

The Parish Community of

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

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Pastor

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Diocese of Paterson

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The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County

973-729-6125 Ext. 225

Rev. George A. Brown School (Pre-K to Gr. 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Holy Day: Vigil 7:30 PM; Holy Day - 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM

6:00 PM Mass will not be held on holiday weekends.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 1st Friday of the month at 3:00 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer. Evening prayer and Benediction 8:00 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Penance) - Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 PM (Reconciliation Chapel) By appointment at any other time. Communal Celebrations are held during Advent.

Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month; a hospitality dinner to follow the mass on the 4th Monday of the Month. Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

Rosary Service

We pray the Rosary every Thursday after the 8:15 AM morning Mass. It is followed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.

Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass the first Sunday of the month or the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Please call at least 8 weeks in advance of the date of Baptism or e-mail jennd@saintkateri.org

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangement should be made one year in advance of the marriage date.

Friends of Bill W: Meetings held Tuesdays 7- 9 PM in the Comm. Rm.

Parish Center - 973-729-1682 - **Fax:** 973-729-0702

Office Hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

Fridays - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Saint Kateri Web Site: www.saintkateri.org; office@saintkateri.org

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta for all of the latest news and happenings at Saint Kateri!

Religious Education & Youth Ministry - 973-729-0489

Open: *Mondays* 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and by appointment

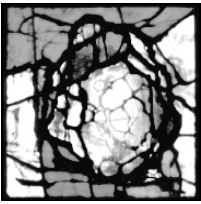
Cheryl Wallace, DRE and Pastoral Associate: cherylw@saintkateri.org

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Blood Drive Ministry

OUR SCHEDULE - Blood Drives are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of every month: 7:45am - 1:45pm in the Downstairs Community Room Breakfast Happily Served to All - Next drive **Saturday, January 19th from 7:45 am to 1:45 pm.**

CONTACT US To schedule an appointment at www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives. Walk-Ins ALWAYS Welcome - Find Us on Face Book www.facebook.com/StKateriBloodDrives/ - More Information: Mary Stanek 973-349-9191



**HIS WORD TODAY by
Rev. William J. Reilly**

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

“Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord Himself is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God’s own peace which is beyond understanding will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”...“The crowds asked John ‘What are we to do?’...the people were full of anticipation...”

At the midway point of Advent, we too can ask the question the crowds put to John the Baptist. We might preface it with another question: ‘What have we done thus far?’ What is the Lord asking of me during the next ten days? St. Paul is quite clear telling his audience to focus on the Lord, offering prayer, petitions and expressions of gratitude.

Do not fall into the trap of routine or busyness, without a moment each day of prayer that God’s peace may reign in your heart. Our novena of preparation can consist simply by turning to the Word of God, reflecting on the mystery of Jesus’ coming, and how we want Him to find us when we celebrate His birth. Then God’s own peace will be really with us.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Margaret Brennan, Cathy Pivowar, Pam Madzy, Brittney Johnson, Catherine DeStefano, Michael Kocylowsky, Michael Wille, Dawn Devoil, James Risco, Anni Alliegro, Claudia Krynicki, Laura Ziegert, Jean Morris, Larry Price, Candace Sullivan, Kathy Pellicani, Linda Ross, Thomas Eifler; James Kelly, Karen Rendina. If you would like to be placed on our prayer list please call the parish office.

The second envelope on December 23, 2018 will be for Parish Maintenance.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP
OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**

Regular Collections		\$19,164
Week Ending 12/02/18	\$ 8,601	
Week Ending 12/09/18	\$10,563	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/09/18		(\$43,336)

Christmas Flower Donations

May be purchased on our website, the path is Information> Electronic Giving>Second Collection>Scroll to Christmas Flowers. Please include In Memory of, in the Comment Section.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17: Monday of the Third week of Advent

8:15 AM Joseph P. Sella
Antonio Tasco

Tuesday, December 18: Tuesday of the Third week of Advent

8:15 AM Therese Marie DePrez

Wednesday, December 19: Wednesday of the Third week of Advent

8:15 AM David Perrelli

Thursday, December 20: Thursday of the Third week of Advent

8:15 AM Joseph Yuppa
Eugene & Peter Sutherland

Friday, December 21: Friday of the Third week of Advent; Saint Peter Canisius, priest and doctor

8:15 AM Eileen Reges

Saturday, December 22: Saturday of the Fourth week of Advent

5:00 PM Patricia Entwistle

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Nora Dolan
Edward Gallagher

9:30 AM Special Intention

11:30 AM Betty Lou Orsini

NO 6:00 PM MASS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Parish News

Ministry of the Month

Everyone Shops

Become a volunteer ~ promote the program ~ raise money for Saint Kateri.

Contact: Tina Jurgaitis 973-729-1682.

Buy gift cards at face value from over 750 top brands and find something for everyone on your list, from the techies to the adventure seekers to the DIY-ers. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents or use them to buy groceries your order immediately raises funds for St. Kateri Parish.

Feed The Working Poor

Feed the Working Poor was started by The Father English Center in Paterson. Its purpose is to provide frozen, precooked, nutritional meals to people who are working at a less than sustainable income. Many people living in the inner city are having trouble making ends meet on the limited income they are able to earn. This program allows them the opportunity to feed their family while attempting to meet their other bills and obligations.

Contact information:

Janet and Stephen Goodwin 973-729-0446



Please join us, on Saturday, December 22 at 2:00 PM, for our St. Kateri Children's Nativity Pageant when the youth of our parish will reenact the glorious birth of Baby Jesus.

Diocesan News...

Give Witness to the Beauty of Life

**March for Life Bus Trip, Washington, DC
Friday, January 18, 2019**

**Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville
973-948-3185**

Mass will be held at 6 AM - Bus leaves at 6:30AM and returns at 9:30 PM - Cost \$10.00
Call for more information and to sign up.

Of Possible Interest...

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Newton

Women's Weekend Retreat – January 4-6, 2019

Theme: “My Peace I Give You!”

All are invited to join us for our January Weekend Retreat. It begins with dinner at 5:00 PM on Friday, January 4th and ends with Mass at 11:30 AM followed by lunch on Sunday, January 6th.

Pre-registration is required.

For further information, visit our web site: sacred-heartspiritualitycenter.org. For registration forms, e-mail us: atshretreatcenter@gmail.com. or call 973-383-2620.

Advent Reflections

Bishop Barron's Advent Reflection can be found on our home page www.saintkateri.org.



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Start Today - It's Easy!

1. Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and select **Join a Program** from the top menu.
2. Enter enrollment code **DC327F9524237** and register.
3. You can link your bank account to enroll in online payments - or elect to pay by check - and place your first order.
4. Orders paid by check can either be brought to the Parish Office or left in the white mailbox by the clock in the Gathering Space.

Orders (both paid on-line or paid by check) generally ship on the next business day and arrive here at Saint Kateri 3 business days later. Cards can be picked up at weekend Masses or the Parish Office.

Questions?

Contact Tina: tinaj@saintkateri.org or 973-729-1682.

Faith Formation News

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders on completing their First Reconciliation



Please continue to pray for....

Ryan Barling, Shawn Carmody, Reagan Cina, Angelo Consolazio, Jenna DiPasquale, Francesco Francica, Jenna Gilmartin, Lily Grano, Nicholas Grano, Cameron Grant, Madison Guardia, Simon Joshi, Grace Jurgaitis, Molly Jurgaitis, Joseph Killen, Georgia Layman, Brielle Lessard, Bella Luciano, Caleb Mallet, Brianna Mesias, Anthony Palleschi, Nicholas Panas, Jade Pryor, Alexandra Purdue, Santino Randina, William Reilly, Niko Rendina, Grace Skorupa, Sofia Trentacoste, Julia VanLaar, Sebastian Velasquez, Donovan Vergano, Lila Villavicencio, Bryn Wagner, Eve Wilkinson, Alex Yamamoto

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Christmas!

Classes begin again on the weekend of January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, December 16, 2018: 4:00 PM Youth Choir Ensemble; 7:00 PM St. Bingabe - Filipino Hospitality

Monday, December 17, 2018: 7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, December 18, 2018: 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018: 7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew; 7:30 PM K of C Social Meeting

Thursday, December 20, 2018: 7:00 PM RCIA

Sunday, December 23, 2018: 1:00 PM Madelynn Vaughan Baptism, Arlo Bolognini Baptism; 2:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal; **NO 6:00 PM MASS**

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

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Fr. Vidal 973-729-13682

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(Plant Care)
Candala Roslan 973-271-7624

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

Bible Study
Sue Garatino 973-271-2711

Blood Drive
Mary Stanek 973-770-0429

Cub Scouts Pack #295
Ryan Dumpert
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201-317-0428

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

Eucharistic Ministers:
Pat Kane: 201-819-5105

Everyone Shops
Tina Jurgaitis 973-729-1682
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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
ValerieMacchio973-729-6197x15
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Inter Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue:
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Ministry to the Sick:
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RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:
Dale Walsh 973-729-7833

RCIA:
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

Schola Rosa
Eileen Vandenberg
201-310-6091
stkaterischolarosa.com

Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:
Fr. Vidal Gonzales, Jr.
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Welcomers (Ushers):
Cathy Brauer -
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Laura Tirpack
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Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):
Cheryl Wallace (973) 729-3021
cherylw@saintkateri.org

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



Christmas Eve Masses

*4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM Spanish Mass,
8:30 PM (Youth Ensemble) and *10:30 PM (Choir and Strings)*

Christmas Music and singing from 10:00 to 10:30 PM

** Please note the time change for Midnight Mass **

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil Monday, December 31st at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 1st 8:15 AM and Noon



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and Christmas Day for Snow Removal Expenses*

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