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5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

March 29, 2020

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday Mass will be live streaming on our Facebook page at 9:30 AM.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanj>

We will continue to keep you updated through our website, E-mails, Flocknotes and Facebook.

To join Flocknotes (text message app) text "stkateri" to 84576.

OFFICE HOURS - At this time please call or e-mail the parish.

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



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Norms for Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter in the Diocese of Paterson By Mandate of the Bishop

By mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, Francis, the diocesan bishop has been given wide discretion by Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. N. 153/20) regarding the observance of Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter for the year 2020 in the local church entrusted to his apostolic care.

In keeping with the provisions of the aforementioned decree and as moderator of liturgical life among the faithful entrusted to my care (Code of Canon Law: c. 835 §1) I make the following provisions for all parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Paterson:

1. The date of Easter is the linchpin of the entire liturgical year and is declared immovable by the Apostolic See through mandate of the Supreme Pontiff. The date of Easter remains April 12, 2020.

2. The Chrism Mass is postponed to a date following Easter. The announcement of the date of the celebration will be given at a later time. The Sacred Chrism and Holy Oils consecrated and blessed last year remain for the administration of the sacraments. The administration of sacraments are completely valid and licit with the use of the Sacred Chrism and Holy Oils consecrated and blessed last year.

3. Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter will be celebrated without the physical participation of the faithful.

4. To the degree that they are able, parishes are to live stream the liturgical celebrations of the Holy Week and Easter to the faithful without the physical presence of the faithful.

5. Liturgical celebrations are to be live streamed and not recorded so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves from their homes with the sacred action taking place in the parish church or chapel. Further specific norms regarding individual celebrations:

1. Passion (Palm) Sunday: Palm is not to be blessed for distribution at this time; it will be blessed and distributed at a later time. The third form for the Entrance, i.e., The Simple Entrance as designated in the Roman Missal is to be used. All forms of the procession are suspended but the designated antiphon in the form of the Simple Entrance may be used.

2. Holy Thursday: The priests of the parish may celebrate the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at any hour of the day and in any suitable place without people. The washing of feet, already optional, is omitted in every celebration this year. The procession to the place of adoration is omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is not available for adoration.

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† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Fr. Vidal will pray for your loved ones at a private Mass each day.

Monday, March 30: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Fr. Patrick F. Rice

Tuesday, March 31: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM

Thursday, April 2: Lenten Weekday; Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:15 AM

Friday, April 3: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM

Saturday, April 4: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM Manny Reis

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Estelle DeBella

9:30 AM Amanda Fransisco

11:30 AM John Pappalardo

6:00 PM Vidal Gonzales, Sr.



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Christopher Robak, Deacon Drew Calandriello, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Liliana DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany

Johnson, Karen Rendina.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,

Tue. Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

Wed. Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42

Thur. Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

Fri. Jer 20:10- 13, Jn 10:31-42

Sat. Ex 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Phil

2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66

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.

Mass Online

We have worked hard to help you have access to watch Mass. **We are live streaming Daily Mass at 9:00AM and Sunday Mass at 9:30AM.** Visit our Facebook page to celebrate Mass.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartan>

Invite your friends to join in. All are welcome.

Your Sunday offering

And please also remember, even though our church is quiet, facility utilities do not go away. Needs of our community, ministry, and families still remain as well. We can not meet such needs without your help. As we are not able to serve in large groups or in person, our gifts of prayer and treasure are ever so important, even crucial to get us through this difficult time.

If you haven't already, please consider setting up a recurring gift online. It takes two simple steps and the rest is seamless, automatic, and very flexible. Please visit our donation page at:

www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving

You can also continue to mail your gifts and envelopes to the parish at: 427 stanhope Rd, Sparta, NJ 07871

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Faith Formation Corner

Saint Kateri Faith Formation classes are cancelled/suspended until further notice.

We have sent out online lessons and activities in order for families to continue learning about our Faith at home.

Please know that all First Communions and Confirmations are also suspended. Please read the details about this in the Bishop's letter in this bulletin or on our website. <https://www.patersondiocese.org/coronavirus>

Please refer to the section labeled: **"HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR PASTORAL LIFE IN THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON"**.

For all other questions about Faith Formation please contact Cheryl Wallace, DRE cherylw@saintkateri.org

Of Possible Interest...



On Line Addiction Recovery Support.

Visit- <https://centerforprevention.org/rcc/support-meetings/>

Online Meeting Options:

www.smartrecovery.org

Live Chat & Online Meetings

www.intherooms.com

Global Recovery Community

www.12step.org

Information, Tools & Resources

www.celebraterecovery.com

Biblical 12-step Program

www.womenforsobriety.org

Meetings Exclusively for Women



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer from Paterson Diocese website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

March 2020	Weekly	Month of March
Regular Collections		\$29,102
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	
Week Ending 03/15/2020		
Regular Collection	\$8,176	
Maintenance	\$465	
Easter Flowers + Ash Wed.	\$20	
Week Ending 03/22/2020		
Regular Collection	\$1,115	
Maintenance	50	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 03/08/2020		(\$33,398)

We are thankful for all those parishioners who contribute to the financial support of the church and who take stewardship so seriously.



Adoration and Private Prayer

Adoration and Private Prayer will be held from 2:00 PM to 4:00PM Monday through Friday. Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanj>.

Let us unite in spiritual prayer.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each Moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

My Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you and your families are safe from this tremendous coronavirus.

This past Sunday, celebrating mass with the empty pews in light of restrictions due to the coronavirus outbreak, breaks my heart. It was my first time celebrating the Sunday Holy Eucharist inside the church with three people: our music director Marc and the two seminarians. An empty parking lot and empty pews is not a typical weekend experience at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. For the first time, members of our community didn't walk through the doors. Instead, many of you watched and listened to me as I celebrated the Holy Mass, and many of you prayed with me on Friday afternoon as I exposed the Blessed Sacrament from 2- 4pm. Thank you for that and thank God for today's technology.

I, your pastor, will continue to bring you that sacrament even at a distance. God gave us this technology today to easily communicate with you because God knows that we will use this during this present crisis. Our mission as a Church continues even as we alter our normal activities for the sake of the common good. We should be praying for and planning how we can be witnesses of God's love during this terrible crisis.

Some of you are concerned and asked me about how our church can survive this financially because we mostly rely on people's weekly Sacrificial Giving. Thank you for bringing up that concern. Yes, like other businesses establishments, our church also suffers financially. As I mentioned in my last week's message: "Please, continue your weekly collection by enrolling in electronic giving. Please visit: <https://saintkateri.org/electronic-giving>. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know that we're here for you. You are a valued member of our church family."

Some of you are already electronic givers. Some of you mailed your envelope already. Some also brought it here to the rectory and put it in the mailbox next to the office door. Thank you all for taking the time to do these important acts.

If you need assistance with electronic giving, you can e-mail Jeanne, and she'll be happy to assist you.

I am extremely grateful for your continued support of our parish community. If there is any way that we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to let us know. Let us ask Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to intercede in all of our prayers.

My continued prayers,

Fr. Vidal

Prayer of Pope Francis for Protection and Help

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You...know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of those of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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It is appropriate for the parish priest to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass in prayer for the people of his parish. The parish church should not be kept open on the evening of Holy Thursday to prevent the gathering of large crowds.

3. Priests unable to celebrate Mass on Holy Thursday should not fail to offer the Vespers of the day from the Liturgy of the Hours.

4. Good Friday: To the measure that it is possible, the parish priest should celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion without people present. There is no veneration of the cross by the people. A special intention for the sick, the dead, and those who feel lost or dismayed is to be added to the Universal Prayer. The parish church should not be kept open on Good Friday to prevent the gathering of large crowds.

5. The Easter Vigil: Where there is a real possibility of doing so, determined by the pastor responsible, the Easter Vigil is celebrated in the parish church. The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium is omitted. The Paschal Candle is simply lit and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) follows. The Liturgy of the Word then takes place. For the Baptismal Liturgy only the Renewal of Baptism Promises is necessary. The font is not blessed.

6. All expressions of popular piety and processions, i.e., live Stations of the Cross, processions with the Sorrowful Mother or other types of processions are suspended. Such expressions of piety may be moved to later dates which will be announced at an appropriate time.

7. Easter food is not blessed at the parish or any other public setting. The faithful may be referred to an adaptation made by the pastor and distributed via the internet of the Order for the Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter in the Book of Blessings.

8. The Mass of Easter Day may be celebrated and the faithful joined spiritually with the liturgical action through live stream.

9. All the above guidelines apply to religious houses, institutes and communities.

A Plenary Indulgence

The Apostolic Penitentiary, through the authority of the Supreme Pontiff, has granted a Plenary Indulgence to all of those who are suffering from the coronavirus or those who are caring for those who are ill, and additionally to all those subject to quarantine during this time of grave difficulty. In order to obtain the Indulgence, which is the remission before God of guilt for sins already forgiven, the faithful are to observe the devotions and disposition outlined in the decree:

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

The Holy Father has provided this Plenary Indulgence in order for the suffering and those who selflessly labor in the care of the sick are united ever more closely with Christ the healer and reliant on the all-powerful and never failing mercy of God.

All to the contrary notwithstanding.
Given this 20th day of March, 2020.

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

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