

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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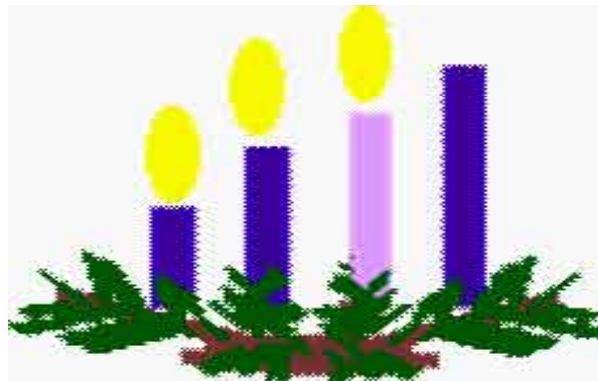
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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.

6:00 P.M. (except holiday

Holy Day of Obligation

7:30 PM (Vigil the day before)

8:15 AM & 12:00 NN

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.

IMPACT Bishop's Annual Appeal News Letter

This issue is spotlighting Sussex County for the month of December. Impact can be found on our website or by visiting www.rcdop.org/baa-news.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Regular Collections		\$18,236
Week Ending 12/01/19	\$7,840	
Week Ending 12/08/19	\$10,396	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/08/19		(\$44,265)

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 22, 2019 will be for Parish Maintenance.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, Dec. 16: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Judy McBride

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Laura Anne Buro

Thursday, Dec. 19: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Mayra del Carmen Rivera

Friday, Dec. 20: Advent Weekday

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, Dec. 21: Third Sunday in Advent

5:00 PM John Pappalardo

Sunday, Dec. 22: Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM Mary Catherine Clark

9:30 AM Sergio DeLauro

11:30 AM Santo D. Sgarlato

Deacon Joseph Cote

6:00 PM Tommy Hoey

Fred Fossett



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Al Saveriano, Cecelia Radeloff, Henry Schubert, 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. Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Flocknotes - Get plugged into our Parish!

Get information on Upcoming Event and more.

Receive Notification via txt msg or e-mail.

No Spam - Unsubscribe anytime.

To join text the word "stkateri" to 84576.

Third Sunday of Lent
Dec. 15, 2019

John's disciples said to Jesus, "Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another?" In reply, Jesus said: "Tell John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, and the poor have good news preached to them..."

O Jesus, I rejoice at the signs that say you are near. Your power is everywhere if I could see it.

Yet my eyes often see only darkness and what has yet to be done. I believe in you, yet when I look around evil seems so strong and goodness so weak. If you have come, why is there still so much suffering and why do the poor still despair? Where are your miracles today?

Your grace, O Lord, is more fruitful in my world than I imagine. I know your power is everywhere around me, if I could only see it. Show me today where the blind see and cripples walk.

Make my vision sharper than it is.

Prepare our hearts
and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope
which his presence
will bestow.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER...

K-10 & Confirmation Classes

• **FFormation Families:** Please mark your calendars for the **Family Session (Session 9)** on **The Eucharist** – Sunday, January 5, 2020 – This session, which happens after the 9:30 Mass, only, replaces the classroom classes for that week. **There will be no classroom classes on Sunday, January 5, 2020 due to the Catechist/Volunteer Mid-Year Review. (See the next announcement.)**

• **Catechists and all FFormation Volunteers** – Please join us on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 12:30pm in the Community Room for our Catechist/Volunteer Mid-Year Review. A lite lunch will be provided as we review the year, and thank you for your dedication to our parish program.

• **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. **Please come and watch our children embody the true meaning of Christmas!!**



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.

SKY - December

(973) 729-4722

Saint Kateri Youth Ministry Events



Jill Weiss

skym@saintkateri.org

Support Youth Ministry Christmas Shop

Stop at the table in the gathering space to purchase a **Saint Kateri Ornament** for your Christmas Tree. Only \$10.00 - While supplies last.

Check out all the other goodies too!

YOUTH GROUP - 7 to 8PM

12/15 - Ugly Christmas Sweater

Event Calendar

Sunday, December 15, 2019

1:00 PM Ventricelli/Pepe
Baptism

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Baptism

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:30 PM Lion Den Meeting
7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

10:00 AM Girl Scout Leader
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.
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7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation
Service

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019

7:00 PM Gospel Study Group
7:30 PM K of C Social Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2019

9:00 AM Morning Book Club
10:30 AM Book Club
6:00 PM Pack 295 Meeting

Saturday, December 21, 2019

7:45 AM Blood Drive



We joyfully welcome into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Emily Grace Hroncich**, daughter of Michael and Melissa; **Tyler Michael Ventricelli**, son of Brian and Meghan and **Cecilia Rose Pepe**, daughter of David and Sheila.



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

Bereavement Support Group: "A Journey Toward Healing." The Bereavement Ministry invites all who have encountered the loss of a loved one to join our support group for prayerful reflection and sharing. Sessions will begin on January 7th and continue on the First Tuesday of every month from February to August 2020, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Room. Please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978 if you wish to attend.

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

Of Possible Interest...

**Women's Retreat at Sacred Heart center
January 3 - 5, 2020**

Come join us for our Women's Weekend Retreat. Our theme is "**Spirit-Filled Living**". The retreat begins at 5PM on Friday and finishes at 1:30PM on Sunday. There is also an option to attend for the day, Jan. 4th.

Register on line sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org

E-mail shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call 973-383-2620

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

Ride to Mass

A resident at Knoll View is looking for a ride to Mass on Saturday at 5 PM or Sunday at 9:30 or 11:30 AM. Contact Linda at Knoll View 973-726-4537 if you are able to help out.

Ministry Scheduling for December 21st and 22nd

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Fowler Ed Madzy Pam Madzy Bob Canjemi Sandi Canjemi Pat Kane	Louise Viegas Jimmy Bizzaro Linda Duncan Mary Parker Not Filled Not Filled - Head	Bob Medina Grace Lane Vince Bell Lynda Olenoski Matthew Smetana Not Filled-Head	Cathy McCrossin Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled - Head	Paul Dottinger Lorraine Insley Aileen Parsons (Sub Req) John Parsons (Sub Req) Sue Weaver (Sub Req) Not Filled - Head
Lectors - First Second	Tom Gibbons Joe Delucay	Candala Roslan Carol Schubert	Debbie Schmidt Danielle Wilkenson	MaryAnne Choma Dorothy Armstrong	Julia Scales Joey Piccotti
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Owen Parreno Andy Parreno	Anthony Lane Rachel Samson	Coleman Brothers (Swap Requested)	Not Filled Not Filled
Children Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy				

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



December 17th - Parish Reconciliation Service

7:00 PM Service

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Mass - Church and Lower Level

6:30 PM Mass - Church

8:30 PM Mass/Youth Choir

10:00 PM Christmas Carols

10:30 PM Mass/Adult Choir and Strings

Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

December 31 - Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 PM Mass

January 1, 2020 - Mary, Mother of God

8:15 AM Mass

12:00 PM Mass