

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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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 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 12/29 not available at time of printing	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)	\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/15/19	(\$33,209)

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 January 12, 2020 will be for Project Faith.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, Jan. 6 Christmas Weekday; Saint Andre' Bessette, Religious:

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, Jan 7: Christmas Weekday; Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:15 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Christmas Weekday

8:15 AM Douglas Milway

Thursday, Jan. 9: Christmas Weekday

8:15 AM Eileen Reges

Friday, Jan 10: Christmas Weekday

8:15 AM Vergilita Gonzales

Saturday, Jan 11: Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM Frank Cortese, Jr.

Sunday, Jan. 12: Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Kay Brewer

11:30 AM Mayra de Carmen Rivera

6:00 PM Barbara C. DiStefano



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Al Saveriano, Cecelia Radeloff, Henry Schubert, Liliana DiGangi, Tom Booth, 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 973-729-1682.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Mon. 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue. 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wed. 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thur. 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sat. 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sun. Is 42:1-4, 6-7Mt. 3:13-17

We  love
having you as part of our flock

Flocknotes - Get plugged into our Parish!

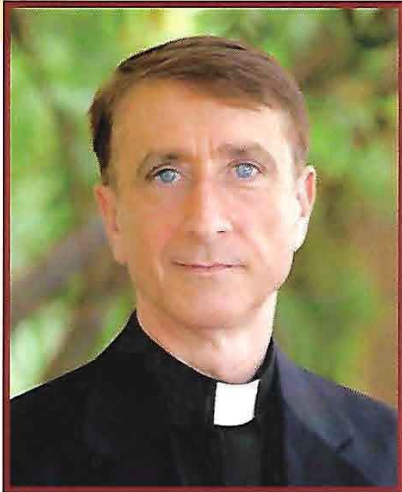
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OUTREACH PRIEST

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Fr. Bernard was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. He entered the community of the Conventual Franciscan Friars and studied in Ellicott City, MD and at St. Hyacinth College and Seminary in Granby, MA earning a BA in philosophy. He received a MA in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Faculty of St. Bonaventure and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Fr. Bernard was ordained in July 1979 and joined the Diocese of St. George's Grenada in the Caribbean in 2006.

In 1982, having completed his studies in Rome, he was employed at Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY as a Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director of Campus Ministry. Later, he was Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and then Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He served on the boards of various non-profit organizations in the Buffalo area including service as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross, a member of the School Board of St. Francis High School, and a judge for the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Buffalo. In addition to preaching in parishes across the US each weekend, he also writes for internal and external communications of the organization. He is also currently an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Erie Community College as well Adjunct Professor for the Communication and Leadership Program at Canisius College in the Not-For-Profit concentration.

Fr. Bernard Olszewski will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Churches overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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.

Join us for the Annual
Steak Bowl ...
Sat Jan 25 ... \$30
Tickets available after masses

Event Calendar

Sunday, January 5, 2020

10:30 AM Family Session
12:30 PM Catechist Mid-Year In Service
2:00 PM Gabriella Gast Baptism

Monday, January 6, 2020

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

6:00 PM Lions Den
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.
7:00 PM Bereavement Support Group

Wed., January 8, 2020

6:30 PM Leader Meeting
7:00 PM Gospel Study Group
7:30 PM K of C Business Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020

6:00 PM Wolf Den

Friday, January 10, 2020

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

Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:00 AM Pinewood Derby



We joyfully welcome into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Gabriella Grace Gast**, daughter of Matthew and Lisa Gast.



Join us January 18th from 7:45am to 1:45pm.

BLOOD DRIVE JUST 1 DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES

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 all the donors and our great volunteers who made the December Drive a great success.

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.

HOUSE BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY



Chalk is blessed at church and brought to the home.

Read the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Write above the entryway: 20 + C + M + B + 20

(Although the names are not known for certain, medieval legend calls the Magi; Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar. The name Magi was used by Matthew (2:1-12) to indicated "sages or wise men" who came to adore Christ.

Leader:

Peace be to this house and all who live here. During these days of the Christmas season we keep this feast of Epiphany. We celebrate Christ made known to the

Magi. And today Christ is made known to us! Today this home is a holy place! The Magi came from the east to Bethlehem to adore the Lord.

"They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and presented them to him." (Matthew 2:11)

We bow our heads and pray for God's blessing...

Lord our God, bless our home and all who live here. May we be filled with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, obedience to Your Law, and thanksgiving to the Father.

Help us to love and respect one another and make your presence known by the way we care for others. May this blessing remain on this house and upon all who live here.

We pray through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Ministry Scheduling for January 11th and 12th

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Cangemi Sandy Cangemi Not Filled Mary Fahsbender Ann Fowler Pat Kane-Head	Eileen Francis Linda Duncan Jimmy Bizzaro Kathleen Piwko Louise Viegas Not Filled - Head	Paul McFadden Kim McFadden Not Filled Mike Sawey Matthew Smetana Susan Sawey-Head	Cathy McCrossin Joey Piccotti Bill Reilly Not Filled Not Filled John Piccotti-Head	Paul Dottinger Not Filled Laura Tirpack) Sue Weaver Ed Tirpack Kelly Darnstead-Head
Lectors - First Second	Pam Madzy Ed Madzy	Candala Roslan Carol Schubert	Nicole Smith Vince Bell	Dorothy Armstrong Frank Masters	Julia Scales Lorraine Insley
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Owen Parreno Andy Parreno	Robert Smith Sophie Smith	Andy Kozakiewicz Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled
Children Liturgy	Not available at time of printing				

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

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany (Manifestation) of Jesus completes the Christmas celebration. It gives the universal character to the birth of Jesus. He is the Savior, not only of Israel, but of the whole world as manifested by the three Magi. The three magi Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, came to Bethlehem as pilgrims and returned to their lands as missionaries.

The Magi brought their gifts of Gold, frankincense and myrrh may be thought of as prophesying Jesus' future. Gold was a gift for Kings; frankincense (an ancient air purifier and perfume), was offered to God in Temple worship (Ex. 30:37); and myrrh (an oriental remedy for intestinal worms in infants), was used by the High Priest as an anointing oil (Ex. 30:23), and to prepare bodies for burial. These gifts were not only expensive but portable. Perhaps Joseph sold the gifts to finance the Holy Family's trip to Egypt. The gifts might have been God's way of providing for the journey that lay ahead.

What message this Feast brings to us? Fr. Anthony Kadavil, in his reflection mentioned that, the feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi – a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the encounter of the Magi with the evil King Herod, he added. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth. **a) Hatred:** a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; **b) Indifference:** another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; **c) Adoration:** the members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

Let us make sure that we belong to the third group. a) Let us worship Jesus at Mass, every day if we can, with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men. b) Let us plot a better path for our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior. c) Let us become the Star, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him. We can remove or lessen the darkness of the evil around us by being, if not like stars, at least like candles, radiating Jesus' love by selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. May God Bless us all.

