

The Parish Community of

# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

## Parish Staff

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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](mailto: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](http://www.saintkateri.org); [office@saintkateri.org](mailto:office@saintkateri.org)

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta](http://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](mailto:cherylw@saintkateri.org)

Dawn Green, Administrative Assistant: [dawng@saintkateri.org](mailto:dawng@saintkateri.org)

## 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, March 9th from 7:45 am to 1:45 pm.**

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

# A Note from the Pastor

My dear people of God,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.



From the beginning, Lent has been a part of the Church year from the earliest days. AT the Council of Nicea in 325, the bishops were already talking about the "40 days of Lent." By the end of the fourth century, St. Cyril of Jerusalem was presenting pre-baptismal instruction called Catechetical Lectures, and Pope St. Leo was teaching that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the apostolic institution of the 40 days.

Forty days was chosen as the time of preparation because it was symbolic of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before embarking on his public ministry: "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt. 4:1-2). Forty days also recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the Promised Land. (OSV)

Our Holy Father Pope Francis invited us all to observe FASTING, ALMSGIVING and PRAYER, with enthusiasm. We are not just spiritual beings. We are also physical entities, and the way to the soul is through the body. That's why Lenten discipline has historically centered on these "BIG THREE" Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. Fasting is not just a spiritual diet. By denying our bodies, our physical hunger reminds us of the hunger of our souls for God, our longing for a deeper relationship with our Lord. Almsgiving, teaches us to separate ourselves from material possessions. By freely giving of our money and possessions, we learn to trust the Lord more deeply for our own daily needs. Finally, an emphasis on Prayer, during Lent is a way to stir up our love and ardor by having a deepening conversion with the Almighty. Remember that the light of God's love shines more brightly in the darkness of the recognition of our sinfulness. (OSV)

Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith, let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness and to call herself the Lord's humble servant.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for Brian Smith, Jane Bartol, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Pam Madzy, Brittney Johnson, Catherine DeStefano, Michael Wille, Dawn Devoil, James Risco, Anni Alliegro, Claudia Krynicki, Laura Ziegert, Jean Morris, 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 March 10, 2019 will be for Project Faith.**

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

	Weekly	Month of February
Regular Collections		\$34,852
Week Ending 02/03/19	\$7,545	
Week Ending 02/10/19	\$10,443	
Week Ending 02/17/19	\$7,818	
Week Ending 02/24/19	\$9,047	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 02/24/19		(\$15,148)

# Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 4: Monday of the Eighth week in Ordinary Time; Saint Casimir - Optional Memorial**

8:15 AM Douglas Milway

**Tuesday, March 5: Tuesday of the Eighth week in Ordinary Time**

8:15 AM Anne Lundgren, Dorothy Speer

**Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday**

6:15 AM Fr. Patrick F. Rice

8:15 AM Edward Gallagher

12:00 PM Richard Mosney

4:30 PM (Service) Peter Iorlano

**Thursday, March 7: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs**

8:15 AM People of the Parish

**Friday, March 8: Saint John of God, religious**

8:15 AM Glorianne Clark

**Saturday, March 9: First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 PM Anne Lundgren

**Sunday, March 10: First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Sr. Mary DeBacco  
Special Intention

9:30 AM Peter Iorlano

11:30 AM Sandy Cutrone  
Douglas Milway

6:00 PM Albert Heidenwolf

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**

**Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27**

**Tuesday**

**Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31**

**Wednesday**

**Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

**Thursday**

**Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25**

**Friday**

**Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15**

**Saturday**

**Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32**

**Sunday**

**Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13**



## Parish News

**Saint Kateri and Our Lady of the Lake**  
**April 5 - 6, 2019**

**Men's CornerStone Retreat - Come Follow Me**

Contact Tom Gallagher tomgall13@yahoo.com

973-600-6095 or Jim Brocato at jbroc55@aol.com 973-729-6485

### **Palm Branches**

**Bring your blessed Palm Branches from last year.**

A box is available in the gathering space. Palms will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

### **CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS - NEW AND OLD**

Altar Servers meeting and rehearsal on **Saturday, March 9th**  
**after 5:00PM Mass.** All Altar Servers should attend.

### **Blood Drive**

Our next Blood Drive is Saturday, March 9th, 7:45am to 1:45pm.

Sign up with a friend and Share the Experience! Share the Happy! Share LIFE! Donate Blood! There is no substitute for your donation. To schedule an appointment: [Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS](http://Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS) Sponsor Code 15978 Walk-ins are always welcome. Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information.

### **Girls Scout Sunday**

We invite all Girl Scouts to the 9:30AM Mass on March 10th for a special blessing.

## **Lenten Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

6:15AM - Mass

8:15AM - Mass

12:00PM - Mass

4:30PM - Service

**Welcome Home to Healing (Confession) will be held every Monday evening from 7PM to 8:30PM beginning March 11th.**

**Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by a Soup Supper in the gathering space/Bl. Meriam. March 15th, March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th.**

**Franciscan Mystery Players present**  
**The Way of the Cross**  
**Friday, March 22nd at 8PM.**

**Holy Week schedule to follow.**



**St. Patrick's**  
**Day Party**  
**Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Brunch with Liam**  
**the Leprechaun**  
**Sunday March 10 @ 12:30**  
**Sign up in Gathering Space**



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## **Of Possible Interest...**

### **First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center**

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on March 7th, 2019. Our Theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for March, as we begin the Lenten Season is: "Signs of Holiness in Today's World". The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For further information, visit our web site: [sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org](http://sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org), e-mail us at [shretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:shretreatcenter@gmail.com). or call 973-383-2620.

# Faith Formation News

## Congratulations and blessings to our Saint Kateri 5th Graders!

Our 5th Graders have been working on a book called "A Children's Consecration to Mary", by Dr. Catherine Trader this year. These 5th Graders will be consecrated to Mary, and receive a special blessing from Father Vidal at certain Masses in March. Each child will receive a blessed Miraculous Medal and a Certificate of Consecration to Mary. Continue to pray with us for Mary's protection over our children and their families!



## Encounter Lent

Join our school community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering space. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

## Parish Events Calendar

### Sunday, March 3, 2019

11:00 AM Squire Roses  
1:00 PM Jayden Herrarte Baptism  
2:00 PM Herrarte/McFadden Family

### Monday, March 4, 2019

7:00 PM Antioch Team Mtg.  
7:00 PM Spanish Mass  
7:30 PM Wine & Divine

### Tuesday, March 5, 2019

7:00 PM Friends of Bill W  
7:00 PM Bereavement Support

### Wednesday, March 6, 2019

6:15 AM Ash Wednesday Mass  
8:15 AM Ask Wednesday Mass  
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass  
4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew  
7:30 PM K of C Business Meeting

### Thursday, March 7, 2019

7:00 PM RCIA

### Friday, March 8, 2019

10:30 AM Book Group  
6:30 PM Tentative Parish Lenten Retreat

### Saturday, March 9, 2019

7:45 AM Blood Drive  
2:00 PM Liam set up

### Sunday, March 10, 2019

12:30 PM Breakfast with Liam

## 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 973-729-8178

**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**  
Valerie Macchio 973-729-6197x15  
secfpl2013@gmail.com

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

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Squires Circle**  
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**Squire Roses**  
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Jennifer Dottinger 862-432-0276

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

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:**  
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**Manna House:**  
Michael Smith 973-534-3811  
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**Migrant Ministries:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789  
**Hispanic Network Hotline:** 1- 877-724-5112

**Ministry to the Sick:**  
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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**  
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cherylw@saintkateri.org  
Dawn Green  
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**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

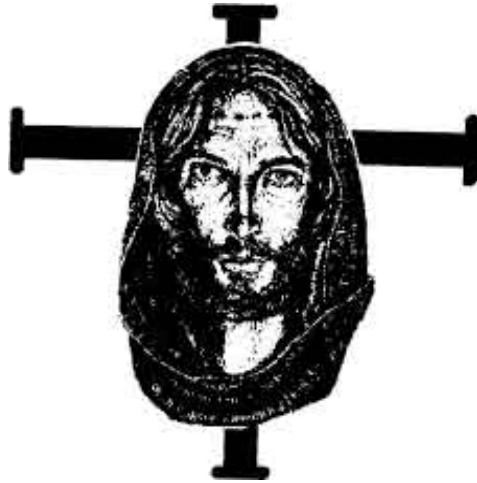
**Welcomers (Ushers):**  
Cathy Brauer -  
Brauer.cathy401@gmail.com

**Wine & Divine**  
Laura Tirpack  
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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

**THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS  
Of Morris County, New Jersey  
Presenting “The Way of the Cross”**



**The Way of the Cross – A Franciscan Mystery Play**

On March 22nd at 8:00 PM, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of “The Way of the Cross” in the church. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a “play” in the common sense, but is in fact a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese.

**Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience.** We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early.

A free will offering will be taken to furthering their work, including starting new Mystery Play Groups in other areas. There are a total of 9 groups throughout the country.