

The Parish Community of

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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First Sunday of Lent

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.

"Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this evening / morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming."

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass Time

Monday – Friday 8:15am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 P.M. (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation

7:30 PM (Vigil the day before)

8:15 AM & 12:00 NN

6:00 P.M. (except holiday

weekends including Super Bowl
Sunday, Father's Day, Mother's Day)

Confession:

Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 pm

or by appointment (call the parish office)

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am – 3:00 pm : Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:00 nn : Fridays (closed during summer)

Religious Edu. / Youth Min. 973 -729-0489

9:00 am – 3:30 pm: Mon. – Fri. and by appointment

WELCOME:

New parishioners are asked to register by calling or visiting the parish office or by speaking to one of the parish staff. You can also visit our website and register.

WHY A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

The precepts of the Church explained that: we need to belong to a parish (your parish is the Church in the City where you are domiciled) and to contribute to its support. Everyone should do this (Canon 107).

To identify yourself with a worshipping community of faith. Salvation comes to us by God in community. Religion is not meant to be individualistic. Membership in a parish community is the norm.

To allow the priest of the parish to know you so that Letters of Recommendation can be given when needed. (Sponsorship/certificates)

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism will be celebrated at the 11:30am Mass the 1st Sunday of the month or Sundays at 1:00pm. Please call 8 weeks in advance of the date of baptism or email: jennd@saintkateri.org.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 3:00pm. Ending with evening prayer, prayer novena to St. Kateri and benediction at 8:00pm.

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

Spanish Mass: Every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00pm. A hospitality dinner to follow the Mass on the 4th Monday of the Month. Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

The BEACON

Award winning newspaper of the Diocese of Paterson

Contact the parish office to begin receiving the Beacon weekly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

	Weekly	Month of October
Regular Collections		\$28,609
Week Ending 11/03/19	\$8,434	
Week Ending 11/10/19	\$11,482	
Week Ending 11/17/19	\$8,693	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 11/17/19		(\$21,391)

If you would like to contribute electronically visit our safe and secure website at www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving.

We are thankful for all those parishioners who contribute to the financial support of the church and who take stewardship so seriously.

Please consider Saint Kateri in your estate planning.

The Second Envelope on December 1, 2019 will be for Parish Maintenance.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, Dec. 2: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Virgilita Gonzales

Tuesday, Dec. 3: St. Francis, Xavier, Priest

8:15 AM Laura Anne Buro

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Bill Smith

Thursday, Dec. 5: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM James Farley, Sr.

Friday, Dec. 6: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Richard Flynn, Ruth Blessing

Saturday, Dec. 7: First Sunday in Advent

5:00 PM Sergio DeLauro

Sunday, Dec. 8: Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM William Norman

9:30 AM Amanda Franarco

11:30 AM John Pappalardo

6:00 PM Dominick V. Romano



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Liliana DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jim Hyland, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittney Johnson, Karen Rendina.

Prayers for all those who are ill or in need of prayers and not listed. If you would like to be placed on our prayer list please call the parish office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tues. Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wed. Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thur. Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31



First Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 6th from 3PM to 8 PM.

Masses for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Monday, December 9th at 8:15AM and Noon. (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Pastors Corner
First Sunday of Lent
Dec. 1, 2019

Today, we are celebrating the First Sunday of Advent Season. We also begin a new liturgical year; that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

But Advent is also a season of looking forward. Looking forward to the second coming of Christ at the end of time. This is what we profess in our Creed: **“He will come again to judge the living and the dead.”** So Jesus warns us to be always awake, ready and on guard, for we cannot know when it will come. “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42 (Year A)

How do we prepare? How do we become alert? In the Gospel, Jesus used the image of a master leaving the house and entrusting everything to the care of the servants. “He leaves home, and places his servants in charge, each with his work and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.” In other words, the best preparation is to do our tasks and fulfill our obligations faithfully, not in the future, but now, for we do not know the exact time.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus’ coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you’d like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)



Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

The St. Kateri Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. The contest is open to children ages 5-14 and will be broken down by groups 5-7/Grades K-2; 8-10/Grades 3-5 & 11-14/Grades 6-8. The Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. Each poster should be original work (including concept, layout, slogan and visual images) of a single person. Poster should be approximately 11 x 17 inches. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus entry form. The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster & entry form get separated. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council office and cannot be returned. A first place prize will be awarded in each age group. **Deadline for entry is December 15, 2019.** Contact Greg Risco at 908-619-1263 with any questions. Good luck!

Membership Information

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council St. Kateri #13677 held a membership drive and we may have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to Kofc.org/joinus and enter our council #13677 for local information.

Calendar

Sunday, December 1, 2019
 9:00 AM Squires Monthly Meeting
 9:00 AM Breakfast with Santa
 1:00 PM Garrett Smith Baptism

Monday, December 2, 2019
 7:00 PM Spanish Mass
 7:30 PM Wine and Divine
 8:00 PM Demo Mass - Adult

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
 6:30 PM Leader Meeting
 7:00 PM Gospel Study Group
 7:30 PM K of C Business Mtg

Friday, December 6, 2019
 9:00 AM Morning Book Club
 10:30 AM Book Club
3:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:30 PM Wolf Den Meeting

Saturday, December 7, 2019
 10:30 AM Baptism Prep - Dea. Glen
5:00 PM Adopt A Family Collection

Sunday, December 8, 2019
8:00 AM Adopt a Family Collection

SKY - December

Saint Kateri Youth Ministry Events



(973) 729-4722



Jill Weiss
skym@saintkateri.org

Service Opportunities

12/1 Christmas Shop:
 8:30am- 12:30pm &
 6:30m-7:30pm

12/5 Christmas Shop:
 6:00pm-7:00pm

12/8 Adopt-A-Family:
 8:00am-1:00pm

Contact Jill to Sign Up

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**Youth Group**  
**7-8PM**

**12/8-** Kanye Who?

**12/15-** Ugly Christmas Sweater

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER...**

**K-10 & Confirmation Online Registration**

Pray with our Faith Formation families 15 minutes before each Sunday Mass for a beautiful new year!

**Children’s Nativity Pageant 2019**

The children of Saint Kateri Parish will be presenting the Nativity Pageant in our church on Saturday, December 21st at 2:00pm. Rehearsals will be on Dec. 20th at 5pm, and December 21st at 12:30pm. Participation is open to all students in Grades 1- 6. See insert in bulletin for details. Deadline for participation is Dec. 8. Contact [dawng@saintkateri.com](mailto:dawng@saintkateri.com)



We joyfully welcome into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Mila Torres**, daughter of Wilson and Barbara Torres and **Nolan James Feely**, son of Scott and Christine Feely.



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

For our ADOPT-A-FAMILY Ministry Drive this year, the families will be listed outside at all Masses. Remember, if you can't Adopt a family on your own, you can share a family with others (parishioner, neighbor, family, work mates, etc). We will also purchase gifts with all cash donations. All gifts should be new. Gift Cards and Food Cards are also acceptable. If you have any questions please call Adopt a Family Team members Barbara Hays 729-4666, or Ginger DeSilva 862-258-0205. Gifts will be collected at all Masses on December 7 & 8, except 6:00 PM mass on Sunday.

**All gifts must be in by 11:30 on Sunday December the 8th.** We are also accepting new toys. There is a box located in the gathering space of the church. Please know that we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our parish!



'Tis the season to Give Hope. Join us December 21st from 7:45am to 1:45pm and be a holiday hero to patients - be Blood Donor.

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. **To schedule an appointment online: [tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS](http://tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS). Sponsor Code 15978.** Call Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191 for more information. **WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Many thanks to the 82 donors and our great volunteers who made the November Drive a great success.

**Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry  
Christmas Food Basket Give Away 2019**



Every holiday season, we distribute a holiday meal to Sussex County families in need who otherwise might not be able to sit together for a holiday meal. In order to give everyone a complete dinner we are asking for your help to make it possible.

We are in need of the following items:

- Canned vegetables, Stuffing for poultry, Gravy, Apple sauce, Cranberry sauce, Boxed ( instant) potatoes, Apple juice, Hot chocolate, Candy canes, Cookies

Any item you wish to donate can be dropped off in the gathering space through December 15.

Thank you

Questions? Contact Valerie Macchio- Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry - [valerie@cornerstonemkt.com](mailto:valerie@cornerstonemkt.com)

**Come help us get into the spirit of the season as we light the OUTSIDE TREE for the first time ever!**

**COMMUNITY - COCOA  
CAROLS - COOKIES**

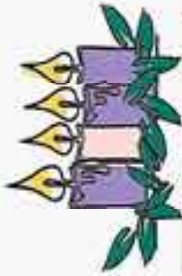
**Fun for the whole family. Our Christmas Shop will be open.**

**Thursday, December 5th at 6PM**

**Ministry Scheduling for December 7th and 8th**

|                           | 5:00 PM                                                                                                    | 8:00 AM                                                                                               | 9:30 AM                                                                                   | 11:30 AM                                                                                         | 6:00 PM                                                                                         |
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| Eucharistic Minister      | Tom Gibbons<br>Phyllis Holdsworth<br>Bill Holdsworth<br>Regina Saveriano<br>Nancy Wisby<br>Pat Kane - Head | Jimmy Bizarro<br>Eileen Francis<br>Frank Masters<br>Mary Parker<br>Louise Viegas<br>Not Filled - Head | Vincent Bell<br>Jim Brocato<br>Paul McFadden<br>Kim McFadden<br>Mike Sawey<br>Susan Sawey | Cathy McCrossin<br>Bill Reilly<br>Not Filled<br>Not Filled<br>Not Filled<br>John Piccotti - Head | Paul Dottinger<br>Dawn Green<br>Lianna LeValley<br>Susan Sawey<br>Not Filled<br>Kelly Darnstead |
| Lectors - First<br>Second | Pam Madzy<br>Ed Madzy                                                                                      | Carol Schubert<br>Dick Freiburger                                                                     | Danielle Wilkinson<br>Bob Pivko                                                           | Joe Deluca<br>Joey Piccotti                                                                      | Patricia Carley<br>Samantha LeValley                                                            |
| Altar Server              | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED                                                                                   | Mackenzie Shivas<br>Not Filled                                                                        | Andrew Kozakiewicz<br>James Phillips                                                      | Remi Coleman<br>Henri Coleman<br>Bennett Coleman<br>(sub req. for all)                           | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED                                                                        |
| Children Liturgy          | Unknown                                                                                                    |                                                                                                       |                                                                                           |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |

Subject to change. Please see Ministry Scheduler for possible changes in the scheduling.



# Advent Calendar

## December 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>1 First Sunday of Advent</b><br/>Make a resolution at the start of this liturgical year that will bring you closer to Christ.</p>                                                                        | <p><b>2</b> In today's Gospel, the centurion says, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof." Make reading the daily Mass readings a part of your Advent this year.</p>                                                                                             | <p><b>3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b><br/>In honor of St. Francis Xavier, one of the first Jesuits, try the practice of the Daily Examen.</p>                                                            | <p><b>4</b> In today's Gospel we hear the miracle of the seven loaves and fishes. During a cold Advent season, your time and financial contributions can be vital to a food pantry or soup kitchen in your community.</p>        | <p><b>5</b> A Jesse Tree depicts the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical figures who were ancestors of Jesus. Start with a branch in a large pot and add a new ornament each day to represent individuals or stories from the Bible.</p> | <p><b>6</b> On this feast day of St. Nicholas, purchase a gift to be donated to the poor. St. Nicholas was known for abundant generosity to the poor.</p>                                                             | <p><b>7 Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b><br/>St. Ambrose is the patron saint of catechumens. Take time to pray for those seeking to join the Church today.</p>                                                                       |
| <p><b>8 Second Sunday of Advent</b><br/>In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist proclaiming in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Reflect on ways you can do more to evangelize this season.</p>    | <p><b>9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br/>Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." On this great feast, reflect on how God is calling you to serve him.</p>                       | <p><b>10</b> As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel today, the Lord our God is seeking his lost sheep. Go to confession this season and enjoy Christmas with a clean heart and a peaceful soul, thanks to God's mercy.</p> | <p><b>11</b> Take time today to bless the family crèche. (Based on your family's tradition, you may choose to hide the baby Jesus until Christmas morning.)</p>                                                                  | <p><b>12</b> On her feast day, pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, that she may help us never see others as burdens, especially migrants to our country and communities.</p>                                                                                  | <p><b>13 Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b><br/>In honor of St. Lucy, Sweden celebrates a festival of lights on this day. Do some research on an Advent tradition that is native to your heritage today.</p> | <p><b>14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b><br/>There are 10 days left in Advent. In honor of a saint known for his deep spirituality and compassion, reflect honestly on your own spiritual journey this season so far.</p> |
| <p><b>15 Third Sunday in Advent</b><br/>Today is Gaudete Sunday, the day when we shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice! We are more than halfway to Christmas Day!</p> | <p><b>16 Las Posadas,</b> a reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, traditionally begins today. Pray for migrants currently seeking shelter around the world.</p>                                                                               | <p><b>17</b> Today, begin adding the O Antiphons to your daily prayer until Christmas Day.</p>                                                                                                                        | <p><b>18</b> We are reminded in Advent that Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus were refugees. Learn more about how you can support migrants and refugees here in the U.S. by getting involved in the USCCB's G.A.R.E. program.</p> | <p><b>19</b> In today's Gospel, we learn of Elizabeth's miraculous conception of her son John. Say a prayer for life with your family today.</p>                                                                                                         | <p><b>20</b> Make this Friday night a family movie night, and watch a Christmas classic together.</p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>21</b> We learn in today's Gospel that Mary spent three months with her kinswoman Elizabeth before returning home. How will you invite family and friends into your home this Christmas season?</p>                                                        |
| <p><b>22 Fourth Sunday in Advent</b><br/>On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, light the fourth candle on your Advent Wreath and spend extra time in prayer as a family prior to your evening meal.</p>   | <p><b>23</b> According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, or the Feast of the Presentation. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.</p> | <p><b>24</b> Depending on when you attend Mass to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, the Scripture read will be different. Spend time reading these four excerpts from the Gospels today.</p>                        | <p><b>25 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, / AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,</b> which means "God is with us." (Mt 1:23)</p>                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |