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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17 2020- Year A



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"The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A



THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

"IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT..."
JOHN 14:15-17

ON THIS, THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, WE BEGIN TO TURN OUR EYES TOWARD THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IN THIS PASSAGE ABOVE, JESUS SPEAKS OF ASKING THE FATHER TO SEND ANOTHER ADVOCATE TO BE WITH US ALWAYS. THIS ADVOCATE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

INTERESTINGLY, JESUS USES THE TITLE, "SPIRIT OF TRUTH" TO REFER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN WHAT WE MAY CALL THE "AGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." THIS IS THE AGE THAT JESUS SPOKE ABOUT WITH HIS APOSTLES. THEREFORE, IT'S GOOD TO LOOK AT THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WAY JESUS REVEALED IT.

FIRST, REGARDING THE TITLE, "SPIRIT OF TRUTH," WE SHOULD PONDER WHETHER WE ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FULL TRUTH THAT COMES WITH RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF WE ARE OF THE WORLD, EMBRACING WORLDLY IDEAS AND VALUES, THEN WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THE ERRORS OF OUR WORLD AND THE MANY FALSE VALUES WITHIN IT, WE WILL MORE EASILY BE ABLE TO REJECT THOSE VALUES AND EMBRACE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE MANY TRUTHS THAT THE SPIRIT REVEALS.

FURTHERMORE, IF WE ARE OPEN TO THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE WILL RECEIVE THE GREATEST ADVOCATE WE CAN HAVE IN LIFE. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ADVOCATE, MEANING, THE ONLY HELPER WE NEED. BECOMING CONSUMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES US WITH EVERY GRACE NECESSARY IN LIFE.

REFLECT, TODAY, UPON THE FACT THAT JESUS' PROMISE TO HIS APOSTLES HAS BEEN FULFILLED AND THAT YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO RECEIVE THAT PROMISE HERE AND NOW IN YOUR LIFE. SAY A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ANTICIPATE CELEBRATING PENTECOST SUNDAY IN TWO WEEKS.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

O, GOD, WHO BY THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, DID INSTRUCT THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL, GRANT THAT BY THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT WE MAY BE TRULY WISE AND EVER ENJOY HIS CONSOLATIONS, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. (MY CATHOLIC LIFE / PHOTO: FRZLOCK.COM))

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, May 18: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Teresita Gonzales

Tuesday, May 19: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Ronald Sowinski

Wednesday, May 20: Easter Weekday; Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

9:00 AM Hortencia Dimzon

Thursday, May 21: Easter Weekday; Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 22: Easter Weekday; Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 AM Stas Wlazelek ("stash wa-zel-ick")

Sunday, May 24: The Ascension of the Lord

9:30 AM Evelyn Sanchez, David Perrelli



Prayers for the Sick:

We pray for Fr. John (Jack) Boland, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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 May 2020

	Weekly	Month of May
Regular Collections		\$8,794
Week Ending 05/3/2020		
Regular Collection	\$3,815	
Maintenance	185	
Week Ending 05/10/2020		
Regular Collection	\$4,979	
Maintenance	125	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 05/10/202		(41,206)

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.

How can we 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.

Faith Formation Corner

Dear SK First Communion Families: Thank you for joining us today, Sunday, Mothers' Day, 5/10/2020 for our 9:30am Online Mass at which Father Vidal celebrated the **May Crowning, or the Crowning of Mary** in our beautiful church. Families have received their children's Communion banner kits and many of the banners have been completed prior today. These completed banners have been photographed, and appear on our Saint Kateri Facebook page. Please view them at this link: www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanj and continue to pray for each of our First Communicants and their families. 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.patersondiocese.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

Please pray for our young adults as they continue to prepare for their Confirmation



Bridget Brady, Michael Browne, Aine Byrne, Nicholas Castorina, Dillon Caswell, Jackson Choma, Curtis Cina, Remi Coleman, Elizabeth Darmiento, Krista Dengler, James DiPasquale, Kayla Engle, Molly Englehardt, Madeline Evers, Elizabeth Flint, Robert Fossett, Samantha Getzandanner, Sabastian Gomez Torres, Jake Hand, Ashley Ingoglia, Emilia Intorella, Jonathan Kane, Avery Kappmeier, Alexis Krauss, Anthony Lane, Jasmine Lutz, Daniel Lyden, Leah Moore, Rachael Murino, Jack Nauta, Michael O'Krepky, James Phillips, Nicholas Ryan, Colin Shagawat, Zoe Squashic, Katherine Suter, Ethan Tarabocchia.

Off-Site Squires Spring Flower Sale Ends May 23rd.

As you know, our Squires traditionally hold their spring flower sale on Mother's Day weekend after masses. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, the sale will not be able to take place this year. However, due to generous partnership of our flower supplier C&C Growers, you may go directly to their greenhouse at 156 Hampton House Road (Route 206) in Newton to purchase a wide variety of flowers, plants, and vegetables.

Please print out and bring the following flyer to receive a 10% discount: See our website at <https://saintkateri.org/k-of-c-squires-flower-sale>. The owners Caroline and Chris will also donate a portion of our sales back to the Squires circle to help with their work with several local charities.

NOTE: C&C is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 5 p.m. They are closed on Sundays including Mother's Day itself so please go in advance of that date. **The sale will run from May 1st through May 23rd only.** If you



See you here on Facebook (Saint Paul Inside the Wall) at 7:30pm for Speaking of Faith with Bishop Serratelli. This is a three-part series to be released for the next three Mondays!



We are each responsible for caring for the world God has entrusted to us:

www.respectlife.org/serene-attentiveness



Knights of Columbus You can still help with donations for the Samaritan Inn.

The Saint Kateri Council 13677 Knights of Columbus and Samaritan Inn want to thank you so much for the generous donations that have kept them going over these past few weeks. You are truly making a difference in Sussex County during these tough times. Please continue to donate if you can. The box, though weathered, is outside the church to the left.

Join the Knights of Columbus

If you are Catholic man 18 or older and wish to join the Knights of Columbus, it's easier than ever before. The K of C is holding virtual Charity, Unity, and Fraternity degrees that will bring you to full Knighthood in one 35-minute ceremony. Please contact GK Greg Risco for an invitation to one of the upcoming ceremonies. risco.g@gmail.com or 908 619-1263.

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

-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.



LITANY TO MARY, MOTHER OF LIFE

The Response is: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all Life,
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.
R.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,
You showed us how valuable a single life can be; Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family. Guard and protect all families in this earthly life;
R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood; Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. R.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart; Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. R.

Mary, Full of Grace,
You had a choice in responding to God's call; Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives, And strive always to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's healing, Especially those involved in abortion; Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. R.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society; Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. R.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain; Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

All:

Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

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