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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020



*"And behold, I am with you always,
until the end of the age."*

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, E-mails, Flocknotes and Facebook.

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

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” [Matthew 28:19-20](#)



Jesus completes His mission on Earth and ascends into Heaven to take His seat on His glorious throne for all eternity. Or does He? The answer is yes and no. Yes, He does take His seat on His glorious throne, but no, He does not complete His mission on Earth. The Ascension is both the end and the beginning. It’s a transition to the next phase in the perfect plan of the Father. And understanding the way this plan unfolds should leave us in wonder and awe.

Sure, the Apostles were probably somewhat frightened and confused. Jesus was with them, then He died, then He rose and appeared various times, and then He ascended to the Father before their eyes. But He also told them that it is good that He goes. In fact, He said that it’s better that He goes. They must have been confused. Jesus also told them His Advocate would come to lead them into all Truth. So the Apostles went from joy, to fear, to relief and more joy, to confusion and sorrow, to curiosity and uncertainty.

Sound familiar? Perhaps that’s the way some find their lives to be. Ups and downs, twists and turns, joys and sorrows. Each phase reveals something new, something challenging, something glorious or something sorrowful. The good news is that the Father’s plan is unfolding perfectly.

The part of the perfect plan we find ourselves in with this solemnity is the part where Jesus begins to direct His mission of establishing the Kingdom of God from Heaven. His throne is, in a sense, the driver’s seat of our lives. From Heaven, Jesus suddenly begins to descend continuously into our lives fulfilling His mission in and through the Apostles, as well as all of us. The Ascension does not mean Jesus is gone; rather, it means Jesus is now present to each and every person who turns to Him and surrenders their life to His mission. From Heaven, Jesus is able to be present to all. He is able to live in us and invites us to live in Him. It’s the new beginning of the Church. Now all the Apostles need to do is wait for the Holy Spirit to descend.

Reflect, today, upon the abiding and intimate presence of our Lord in your life. Know that Jesus invites you to share in His mission. From His glorious throne He wants us to “preach everywhere.” He wants to invite each one of us to do our part. The part of the Father’s plan entrusted to each one of us is not entrusted to another. We all have a share in that plan. What is your part? How does Jesus direct His mission through you? Ponder this question today and know that He accompanies you as you say “Yes” to your part in the glorious unfolding of His perfect plan.

Lord, I do find that my life is filled with many ups, downs, twists and turns. There are joys and sorrows, moments of confusion and clarity. In all things, help me to continually say “Yes” to Your plan. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life / photo)

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, May 25: Easter Weekday; Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazi, Virgin

9:00 AM Marie DePalma

Tuesday, May 26: Saint Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 AM Grace DiBitetto

Wednesday, May 27: Easter Weekday; Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9:00 AM Anne Lundgren

Thursday, May 28: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, May 29: Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Those who have died from the Covid-19

Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

9:30 AM Joe Oldock, Dorothy Devine,
Mary E. & David J. Manning

Prayers for the Sick:



We pray for John Hilgart, Fr. John (Jack) Boland, Lanita Gonzales Ramos, Christopher Robak, Deacon Drew Calandriello, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Lilliana 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 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38;

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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.

We are grateful to all those who have signed up for Electronic Giving and those who continue to mail in or drop off weekly donations.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. You are a valued member of our church family.

Thank you for all the notes we receive in with your offerings that carry messages of kindness and hope.

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		\$15,379
Week Ending 05/3/2020		
Regular Collection	\$5,035	
Maintenance	325	
Week Ending 05/10/2020		
Regular Collection	\$6,194	
Maintenance	125	
Human Development	45	
Holy Land	10	
Week Ending 05/17/2020		
Regular Collection	\$4,150	
Maintenance	200	
Project Faith	60	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 05/17/2020		(\$34,621)

Faith Formation Corner

Dear SK 9th Grade Confirmation Families:

You are in our hearts and prayers as we anticipate your special Confirmation Day. If you were able to view it, Father Vidal said a very special blessing over the candidates and your families at the end of last week's Sunday 9:30am Mass. Please view it here: www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanaj

Dear SK 8th Grade Confirmation Families:

You, of course, are also in our hearts and prayers as we anticipate your Confirmation Day! Father Vidal will also say a very special blessing over 8th Grade Confirmation candidates and families at our Pentecost Sunday Mass, May 31, 2020, 9:30am.

www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanaj

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

Please continue to pray for each of our Confirmandi and their families!

Dear SK First Communion Families:

Families have received their children's Communion banner kits and many of the banners have been completed! These completed banners have been photographed, and appear on our Saint Kateri Facebook page. www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanaj

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 Communion and accompanying retreats are suspended, but we will let you know as soon as these can be rescheduled.

Please continue to pray for each of our First Communicants and their families.

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

WE ARE EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR THE WORLD GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US:

WWW.RESPECTLIFEORG/SERENE-ATTENTIVENESS

Please pray for our young adults as they await 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.



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's 3 Food Pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership for Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson gives out food to 5,000 - 7,000 people at their 3 food pantries. In April of 2020, this number practically doubled, as they helped over 11,000 individuals who are feeling the direct economic impact of COVID-19.

Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes. This year, the drive has gone virtual, and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus for more information and visit www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-food-drive2020 to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call (973) 737-2077 ext.403 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.



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.

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.

Of Possible Interest...

Friends of Bill W.

Are you struggling? You can call the AA hotline at 800-245-1377. Zoom meetings have developed over the past few weeks. The meetings are available 7 days a week. They can be found at <https://njjaa.org/> > Online Meetings.

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.



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THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are looking forward to reopening our churches and chapels in the near future. Our people have the right to participate in the normal liturgical life of the Church.

Following the instructions issued by our State government, we have kept our churches closed until now. The time is fast approaching when we must reopen them with specific guidelines to protect each other from Covid 19 as best we can.

We have been waiting to hear from our State government when the government will allow gatherings larger than ten people. I am sending you in advance the guidelines to be followed for the reopening of the churches and chapels throughout our diocese.

I know how stressful these months have been for you in providing spiritual support for our people. You have been working hard and with much patience. I am most grateful for your dedicated service.

Our diocesan leadership is hoping that we will be able to reopen our churches soon. I will announce the date for the reopening once it is determined. I wanted you to have these guidelines so that you can begin preparations.

Asking God to bless and protect you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Serratelli".

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., .D.D.
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