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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3 2020

*So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep."*

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass Live streaming at 9:00 AM. Adoration will Live Stream from 2-4 PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM Daily.

Sunday Mass will be live streaming on our Facebook page at 9:30. Website at 10:30 AM

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

We will continue to keep you updated through our website,

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

Christ the Good Shepherd of Us All

“BUT WHOEVER ENTERS THROUGH THE GATE IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. THE GATEKEEPER OPENS IT FOR HIM, AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AS THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM OUT.” JOHN 10:2-4



FOUR THINGS HAPPEN IN THIS STORY:

FIRST, THE GATEKEEPER OPENS THE GATE FOR THE SHEPHERD.
SECOND, THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME.
THIRD, THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE.
FOURTH, THE SHEPHERD LEADS THE SHEEP THROUGH THE GATE.

WHO IS THE “GATEKEEPER?” SAINT AUGUSTINE SAYS THAT ONE ANSWER TO THIS IS THAT THE GATEKEEPER IS THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO OPEN OUR MINDS TO THE TRUTH, TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE, AND THEREFORE, TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST HIMSELF. THEREFORE, THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL OPEN YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART TO KNOW AND LOVE CHRIST AS YOUR SHEPHERD, IF YOU LET HIM.

ONCE THIS HAPPENS, JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WILL SPEAK YOUR NAME, PERSONALLY. NOT AUDIBLY, BUT THROUGH THE GIFT OF FAITH. YOU ARE NOT ONLY ONE OF MANY SHEEP; RATHER, YOU ARE HIS DEAR ONE WHOM HE KNOWS AND LOVES ON AN INTIMATE AND PERSONAL LEVEL. THEREFORE, THIS PASSAGE CALLS US TO AN INTIMATE AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

KNOWING WE ARE PERSONALLY AND INTIMATELY LOVED BY CHRIST, THAT WE ARE CALLED BY NAME, INVITES AND ENCOURAGES US TO LISTEN. DO YOU LISTEN? AND IF YOU LISTEN, DO YOU HEAR? “HEARING” CHRIST SPEAK TO US IN THIS PERSONAL AND INTIMATE WAY SHOULD MOTIVATE US TO ACTION.

WHAT ACTION? TO BE LED. NORMALLY A SHEPHERD WALKS BEHIND THE SHEEP AND THEY RUN ON AHEAD. BUT IN THIS STORY, JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WHO CALLS YOU BY NAME, LEADS YOU “THROUGH THE GATE.” JESUS HIMSELF IS THE GATE. WE ARE CALLED TO BECOME ONE WITH HIM AND, THROUGH HIM, TO ENTER INTO THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER IN HEAVEN. THROUGH HIM WE ENTER INTO NEW LIFE ITSELF, LIFE OF UNION WITH HIM WHO IS OUR SHEPHERD.

REFLECT, TODAY, UPON THIS FOURFOLD JOURNEY TO WHICH YOU ARE CALLED. PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT YOUR MIND AND HEART WILL BE OPENED TO KNOW AND LOVE CHRIST. THEN PRAYERFULLY LISTEN FOR CHRIST TO SPEAK TO YOU. HEAR HIM, RESPOND TO HIM AND ALLOW HIM TO DRAW YOU INTO HIS OPEN HEART OF PERFECT LOVE. (MY CATHOLIC LIFE)

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, May 4: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Deacon Robert Pringle

Tuesday, May 5: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM David Simmons

Wednesday, May 6: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Ronald Sowinski

Thursday, May 7: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Richinelle (Richard) Mendoza

Friday, May 8: Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker

9:00 AM All Healthcare Workers

Sunday, May 10: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 AM Nazare Garrett
Ronald Hart



Prayers for the Sick:

We pray for Lanita Gonzales Ramos, Chris, Nancy, Reilly, Braeden and CB Boyle, 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.

Would you like to put someone on the prayer list? Give us a call the parish center 973-729-1682.. You must have their consent to print in the bulletin.

To be added to the confidential prayer list contact Sue Weaver, Prayer Team: prayerteam@saintkateri.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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.

Your Sunday offering

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.

Contribution Totals for the Month of April 2020

	Weekly	Month of April
Regular Collections		\$29,674
Week Ending 04/05/2020		
Palm Sunday Offerin	\$ 5,318	
Maintenance	465	
Easter Flowers	100	
Rice Bowl	25	
Week Ending 04/12/2020		
Easter Offering	13,614	
Maintenance	140	
Holy Land	80	
Project Faith	75	
Week Ending 04/19/2020		
Regular Collection	3,840	
Maintenance	85	
CC for Human Development	175	
Week Ending 04/26/2020		
Regular Collection	6,902	
Maintenance	425	
Special Collections	580	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 04/26/2020		(\$20,326)

We are grateful for all the notes we receive in with your offerings that carry messages of kindness and hope.

Thank you to all those parishioners who contribute to the financial support of the church and who take stewardship so seriously.



Faith Formation Corner

Dear SK First Communion Families: Please join us next Sunday, Mothers' Day, 5/10/2020 for our 9:30am Online Mass at which Father Vidal will celebrate the **May Crowning, or the Crowning of Mary** in our beautiful church. Families will have received their children's communion banner kits before then, and are encouraged to complete their banners at home, prior to this day. What a great way to ask Mary to bless us, and to show her that we are ready for our special First Communion Day as soon as we are able to reschedule it.

Saint Kateri First Communions and Confirmations and accompanying retreats are suspended, but we will let you know as soon as these can be rescheduled.

Please read the details about this in the Bishop's letter in this bulletin or on our website. <https://www.paterson-diocese.org/coronavirus>

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

Are you In need of help?

Someone you know in need of help?

A delivering of food, a cooked meal, picking up a prescription. Maybe you know of someone who could use a phone call just to say "hello". Are you out of work?

Call and leave a message or e-mail for anyone of the staff members. All calls are confidential.

We are here and want to help.

Thank you to all who have been calling to offer your time and treasure to people in need.

God Bless You.

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Of Possible Interest...

Project Self-Sufficiency opens food pantry to county residents.

Thanks to generous donations from the NORWESCAP Food Bank, the Sussex County Board of Social Services, and numerous kind-hearted individuals, the food pantry at Project Self-Sufficiency is open and available to residents of Sussex and Warren counties, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those who are interested in accessing The Food Project: Nourishing Our Neighbors at Project Self-Sufficiency can visit the campus, 127 Mill St., in Newton, or call the agency, 973-940-3500 or 844-807-3500. Monetary and food donations will be accepted at the agency Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monetary donations can also be made at www.projectselfsufficiency.org.

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Knights of Columbus

You can still help with donations for the Samaritan Inn.

Please drop kids snacks, toiletries, bath tissue, tissues, paper towels, napkins, and feminine products into the box outside the glass doors on the left side of the entrance. The Knights will check the box daily and deliver to the shelter.

2020 St. Kateri Knights of Columbus/Father Patrick Rice Memorial Scholarship is Open

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-The 2020 Knights of Columbus Father Patrick Rice college scholarship is now available. Please go to the parish website and click on the events tab where you will see the Father Pat scholarship. There are two documents including the scholarship instructions and the application.

-The scholarship is for graduating high school seniors planning to attend a university, college, or community college in the fall. Requirements include:

- Be an active parishioner and member of Saint Kateri Parish
- Complete the typewritten application
- Provide an essay on the challenges of being a Catholic in today's society and how you will overcome them in the future
- Demonstrated history of parish, school, and community service
- Provide an official transcript
- Provide 2 or more letters of recommendation

-If the applicant has been a member of our Squires or Squire Roses circle, he/she should provide details of their service to the circle and include their membership number.

(Being a Squire or Squire Rose is not a mandatory requirement to apply for this scholarship).

NOTE: in lieu of the current Covid-19 situation, the parish office is closed. Please mail all application packets to Scholarship Chairman, Nick Cutrone, 60 Sleepy Hollow Road, Andover, NJ 07821. Upon receipt of your application Mr. Cutrone will email you confirmation that your materials have been received. **The deadline is Friday, May 22nd for receipt of all materials with NO exceptions.** The scholarship committee will inform you of the status of the application as soon as all applications are reviewed and scored.

Fr. Patrick F. Rice Memorial Trades Scholarship

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

To apply on line simply copy the link into your browser. saintkateri.org/fr-patrick-rice-memorial-trade-scholarship.

Applications may be submitted on a continuing basis since trade school entry can occur throughout the year.

The Month of May with Mary

"...It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

"For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities.

The key to doing this is always simplicity....

"I am also providing two prayers to our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you....

"Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing."

—Pope Francis, 25 April 2020

First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers, and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude, and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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