, for your incredible gesture of generosity this Christmas, and let you all know that you will be in our hearts and prayers forever. We here at Sharon HCC want to wish you and all of your parishioners, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Tony Porcheddu LNHA
Administrator Sharon Health Care Center

THOUGHTS ON OUR GOSPEL TODAY



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy

God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to Him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...

January is dedicated to the Holy Name. February is dedicated to the Passion. March is dedicated to St. Joseph. April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary. November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. December is dedicated to the Divine Infancy. Sundays are dedicated to the Holy Trinity. Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels. Tuesdays are dedicated to the Apostles. Wednesdays are dedicated to St Joseph. Thursdays are dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. Fridays are dedicated to the Passion. Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady.

Sacred Silence Reminder....



Quiet Time

We ask that you please conduct any and all conversations after Mass. We have had complaints that people are not able to pray and concentrate quietly because of the talk and commotion prior to Mass. So we implore you again, to use the time prior to Mass to recollect yourself in preparation for the Sacred Liturgy.

[whispering can be heard and is also distracting]



SAINT CHARLES OF SEZZE'S STORY

Charles thought that God was calling him to be a missionary in India, but he never got there. God had something better for this 17th-century successor to Brother Juniper.

Born in Sezze, southeast of Rome, Charles was inspired by the lives of Salvator Horta and Paschal Baylon to become a Franciscan; he did that in 1635. Charles tells us

in his autobiography, "Our Lord put in my heart a determination to become a lay brother with a great desire to be poor and to beg alms for his love."

Charles served as cook, porter, sacristan, gardener and beggar at various friaries in Italy. In some ways, he was "an accident waiting to happen." He once started a huge fire in the kitchen when the oil in which he was frying onions burst into flames.

One story shows how thoroughly Charles adopted the spirit of Saint Francis. The superior ordered Charles—then porter—to give food only to traveling friars who came to the door. Charles obeyed this direction; simultaneously the alms to the friars decreased. Charles convinced the superior the two facts were related. When the friars resumed giving goods to all who asked at the door, alms to the friars increased also.

At the direction of his confessor, Charles wrote his autobiography, *The Grandeurs of the Mercies of God*. He also wrote several other spiritual books. He made good use of his various spiritual directors throughout the years; they helped him discern which of Charles' ideas or ambitions were from God. Charles himself was sought out for spiritual advice. The dying Pope Clement IX called Charles to his bedside for a blessing.

Charles had a firm sense of God's providence. Father Severino Gori has said, "By word and example he recalled in all the need of pursuing only that which is eternal" (*Leonard Perotti, St. Charles of Sezze: An Autobiography, page 215*).

He died at San Francesco a Ripa in Rome and was buried there. Pope John XXIII canonized him in 1959.

Isaiah encourages the people, giving them hope for the future and reminding them of God's love for them. We can take encouragement from these same words, especially since Christ has come for us. The Lord longs to breathe his divine life into each of us, making us new and whole



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READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2



Faith Formation

**CLASSES MEET
THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 16th
BEGINNING WITH THE
10 AM MASS
AT SACRED HEART.**

CONFIRMATION

**CLASS TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 16th BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**



The winter months are especially difficult for families and individuals struggling to put good food on the table. If we are each able to donate just one or two items a month, it would have a truly positive impact on our local food pantries. Suggested needed items include, but are not limited to: boxed cereals, instant oatmeal, canned meat and vegetable soups, peanut butter and jams, jellies, pancake mixes, coffee, tea, canned fruits and vegetables, canned ham, tuna, chicken, chili, stews, franks and beans, Instant potatoes, canned gravy, macaroni and cheese mixes, rice, pastas, tomato sauce, crackers, and personal hygiene products.

Thank you for whatever assistance you are able to provide to our neighbors in need.



Our Second Collection next weekend is the annual Archdiocesan Collection for our Catholic High Schools. These schools provide quality Catholic Education where students thrive in learning, service and leadership as they succeed in life with faith as their guide.

Jesus' whole life, His way of dealing with the poor, His actions, His integrity, His humility, His simple daily acts of generosity, and finally, His complete self-giving, reveals the mystery of His divine life. Sometimes we get busy with day to day life, and we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters. If we succeed in expressing adequately and with beauty the essential content of the Gospel, surely this message will speak to the deepest yearnings of people's hearts. We have a treasure of life and love which can not deceive, and a message which cannot mislead or disappoint. It penetrates to the depths of our hearts, sustaining and ennobling us. It is a truth which is never out of date because it reaches that part of us which nothing else can reach us.

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.





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