



The Parish Community of

# **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

**Welcome! Bienvenidos!**

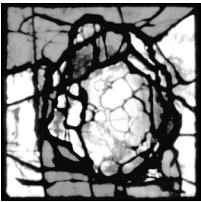
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 6 2018**

***Congratulations to the children who received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist:***



*Jacob Adams, Cassandra Ailara, Gavin Alliegro, Jenna Altieri, Valentina Antanies, Tommy Bischoff, Declan Byrne, Caitlin Carmody, Seamus Clark, Juliana Consolazio, Hunter Coppolella, Hayley Cruise, John Daggett, Jr., Owen Deters, Cole Dumpert, Maisey Duphiney, Alexander Evers, Stella Fristensky, Gemma Geddie, Talia Gennaro, Juliana Hannum, Bliss Henry, Baron Hessel, Delaney Higgins, Peighton Hough, Dean Hyland, Stella Hyland, Grace Jackson, Jack Kelly, Joseph Kozakiewicz, Nicholas Krauss, Isabella Lopez, James, Maher, Gus McDonald, Nicholas Melnichuk, Veronica Moss, Elizabeth O'Brien, Dane O'Malley, Michael Olko, Jayden Papaleo, Owen Parreno, Madalyn Petrock, Alexis Pier, Brody Pilek, Shane Pry, Gwendolyn Pryce, Chance Schaming, Robert Smith, Alexandra Sucich, Nicole Sucich, Avery Tauber, Maeve Uitdenhowen, Jacy Verbar, Victoria Vieira, Courtney Wagner, Mackenzie Walsh, Melania Walsh, Jaxson Weber, Caroline Weiss, Matthew Wszolek, Kourtney Zekunde.*



# Blast from the Past(or)

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

'I'm friends with him/her on Facebook.' This statement is embedded in our cultural lexicon. We hear people say it all the time. This is not to disparage the billions of users of this service, but this familiar phrase does prompt a discussion on our understanding of friendship and the meaning of the word. My Facebook account is long dormant mostly because it overwhelms me and I have no idea how to 'post' or 'like' or even 'friend.' I can't instachat, snapgram or skypeface. But I can reflect on intimacy with God which is the friendship to which Christ calls us. Christ desires to 'friend' us in the Gospel today. But note Jesus calls us 'friends' because He lays down His life for us; the friendship of which there is no greater love. *It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chose you....* Such is the organic meaning of the word friend. To conclude with CS Lewis (anytime we've an opportunity to quote Lewis, it is a grace), *To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything at all and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to keep it in tact, you must give it to no one.....but then it will never change. It will not be broken. It will become unbreakable, impenetrable and irredeemable* (CS Lewis, *The Four Loves*). God has known a broken heart and has risked Himself for us. So too are we called to do the same. This is friendship. May we post accordingly.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for Claudia Krynicki, David Perrelli, Roy Phillips, Tammy Pellerin, Anna Tasco, Laura Ziegert, Melissa O'Malley, Jean Morris, Larry Price, Candace Sullivan, Kathy Pellicani, Patricia Entwistle, Linda Ross, Thomas Eifler; James Kelly, Ted Choma, Fran Palmeri, Arlene Bartolomeo, Todd Duffy, Annie Dinan, Cindy Maniscalco, Michael Palumbo, Charmaine Marie Finck, Karen Rendina,

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 7: Monday of the Sixth week of Easter**

8:15 AM Peter Dolan

**Tuesday, May 8: Tuesday of the Sixth week of Easter**

8:15 AM Patrick and Bridget Geraghty

**Wednesday, May 9: Wednesday of the Sixth week of Easter**

8:15AM Marie Polizzi

7:30PM Grace DeBitetto

**Thursday, May 10: Ascension of the Lord - \* Holy Day of Obligation \***

8:15 AM Martin Schweighardt

12:00PM Fr. Patrick F. Rice

**Friday, May 11: Friday of the Sixth week of Easter**

8:15 AM Special Intention

**Saturday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM Margaret Kuhn

Florence Brantigan

Eunice Kane, Joseph Kane

**Sunday, May 13: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

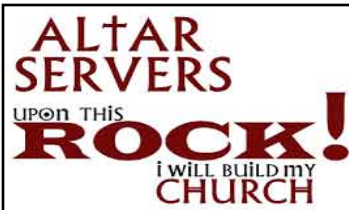
9:30 AM Linda Bartolomeo

Tina Panzarella

11:30AM Antoinette DiSanti

Marion Cove

**No 6:00PM Mass**



Altar Server Training will be held on **Saturday, May 19th at 10AM.**

This training session is for all new and existing Altar Servers.

**The 6:00PM Mass on May 13, 2017 will not be held.**

**Feast of the Ascension:**

May 9th at 7:30PM and May 10th at 8:15AM and Noon

**The second envelope on May 13, 2018 will be for Parish Maintenance.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE		
	Weekly	Month of April
Regular Collections		\$79,713
Week Ending 04/01/18	\$36,414	
Week Ending 04/08/18	\$11,861	
Week Ending 04/15/18	\$13,354	
Week Ending 04/22/18	\$8,056	
Week Ending 04/29/18	\$10,029	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 04/29/18		\$17,213

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**

**Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a**

**Tuesday**

**Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11**

**Wednesday**

**Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15**

**Thursday**

**Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 Or in**

**some Ecclesiastical Provinces:**

**The Ascension of the Lord Acts**

**1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or**

**Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk**

**16:15-20**

**Friday**

**Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23**

**Saturday**

**Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28**

**Sunday**

**Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn**

**4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19**



## Parish News

### Mass Cards

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office. Monday thru Thursday 8:30AM to 3:00PM or Friday 8:00AM to Noon.



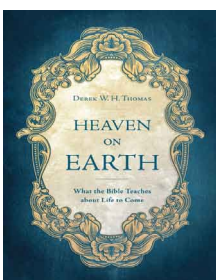
**A BIG thank you** to the more than 100 people who came to April Blood Drive. We collected 79 units of whole blood, and registered 12 new bone marrow donors. You are the answer to so many prayers.

**Our next Blood Drive** is coming up on **Saturday, May 19th** from 7:45 am to 1:45 pm.

Appointments can be scheduled online at [www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives](http://www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives). Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information.

### Save the Date: Men's Silent and Reflective Retreat

Our annual Men's Retreat at Loyola House in Morristown, NJ will be Friday night, **Sept. 7th to Sunday, Sept. 9th** around 1:00. Save the date. There will be a sign up in the gathering space starting the end of July, or you can call, or e-mail me in advance to be put on the list or receive more information. Deacon Glen [glenpmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:glenpmurphy@gmail.com) or cell# 973-449-6095



### Wine & Divine

#### A Book Discussion Group

Monday's 7:30-8:30 pm

Up next on our book shelf: Heaven on Earth by Derek Thomas. Join the journey of Catholic Faith. All adult parishioners are welcome!! If interested, contact Laura Tirpack at [LTirpack@gmail.com](mailto:LTirpack@gmail.com)

## Our 30th Anniversary Celebrations

### Lifetouch Parish Community Photo Album

Photo dates include May 15 - May 17th and June 1st & 2nd.

Several opportunities to sign up for a free family portrait and Parish Community Photo Album. **Sign up for your Photographs online at [saintkateri.org](http://saintkateri.org) or call**

**Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281**

**Mass:** June 24th at 11:30AM followed by Hospitality. Celebrating our first Mass at Saint Kateri.

### Family/Parish Picnic scheduled for Sept. 9th is being rescheduled.

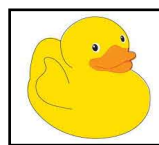
We will keep you posted.

### Rededication Mass with Bishop Serratelli and Dedication of Fr. Pat's Stained Glass Window followed by a Dinner at Perona Farms:

See you at Mass September 29th at 5PM.

More information on these events will follow.

## Knights of Columbus News...



Kiwanis Club of Sparta

"Duck Race" at Sparta Day,  
June 2, 2018.

### 11th Annual Sparta Day Duck Race

\$5.00 Per Duck - 3 Races

For Information, contact Jeff Mullen at 973-903-2208 or [jmulle2@embarqmail.com](mailto:jmulle2@embarqmail.com) or Jim Brocato at 973-729-6485 or [jbroc55@aol.com](mailto:jbroc55@aol.com)

### 2018 St. Kateri Knights of Columbus/ Father Patrick Rice Memorial Scholarship

For the 9th consecutive year, the Saint Kateri Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 2018 St. Kateri Knights/Father Patrick Rice scholarship. This program is for graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college, community college, or technical school in the fall. The applicant and family must be active parishioners of Saint Kateri parish to apply. This year's forms will be available on the parish website at [www.saintkateri.org](http://www.saintkateri.org) and the Knights website at [www.saintkaterikofc.org](http://www.saintkaterikofc.org).

**All completed applications and supporting documents must be received at the Saint Kateri Parish house no later than Friday, May 11th at 12:00 noon. There will be NO exceptions to this deadline. Note, the parish house closes early on Friday's so applicants must have this mailed or delivered in advance of this timing. You must clearly note on the envelope the following:**

**Saint Kateri Knights of Columbus/Father Patrick Rice Scholarship Committee**  
427 Stanhope Road  
Sparta, NJ 07871

All applicants will be notified following the decision of the scholarship committee and the winners will be recognized at their respective high school award ceremonies.

### St. Kateri now accepting Debit/Credit and Electronic Checks.

**We are excited to announce that Saint Kateri now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website. You can make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply visiting our website at [saintkateri.org/electronic-giving](http://saintkateri.org/electronic-giving).**

**Be on the lookout for simple and secure online registrations and payments for religious education, parish events and more! stay tuned...**

### Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Children's Summer Lunch Program- 2018

• While in school, many children receive lunchtime meal assistance. Over the summer this assistance stops!

• The Sparta Ecumenical Council food pantry will be starting a summer long program to feed the Sparta and Sussex County children.

Our goal is to provide food for 100 children per week.

The Summer Lunch Program food requirement is in ADDITION to current, existing demands.

**How can you help?** During the mid June through August time period:

Drop off food donations or gift cards to the food pantry in the gathering space.

We are in need of the following items: Tuna, Soup, Cereal, Can of Fruit, Pasta, Crackers, Jello, Pudding, Mac & Cheese, Cookies, Granola bars, are needed.

Thank you! The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry call 973-729-6197 or Valerie- 201-306-6148

# Faith Formation News...

## A Message from Regina Saveriano

For the past 28 years, I have been blessed to work in St. Kateri's Family Faith Formation Office with all of our great pastors and an amazing office staff. Through the years, I have gotten to know many of our families. Some of my greatest joys include supporting Catechists in their vital work of passing on the faith, and, of course, helping children prepare for their First Holy Communion. It was exciting to begin at the start of the parish and become part of what it is today. When I retire, I look forward to spending more time with my grandchildren, traveling with my husband, and volunteering (at St. Kateri, too!). Dawn Green, who has been a volunteer for many years and a Catechist for 9 years, will be my replacement.



We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected. And we need to care for our young people, not allowing them to be robbed of hope and condemned to life on the streets. It was a frail child, in need of protection, who brought God's goodness, mercy and justice into the world. He resisted the dishonesty and corruption which are the legacy of sin, and he triumphed over them by the power of his cross.

—from The Blessing of Family: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis

## Parish Events Calendar

**Sunday, May 6, 2018:** 8:00 AM Hospitality ; 9:30 AM Squires; 1:00 PM Cyrus Giordano; 1:00 PM Rayne Giordano; 2:00 PM Mackenzie Navarro Baptism

**Monday, May 7, 2018:** 7:00 PM Spanish Mass; 7:30 PM The Name of God is Mercy

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018:** 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W; 7:30 PM The Pivotal Players Series

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018:** The Ascension of the Lord 7:30 PM Vigil Mass

**Thursday, May 10, 2018:** The Ascension of the Lord Mass 8:15AM and 12:00 PM; 6:00 PM Tiger Den Scout Meeting; 7:30 PM Leader Meeting

**Friday, May 11, 2018:** 8:45 AM Friday Book Club; 9:30 AM Matthew Kelly Book Group

**Sunday, May 13, 2018:** NO 6 PM MASS; 11:30 AM Colt Blanchard Baptism

## Parish Ministries/Contact Persons:

**Abortion Alternative: 1st Way Hotline:** 800-848-5683

**Adopt a Family**  
Mary Beth Dowd 973-945-3355

**Adoration Society**  
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

**Adult Enrichment:**  
Deacon Chuck Mathias  
973-786-6811

**Altar Care:**  
Bernadette Bizzarro 973-726-0849

**Altar Servers:**  
Jerry Scanlan 973-770-0987

**Art & Environment (Church):** Paige Fitzpatrick  
973-219-5204  
**(Plant Care)**  
Candala Roslan 973-271-7624  
**(Art Committee)**

**Bell Choir:**  
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

**Bereavement Ministry:**  
Laura Entwistle 973-726-8978;  
Grace Davis 973-697-3853

**Blood Drive**  
Mary Stanek 973-770-0429

**Cub Scouts Pack #295**  
Ryan Dumpert  
Cubmaster.Sparta295@gmail.com  
201-317-0428

**Connections**  
**Brittany Johnson**  
saintkatericonnections@gmail.com

**Cursillo**  
John Belvidere 973-729-6462

**Ecumenical Prayer Service Knoll View**  
Steve and Martha Wille  
973-729-7668

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Pat Kane: 973-726-0197

**Everyone Shops**  
Tina Jurgaitis 973-729-1682  
tinaj@saintkateri.org

**Family Promise of SC**  
Patrick Dunn 201-835-0571

**Feed the Working Poor**  
Janet and Stephen Goodwin  
973-729-0446

**Focolare Movement (The Work of Mary)**  
Jim & Mary Jane Milway  
973-726-6224

**Food Pantry - SEC**  
Valerie Macchio 973-729-6197x15  
secfp12013@gmail.com

**Inter Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue:** Jim & Mary Jane Milway 973-726-6224

**Knights of Columbus**  
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485  
**jbroc55@aol.com**

cutronekofc@gmail.com

**Squire Roses**  
Jennifer Dottinger 862-432-0276  
Nancy Scanlan 973-262-4404

**Lectors:**  
Vince Bell - 973-525-7499  
vince.bell@aon.com

**Liturgy Committee:**  
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:**  
Cheryl Wallace 973-729-0489

**Manna House:**  
Michael Smith 973-534-3811  
boltrep9@gmail.com

**Migrant Ministries:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

**Hispanic Network Hotline:** 1- 877-724-5112

**Ministry to the Sick:**  
Dea. Drew Calandriello  
908-813-1535

Dea. Glen Murphy 973-449-6095

**Music Director:**  
Marc G. Dalio 973-534-5399  
marcd@saintkateri.org

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Sandy Cangemi 973-726-3549

**Prayer Team**  
Lorraine Insley  
973-726-8261  
prayerteam@saintkateri.org

**Religious Education 973-729-0489**  
Cheryl Wallace  
skre@saintkateri.org  
Regina Saveriano  
reginas@saintkateri.org

**Respect Life**  
Joe DeLuca 973-726-7392

**RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:**  
Dale Walsh 973-729-7833

**RCIA:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

**Scholar Rosa**  
Eileen Vandenberg  
stkaterischolarosa.com

**Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:**  
973-729-1682

**Welcomers (Ushers):**  
Cathy Brauer -  
Brauer.cathy401@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):**  
Phyllis Phillips - 973-729-4722  
skym@saintkateri.org

**Youth Contemporary Choir Ensemble:**  
Art Suriano 201-841-1090

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT

**APPOINTMENT TIMES TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PORTRAIT INCLUDED IN OUR NEW PARISH COMMUNITY PHOTO ALBUM ARE FAST FILLING UP. DON'T BE LEFT OUT! SCHEDULE A CONVENIENT DATE AND TIME FOR YOUR PHOTO NOW.**

Our new Parish Community Photo Album will feature both candid and professional portraits of our parishioners and their families. To celebrate our Parish 30th Anniversary and continue to strengthen the family bond within our Parish, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new book.

### **Our new Parish Community Album will:**

- Preserve this special time in the life our Parish
- Become a lasting record of our current membership
- Help us connect faces with names

We are partnering with **Lifetouch** for this important project. **Lifetouch** is providing the album at no cost to our parish. Every family photographed receives a complimentary album and an 8x10 portrait.

**You can sign up for your family photographs online at the Saint Kateri website**

**( [saintkateri.org](http://saintkateri.org) ) or call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM EST.**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY DATES AND HOURS:**

**Tuesday, May 15th – Thursday, May 17th from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Friday, June 1st – Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00 am**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the album. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. **Lifetouch's** portrait price lists will be available in the narthex for those who would like them prior to photography. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

**Bring a canned/dry good to your photography appointment and you will receive a \$5 off a Portrait Order Coupon. Donation of food will help feed those in need in our local community.**

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our Parish Community Photo Album.

Fr. Tom