



The Parish Community of

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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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MARCH 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Lord, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the heat of my day, in the trials of life, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness and acceptance in these moments, and may that Love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 – 3:00 pm: Tue. – Thurs. and by appointment

REFLECTION:

Quenching Your Thirst with Living Water

“Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” John 4:29



This is the story of a woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He “told me everything I have done.” She wasn’t only impressed that Jesus knew all about her past as if He were a mind reader or magician. There is more to this encounter than the simple fact that Jesus told her all about her past sins. What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her!

We can be certain that she would have daily experienced a sort of community shame. The way she lived in the past and the way she was living at the present was not an acceptable lifestyle. And she felt the shame of it which, as mentioned above, was the reason she came to the well in the middle of the day. She was avoiding others.

But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Interestingly, the woman went away and “left her water jar” by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Or did she? Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking. Jesus, the Living Water, satiated.

Reflect, today, upon the undeniable thirst that is within you. Once you are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satiate it with Living Water. If you do this, you too will leave the many “jars” behind that never satisfy for very long. (My Catholic Life)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

March 2020	Weekly	Month of March
Regular Collections		\$19,611
Week Ending 03/01/2020		
Regular Collection	\$8,724	
Maintenance Collection	1,218	
Ash Wednesday	1,126	
Week Ending 03/08/2020		
Regular Collection	\$9,736	
Project Faith	854	
Maintenance	57	
Easter Flowers & Ash Wed.	205	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 03/08/2020		(\$42,889)

The second collection on March 15th will be for Parish Maintenance.

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.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, March 16: Lenten Weekday
8:15 AM Frank Tasco

Tuesday, March 17: Lenten Weekday;
Saint Patrick, Bishop
8:15 AM Kay Paulson
Fr. Patrick Rice

Wednesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday; Saint
Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:15 AM Ronald Sowinski

Thursday, March 19: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 AM Otilia Charnogursky

Friday, March 20: Lenten Weekday
8:15 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, March 21: Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM Rick Zackman

Sunday, March 22: Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM Joseph DeBella
9:30 AM Joseph A. Marino
11:30 AM Leonard Babich
6:00 PM Jackie Macaluso



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Deacon Drew Calandriello, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Lilianna DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany Johnson, Karen Rendina.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thur: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Active Military Prayer List

Please pray for our Active Military:

Daniel Joseph (D.J.) Duguay, US Air Force; James Schoch, Infantry Second Lieutenant; Frank Cutrone, Second Lieutenant, US Army; LtCol Dan Murphy, US Marine Corps; LTJG Katherine Garza, US Navy; LTJG David Garza, US Navy; LCpl Josh Jackson US Marine Corps

May God keep them safe and protect them from all harm.

If you would like a love ones name added to the prayer list for the military, please call the parish center. 973-729-1682.

Bishop Barron's Daily Lent Reflections can be found on the home page of our website: www.saintkateri.org

Faith Formation Corner

-Monday Lenten Confessions - Family Faith-
Please plan to bring your K-10 families to Monday night Confessions at least once during the weeks of Lent. **Lenten Mondays are: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30.**

-Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers - Family Faith-
Please plan to bring your K-10 families to Friday night Stations of the Cross at least once during the weeks of Lent. The Stations the Cross are followed by Soup Suppers! Please let us know if you can offer to make a meatless soup!
Lenten Fridays are: Mar. 13, Mar. 20, Mar. 27, April 3.



SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School coming to St. Kateri Parish **July 6-10, 2020 from 1-4 pm.** This year's theme is **Cathletics: Training to Be Champions for Christ.** Each day will be packed with music, crafts, games, snacks and FAITH! All children entering kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the team and all students *entering* grades 7 and above are invited to be junior coaches and coaches! Adult mentors are also needed. Save the date... more information, registration and volunteer applications are coming soon! Make plans to be a part of an awesome Vacation Bible School at St. Kateri this summer!

Meet Yvone



Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? visit crsricebowl.org.

Event Calendar

Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 16, 2020

6:30 PM Lion Den Mtg.

7:00 PM Welcome Home to Healing

7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

7:00 PM Gospel Study

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study

7:30 PM K of C Social Mtg.

Thurs, March 19, 2020

6:00 PM Wolf Den Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00 AM Morning Book Club

10:30 AM Book Club

6:00 PM K of C Ceremonial

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Soup Supper

Saturday, March 21, 2020

7:45 AM Blood Drive

SKY

Saint Kateri Youth Ministry
March/April



Jill Weiss
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Youth Group

Come hang out with friends and discuss God, eat some stuff and play games.

Sundays 7-8pm

3/1: Meet at Sparta Lanes for free bowling

3/8

3/15

3/29

Welcome Home to Healing

Confession is offered every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30pm.

Did you know that you can download an app that will help you with confession?

Check it Out!

Service Opportunities & Events

Stations and Soup Supper:

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3-

Arrive at 6:00pm for set up, stations begin at 6:30pm. Help with set up/cleanup & enjoy The Stations of the Cross.

3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/18-**Godspell:**

@ Our Lady of the Lake- Friday & Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm, Wednesday at 7pm. Come and enjoy this spiritual performance. Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$10.

3/21-Blood Drive @ Saint Kateri:

7:45-1:45- Serve breakfast. Please contact Jill to sign-up.

3/22-Easter Basket Filling:

4-6:00pm- Fill Easter baskets that will be donated to the food pantry. Please bring a bag of wrapped candy.

3/6, 4/3-Adoration:

3:00pm Choose an hour to spend with Jesus.

4/5-Palm Sunday:

Make and distribute palm crosses after 9:30 mass.

4/11-Easter Egg Hunt:

10-11:00am Assist in setting up eggs and snacks.

-Contact Jill Weiss to Sign Up-

Teen Stations of the Cross

Come be a part of this dramatic and modern portrayal.



4/5- 7:00-8:30pm: Rehearsal

4/10- 5:00pm: Rehearsal, 7:30pm: Showtime

You must be able to attend both dates

Help Wanted!

Youth Ministry is filling 150 Easter baskets on March 22nd. The baskets will be donated to the Sussex County Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please consider donating basket supplies:

- Unopened wrapped candy
- Small new stuffed animals
- Rolls of cellophane
- Jump Ropes
- Play-Doh
- Small games
- Easter Eggs
- Chalk



*No loose jellybeans please, otherwise I eat them all 😊

Of possible interest...

Camp Auxilium Open House 2020

Saturday, March 21st (10 AM – 12 PM)

~Followed by Pizza with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt (12 – 1 PM)~

Sunday, April 19th (12 – 2 PM)

Sunday, May 17th (12 – 2 PM)

A Place Where Every Young Person Feels Loved

For more info: www.campauxilium.org or call (973) 383-2621



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 7:00PM

A written guide about how to go to confession, the Act of Contrition, and Examination of Conscience, can be found at www.welcomeHomeToHealing.org or the home page of our website.

Saint Kateri/Our Lady of the Lake MEN'S CORNERSTONE VI March 27 & 28, 2020 "BE NOT AFRAID"

A Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be offered at Our Lady of the Lake parish during this upcoming Lenten Season, March 27 & 28, 2020!

This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid!" Father David and eight other presenters will be giving the talks over a 26-hour period beginning Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will also be made available. Please mark your calendar and register today by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107.



Lenten Soup Supper - Stations of the Cross

Every Friday through Lent* *Except Good Friday 6:30PM - 7:30PM at Saint Kateri Church and Gathering Space.

As we journey through Lent, let's invite others (friends, relatives, neighbors, acquaintances) to join us for **Stations of the Cross followed by a cup or two of homemade soup**, some crusty bread, and the warmth and fellowship of our SK faith community. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sign up at our display table in the Gathering Space to bring your favorite soup on a given Friday (we need 4-5 volunteers to make good size crockpots of meatless soup each Friday).

Feed the Working Poor

Feed the working Poor Trays will be distributed after all Masses on March 21 and 22nd. Make and freeze a dish to donate to the Fr. English Center in Paterson. Frozen trays will be collected at Saint Kateri on Sat. March 28th at 9AM.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness toward those in need at the Fr. English Center.



It's the simplest and most generous thing you can do for another human being. The next Blood Drive at St. Kateri Church is **Saturday, March 21st, 7:45am to 1:45pm.**

There is no substitute for your donation. To schedule an appointment: Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS Sponsor Code 15978. *Walk-ins are always welcome.* Call Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191 for more information.

Thank you to donors and volunteers at our February Blood Drive. The 67 units collected made a difference to 201 patients and their families.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. Patrick F. Rice Memorial Trades Scholarship

Our Council continues to offer the Fr. Patrick F. Rice Scholarship to parishioners of the parish whose goal is not solely academic/collegial in nature.

To apply on line simply copy the link into your browser <https://saintkateri.org/k-of-c-trades-scholarship> Applications may be submitted on a continuing basis since trade school entry can occur throughout the year.

Ministry Scheduling for March 21st and March 22nd

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Fahsbender Ann Fowler Patricia Kane Phyllis Holdsworth Nancy Wisby Bill Holdsworth-Head	Linda Duncan Eileen Francis Mary Parker Louise Viegas Not Filled / Head	Vincent Bell Lynda Olenoski Kathleen Piwko Matthew Smetana Brenda Velez Not Filled / Head	Cathy McCrossan Bill Reilly Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled John Piccotti Head	Dawn Green Kelly Darnsteadt Lianna LeValley Samantha LeValley Laura Tirpack Ginny Pivko Head
Lectors - First Second	Tom Gibbons Bob Cangemi	Not Filled Candala Roslan	Bob Medina Elaine Alliegro	Brenda Klumpp Joey Piccotti	Susan Weaver Nick Cutrone
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Mackenzie Shivas	Jake Alliegro Gavin Alliegro	Not Filled Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled
Children Liturgy			Jill Palleschi / Kyla Kelly		

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

Squires Collection to Help Military Serving Overseas

-As part of their ongoing commitment to supporting the military, the Saint Kateri Squires will hold a donation drive after all masses on March 28th and 29th. Saint Kateri parishioner and Past Chief Squire Frank Cutrone is an Army Lieutenant who has been deployed in the Middle East with his unit from Fort Drum, NY. Members of Cutrone's platoon include both men and women and the Squires will be collecting needed toiletries including shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, baby powder, lotion and moisturizers, tissues, and feminine hygiene products for the female soldiers. Cash or check donations will also be accepted to help defray costs of shipping (please make checks out to the Saint Kateri Squires and mark the memo field Army donation drive). Feel free to also write a personal note to Lieutenant Cutrone wishing him and his team a productive mission. If you have questions feel free to contact Chief Squire Greg Puszcz at gregorypuszcz@gmail.com

Squires Conduct Note Writing Campaign to Military Parishioners

-At their March monthly meeting, our Saint Kateri Squires began the first series of personal note writing campaigns to our parishioners who are serving in the military. The Squires in attendance wrote personal cards to Past Chief Squire and Army Lieutenant Frank Cutrone and Past Squire member and Army 2nd Lieutenant James Schoch. Each month the Squires will send notes to our parishioners currently serving in the military. All parishioners are welcome to join the Squires in this effort with note cards or letters. A box will be placed in the gathering space where you can drop personal note cards and letters. Please contact Squires Chief Counselor Nick Cutrone with any questions at cutronekofc@gmail.com or by calling 917-513-8624.



GUIDE TO CONFESSION

PREPARE
Pray to the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to know your sins and the courage to confess them. Take a look at an Examination of Conscience for guidance.

BEGIN
Start with the sign of the cross and tell the priest how long it's been since you last went to confession. If it's been awhile, that's okay, just let the priest know.

CONFESS
Name all of the sins that come to mind based on your examination of conscience.

LISTEN
Listen to the advice the priest gives you based on your confession. Remember the Penance he gives you, which is to be completed after your confession.

PRAY
Pray the Act of Contrition. There are a few versions. Use whichever one you remember. If you have forgotten, don't worry. Tell the priest and he will help you through it.

BE FORGIVEN
Be attentive as the priest prays the Prayer of Absolution. Respond, "Amen," and rejoice in knowing that your sins are completely forgiven.

GO IN PEACE
The priest will conclude with, "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace," or similar words. Respond, "Thanks be to God!"

Welcome Home to Healing (Confession) every Monday in March from 7PM to - 8:30PM.

March 16, 23, and 30.

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