

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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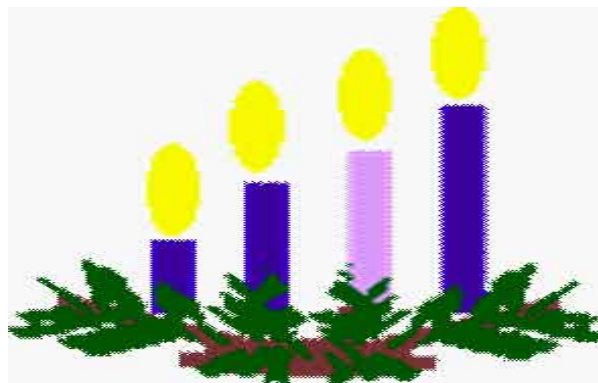
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Regular Collections		\$29,291
Week Ending 12/01/19	\$7,840	
Week Ending 12/08/19	\$10,396	
Week Ending 12/15/19	\$11,056	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/15/19		(\$33,209)

The Season of Giving

The blessing of the Advent season is upon us and soon it will be Christmas!

Saint Kateri is grateful for your continued generosity. The season of giving is the perfect time to set up a one-time or recurring gift to benefit our mission. Donate online by visiting www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving

It's quick, easy, and secure!

The Second Envelope on December 29, 2019 will be for Debt Reduction.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, Dec. 23: Advent Weekday; Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:15 AM Edward Cederberg

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15 AM

4:00PM Church Gary DeSilva

4:00 PM Comm. Rm. Rev. Partrick F. Rice

6:30 PM Alfredo Julao

8:30 PM Gerry Mahon Manny Reis

Jean and Ron Morris

10:30 PM Paul Rasimowicz, Tarvydas Family,
Marge and Robert Trimmer

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Robert Duncan

11:00 AM Teresita Gonzales

Thursday, Dec. 26: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:15 AM Vidal Gonzales, Sr.

Friday, Dec. 27: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:15 AM Mary Jane Johnston

John Pappalardo

Saturday, Dec. 28: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 PM Carol Anne Kuntz

Sunday, Dec. 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Rev. Patrick F. Rice

9:30 AM Kelly McNiff

11:30 AM August DePreker

6:00 PM Fred Fossett



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Al Saveriano, Cecelia Radeloff, Henry Schubert, Liliansa DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jim Hyland, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittney Johnson, Karen Rendina.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Tues. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

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

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

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

Sat. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



We  love
having you as part of our flock

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.

Fourth Sunday of
Advent
Dec. 22, 2019

“Through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the Gentiles among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome, beloved of God and called to holiness, grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Do you ever count how many Christmas cards you receive? Do you classify some as religious, family pictures, or strictly secular? A card sometimes expresses how people feel about you, or even the Christmas season. We are about to celebrate the birth of Christ. Is not this passage of Paul to the Romans a great Christmas wish? We may not be in Rome, but his care for those loved by God is quite clear. We 1. Belong to Jesus Christ 2. Are called to holiness 3. Grace is his wish for us and 4. Peace is the result of the presence of the Lord.

May the blessings of Christ be with you and yours.

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.

SKY - December



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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!



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.

Consecration to the Holy Family

During Mass on Saturday, December 28 and Sunday, December 29 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

Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019

6:00 PM Mass - Simbang Gabi

Monday, Dec. 23, 2019

7:00 PM Spanish Mass and
Hospitality
7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
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6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass
7:00 PM Spanish Mass
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 PM Christmas Carols
10:30 PM Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 27, 2019

9:00 AM Morning Book Club
10:30 AM Book Club



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”: he is the “Prince of peace”. Let us welcome him!

Once again, the church, experiences the wonder of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and the shepherds of Bethlehem, as they contemplate the newborn Child laid in a manger: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is encouraging us all to open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant “day” which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a “great joy” for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. Lk 2:10).

On this day, Jesus, the Savior is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the “sign” which God has given us: “a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, 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” (Mt 1:20). He is truly the Savior, for he is the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world (Jn 1:29). 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!

As one family living together the teachings of Jesus, may our Christmas celebration be focused on Jesus our Savior, the greatest gift we have received from the Father, not on the mere symbols of Christmas. May it be also a season of Christian joy, hope, and peace.

Have A Blessed Christmas to you and your family.
Fr. Vidal

Of Possible Interest... Youth & Family Experience

March For Life 2020
Friday , January 24th

This year Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville NJ will be running two buses: the first trip to Washington D.C. will leave the day before and will be providing a special opportunity for families to have an overnight trip which provides the opportunity to attend the Youth Rally for Life and the Mass for Life. Contemporary Christian musicians and youth evangelists giving witness talks before the March.

The second bus will be our traditional one-day trip to the March for Life, leaving in the early morning of the march. contact parish office at (973)948-3185x1.



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.

Ministry Scheduling for December 24th and 25th

	4:00 PM Church	4:00 PM Comm. Rm	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10: 30 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Cathy McCrossan Mike Murphy Chriss Murphy Lynda Olenoski Bill Reilly Brenda Valez Pat Kane - Head	Sandy Cangemi Mary Fahsbender Ann Fowler Nancy Wisby NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED- Head	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED Bruce Entwistle -Head	Rebecca Panzer Susan Weaver NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED- Head	Paul Dottinger NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED- Head
Lectors - First Second	Danielle Wilkinson Janet Murphy	Tom Gibbons Bob Cangemi	NOT FILLED Chriss Murphy	Michelle Orlando NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Altar Server	James Phillips NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

Christmas Day - No Eucharistic Ministers at 9 or 11AM; Lector at 9AM Candala Roslan- 1st; Lector 11AM Bob Medina - 1st.
Altar Servers at 9AM Mackenzie Shivas; No Altar Servers at 11AM

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



Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Mass - Church and Lower Level

6:30 PM Mass - Church

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

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

The blessings of Peace, the beauty of Hope, the spirit of Love, the comfort of Faith.

May these be your gifts this Christmas!