

The Parish Community of

# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

**Welcome! Bienvenidos!**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2018

## Parish Staff

Fr. Vidal Roberto Gonzales, Jr.  
Pastor

Fr. Wilder Alexander Londono  
In Residence  
Director of Migrant Ministry  
Diocese of Paterson

Deacons and their Ministries

Drew Calandriello  
Sick and Liturgy

Glen Murphy  
Sick and Liturgy

Faith Formation and  
Youth Ministry  
Cheryl Wallace  
DRE and Pastoral Associate

Dawn Green  
Administrative Assistant

Music Director  
Marc G. Dalio

Office Manager  
Jeanne Hoskin

Jennifer Dottinger  
Administrative Assistant

Cathy Pivowar  
Trustee

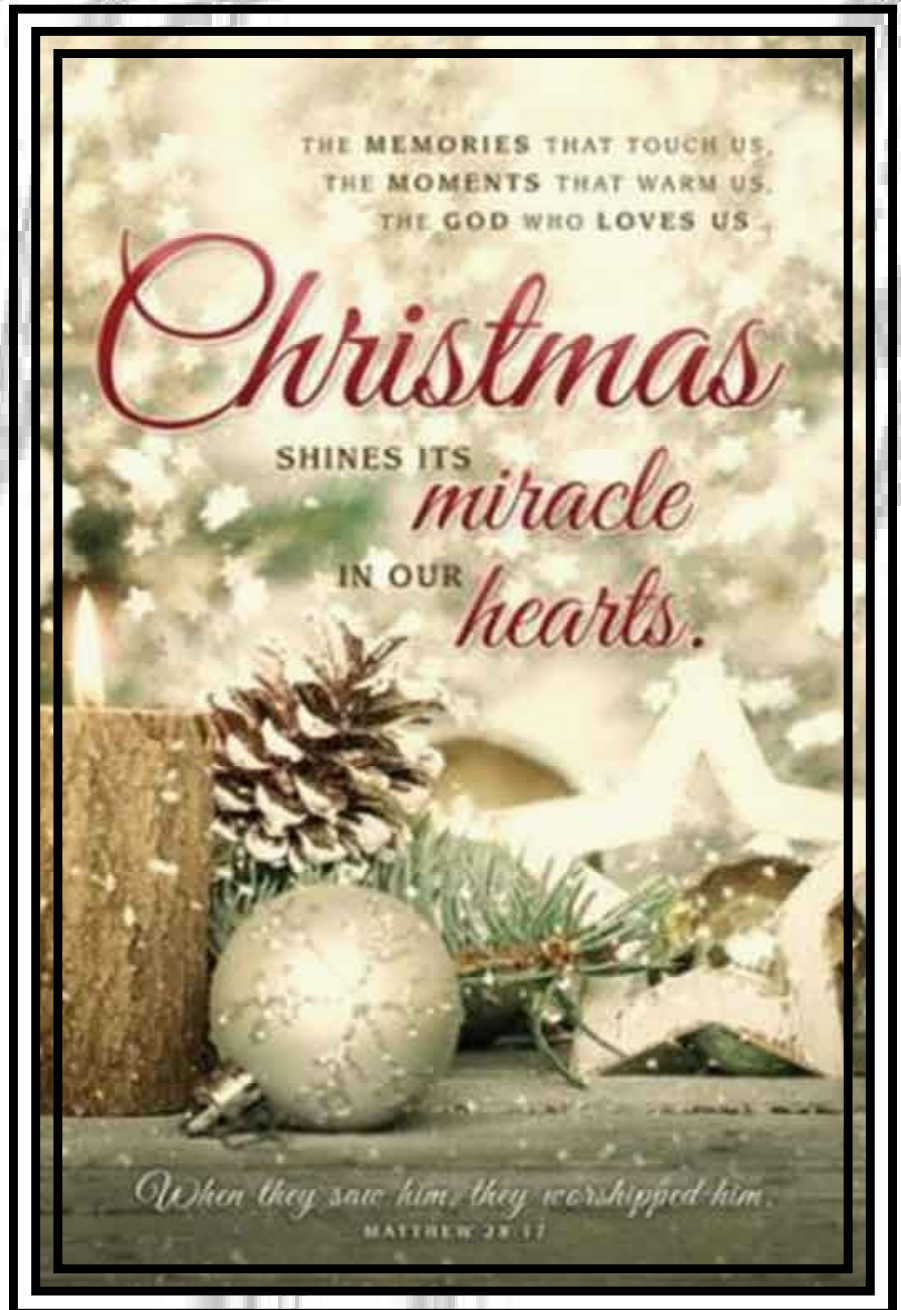
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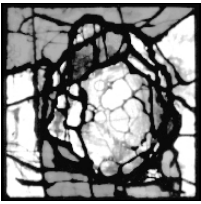
## Celebration of the Eucharist:

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





**Christmas Message from Fr. Vidal**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 23, 2018**

**It's almost six months now that I've been pastor of this parish and I found myself overwhelmed with all your love and support. Thank you so much for welcoming me and for allowing me to serve you in this parish.**

This year is my first year celebrating Christmas with you, as my parish family, and what a wonderful year it is to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ with all of you.

In the midst of the challenges that the world is facing today, let us remember, Jesus who was born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, brings hope to the whole world. Through Christ's birth, "hope entered the world," our Holy Father Pope Francis said, explaining that the true meaning of Christmas is found in the act of God fulfilling his promise of salvation in becoming man. God "doesn't abandon his people," but "draws near." Despite the darkness in our lives, God's light "shines out." His gentle light doesn't make us fearful, but rather, "God who is in love with us, draws us to himself with his tenderness, born poor and fragile among us, as one of us."

Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, Pope Francis added, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit." He is truly the Saviour, for he is the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world. With the shepherds, let us bow down before the Lamb, let us worship God's goodness made flesh, and let us allow tears of repentance to fill our eyes and cleanse our hearts. This is something we all need!

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas.

**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.

**Parish Center will be closed from December 24th through January 1st. See you in 2019.**

**The second envelope on December 30, 2018 will be for Debt Reduction.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE		
Regular Collections		\$30,054
Week Ending 12/02/18	\$ 8,601	
Week Ending 12/09/18	10,563	
Week Ending 12/16/18	10,890	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/16/18		(\$32,446)

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 24: Christmas**

8:15 AM Vidal Gonzales, Sr.  
Teresita Gonzales  
Vergilita Gonzales

4:00 PM - Church  
Florence Brantigan,  
Frank Brantigan, Josephine  
Kane, Frank L. Kane, Jr.  
Eunice Kane, Jerry Mahon

4:00 PM Lower Level  
Gary DeSilva, Myrtle Norman

6:30 PM Foster Householder

8:30 PM Manny Reis, Gordon  
Ryersen, Ronni Morris

10:30 PM Paul Rasimowicz  
David Perrelli

**Tuesday, December 25: Christmas**

9:00 AM Marie Polizzi, Eileen Reges

11:00 AM Douglas Mullen

**Wednesday, December 26: Saint Stephen,  
first martyr - Feast**

8:15 AM Caesar Lippert

**Thursday, December 27: Saint John,  
apostle and evangelist - Feast**

8:15 AM Eileen Reges

**Friday, December 28: The Holy  
Innocents, martyrs - Feast**

8:15 AM Lynn Connelly

**Saturday, December 29: The Holy Family - Feast**

5:00 PM Patricia Entwistle  
Foster Householder

**Sunday, December 30: The Holy Family - Feast**

8:00 AM MaryPat DeLisi

9:30 AM Janette McGhie, Special Intention

11:30 AM Nora Dolan

6:00 PM Caesar Lippert

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday**

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Wednesday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Thursday**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Friday**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Sunday**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-  
52 or, for Year C,  
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



# 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

## Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry invites all who have encountered the loss of a loved one to join our support group for prayerful reflection and sharing. The first session will be held on January 8th and continue on the first Tuesday of every month from February to August 2019. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For information please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978.



## 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.



## Consecration to the Holy Family

During Mass on Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30 the Knights of Columbus invite each family in the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Prayer cards will be distributed prior to each Mass.



## Get the gifts you want to give and raise funds for Saint Kateri.

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 your gifts, your order immediately raises funds for St. Kateri Parish. Thank you!

### Start Today - It's Easy!

1. Go to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://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](mailto: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 23, 2018:** 1:00 PM Vaughan Baptism; 1:00 PM Arlo Bolognini Baptism; 2:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal; 4:00 PM Youth Choir Pizza; **No 6PM Mass**

### **Monday, December 24, 2018**

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church and Lower Level; 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 7:00 PM Spanish Mass; 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018:** 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass; 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass; 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W

## **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

**Altar Care:**  
Valerie Macchio  
201-306-6148  
valerie@cornerstonemkt.com

**Altar Servers:**  
Fr. Vidal 973-729-13682

**Antioch**  
Jamie Jurgaitis 973-951-3606  
Dick Freiburger 973-

**Art & Environment (Church):** Paige Fitzpatrick 973-219-5204  
**(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  
Cubmaster.Sparta295@gmail.com  
201-317-0428

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

**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  
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**  
ValerieMacchio973-729-6197x15  
secfpl2013@gmail.com

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

**Knights of Columbus**  
Greg Risco 908-619-1263  
risco.g@gmail.com

**Squires Circle**  
Nick Cutrone 973-786-6844  
cutronekofc@gmail.com

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

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

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:**  
Elaine Alliegro -973-729-5268

**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**  
Sue Weaver  
prayerteam@saintkateri.org

**Religious Education 973-729-0489**  
Cheryl Wallace (973) 729-3021  
cherylw@saintkateri.org  
Dawn Green  
dawng@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

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

**Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:**  
Fr. Vidal Gonzales, Jr.  
973-729-1682

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

**Wine & Divine**  
Laura Tirpack  
973-222-5365  
LTirpack@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):**  
Cheryl Wallace (973) 729-3021  
cherylw@saintkateri.org

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



"The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give."

Mother Theresa

### 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



A Second Collection will be taken on Christmas Eve

and Christmas Day for Snow Removal Expenses

### 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.