

## 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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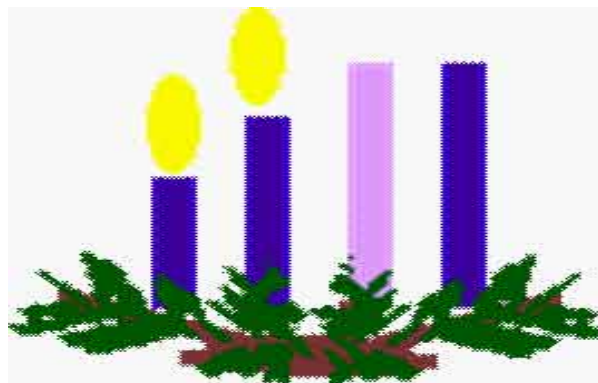
Mike Sawey

Maintenance

Cathy Pivowar

Robert Medina

Trustees



## Second Sunday of Advent

### 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](mailto: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

Regular Collections		\$7,840
Week Ending 12/01/19	\$7,840	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/01/19		(\$54,660)

If you would like to contribute electronically visit our safe and secure website at [www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving](http://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 15, 2019 will be for Retirement Fund for Religious.**

## † MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

### Monday, Dec. 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM Harold Greenfield

12:00PM Alfredo Julao

### Tuesday, Dec. 10: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Fred Fossett

### Wednesday, Dec. 11: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Bill Smith

### Thursday, Dec. 12: Our Lady of Gaudalupe

8:15 AM Special Intention for  
Lanita Gonzales Ramos

### Friday, Dec. 13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 AM People of the Parish

### Saturday, Dec. 14: Third Sunday in Advent

5:00 PM Frank and Kate Hennion

### Sunday, Dec. 15: Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM Intention of Cecilia Guzman

9:30 AM Vidal Gonzales, Sr.

11:30 AM People of the Parish



**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Liliانا 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. Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tues. Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

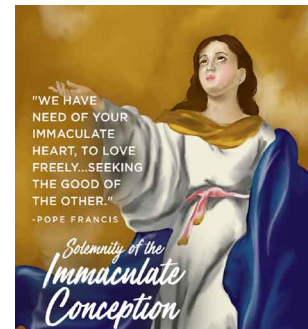
Wed. Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thur. Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



Masses will be held on Monday, December 9th at 8:15AM and 12 Noon

Second Sunday of  
Lent  
Dec. 8, 2019

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his them: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!"

O Jesus, in an empty desert your Prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,  
only joy of every heart,  
come and save your people.



## 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](http://Kofc.org/joinus) and enter our council #13677 for local information.

## Calendar

### Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 AM Adopt a Family  
Collection

### Monday, December 9, 2019

**Immaculate Conception**  
**8:15 AM & 12:00 PM Mass**  
7:00 PM Finance Council  
7:30 PM Wine & Divine

### Tuesday, December 10, 2019

7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

### Wed. December 11, 2019

7:00 PM Gospel Study Group  
7:00 PM K of C - Bob Medina

### Thursday, December 12, 2019

6:00 PM Wolf Den

### Friday, December 13, 2019

9:00 AM Morning Book Club  
10:30 AM Book Club  
6:30 PM Wolf Den Meeting

### Sunday, December 15, 2019

1:00 PM Ventricelli/Pepe  
Baptism  
1:00 PM Emily Grace Hroncich  
Baptism

## SKY - December

Saint Kateri Youth Ministry Events



(973) 729-4722



Jill Weiss

[skym@saintkateri.org](mailto:skym@saintkateri.org)

**Service  
Opportunities**

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

**12/8- Kanye Who?**

**12/15- Ugly Christmas**

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

**Contact Jill to Sign Up**

## 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)



**Parish Reconciliation Service**  
 Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service on  
 Tuesday, December 17th from  
 7:00PM to 8:30PM.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

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! If you have any questions please call Adopt a Family Team members Barbara Hays 729-4666, or Ginger DeSilva 862-258-0205.



'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)

**Of Possible Interest...**

**REUNION OF HEARTS** support group for families dealing with issues of estrangement. Thursdays 7 -8:30 pm Jan.9 - Mar. 12, 2020. St Thomas Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd. Oak Ridge, NJ. To register or for more info, call or text Janet @ 201-213-8499; email Janet@PfeifferPowerSeminars.com

**Saint Paul's Abbey**

We have thousands of Christmas Trees ready to choose "n" Cut.. We are here 7 days a week through December 23rd, 9 Am to 4 PM

We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas Gifts, including books, statues, jewelry and more.

**Norwescap-** accepting donation of diapers. 186 Halsey Rd, Newton, NJ

**Ministry Scheduling for December 14th and 15th**

|                           | 5:00 PM                                                                                          | 8:00 AM                                                                                                  | 9:30 AM                                                                                                   | 11:30 AM                                                                                            | 6:00 PM                                                                                                          |
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| Eucharistic Minister      | Bruce Entwistle<br>Mary Fahsbender<br>Pam Kulick<br>Ed Madzy<br>Mike Murphy<br>Not Filled - Head | Linda Duncan<br>Bill Hirschfeld<br>Lisa Hirschfeld<br>Mary Parker<br>Kathleen Piwko<br>Not Filled - Head | Bob Medina (sub)<br>Brian Weiss (Sub)<br>Michelle Orlando<br>Mike Sawey<br>Susan Sawey<br>Vince Bell-Head | Cathy McCrossin<br>Bill Reilly<br>Joey Piccotti<br>Not Filled<br>Not Filled<br>John Piccotti - Head | Paul Dottinger<br>Dawn Green<br>Samantha LeValley<br>Aileen Parsons (Sub Req)<br>Sue Weaver<br>Not Filled - Head |
| Lectors - First<br>Second | Janet Murphy<br>Pam Madzy                                                                        | Frank Master (Sub)<br>Candala Roslan                                                                     | Elaine Alliegro<br>Alexandra Miller                                                                       | Dorothy Armstrong<br>Patricia Carley                                                                | Nick Cutrone<br>Lorraine Insley                                                                                  |
| Altar Server              | NOT FILLED<br><br>NOT FILLED                                                                     | Owen Parreno<br><br>Andy Parreno                                                                         | Jake Alliegro<br>Gavin Alliegro                                                                           | Andrew Kozakiewicz<br><br>Not Filled                                                                | Remi Coleman<br>Henri Coleman<br>Bennett Coleman<br>(sub req. for all)                                           |
| Children Liturgy          | Unknown                                                                                          |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                  |

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



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For Sisters Florence and de Lourdes—and 30,000 other senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious—service is a way of life. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care.

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Almost 94 percent of donations directly aid senior religious.