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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR A
June 28, 2020



"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass at 8:15 AM. Adoration held every Wednesday and 1st Friday of the month from 2-4PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM.

Saturday at 5:00PM

Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12 Noon and 6:00PM

Our live streaming of Mass will continue during weekend Masses at 9:30am.

Confessions: Every Saturday from 4:00pm. – 4:45pm.

Please call the office or email Fr. Vidal for an appointment. Wear facemask and observe social distancing.

<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 - We are all working from home at this time.

Loving God Above All



Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:37-38

Jesus explains an interesting consequence of choosing to love family members more than God. The result of loving a family member more than God is that one is not worthy of God. This is a strong statement meant to evoke serious self-reflection.

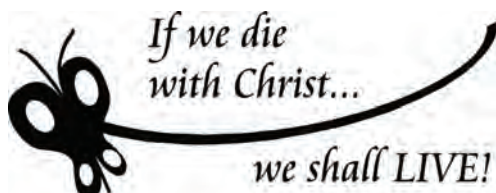
First, we should realize that the only way to authentically love one's mother or father, son or daughter, is to first love God with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Love of one's family and others must flow from this pure and total love of God.

For that reason, we should see Jesus' warning as a call to make sure we are not only loving Him fully, but also a call to make sure we fully love our family by allowing our love of God to become the source of our love of others.

How is it that we may violate this command of our Lord? How would we love others more than Jesus? We act in this sinful way when we allow others, even family members, to take us away from our faith. For example, on a Sunday morning while you are getting ready to go to church, a family member tries to convince you to skip Mass for some other activity. If you concede so as to appease them, then you are "loving" them more than God. Of course, in the end, this is not an authentic love of the family member since a decision was made contrary to the will of God.

Reflect, today, upon how you can truly love those in your family by turning your heart and soul first toward the love of God. Allow this complete embrace of the love of God to become the basis of love in every relationship. Only then will good fruit come forth from the love of others.

Lord, I give to You my whole mind, heart, soul and strength. Help me to love You above all things and in all things and, from that love, help me to love those whom You have put in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)



† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, June 29: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:15 AM Fr. Patrice Rice

Tuesday, June 30: Weekday; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:15 AM Alfred Julao

Wednesday, July 1: Weekday; Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:15 AM Special Intention

Thursday, July 2: Weekday

8:15 AM Vergilita Gonzales

Friday, July 3: Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:15 AM Hortencia Dimzon

Saturday, July 4: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 5: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Evelyn Witter

9:30 AM Kevin Hoover

12:00 PM Amanda Francisco

6:00 PM Teresita Gonzales



Prayers for the Sick:

We pray for Edward Wallace, MaryAnn Eifler, John Hilgart, Fr. John (Jack) Boland, Lanita Gonzales Ramos, 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

Mon.: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

First Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

First Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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.

	Weekly	Month of June
Regular Collections		\$19,810
Week Ending 06/07/2020		
Regular Collection	\$5,813	
Maintenance	200	
Debt Reduction	100	
Week Ending 06/14/2020		
Regular Collection	4,976	
Maintenance	210	
Debt Reduction	25	
Week Ending 06/21/2020		
Regular Collection	5,506	
Maintenance	120	
SA / LA Missions & CRS	68	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 06/21/2020		(\$30,190)

Faith Formation Corner

SK First Communion Families: Communion banners have been completed! These completed banners have been photographed, and appear on our Saint Kateri Facebook page. www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartanj

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 Communions 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.

SK 9th Grade Confirmation Families: You are in our hearts and prayers as we anticipate your special Confirmation Day.

SK 8th Grade Confirmation Families: You, of course, are also in our hearts and prayers as we anticipate your Confirmation Day!

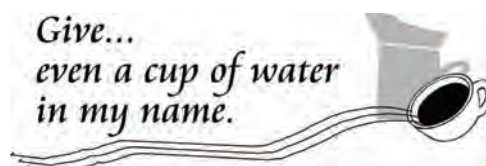
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Please continue to pray for each of our Confirmandi and their families!

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



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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.



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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.

STAY INFORMED

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Masses, Events, Alerts, Gatherings
and more.....

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Guidelines for Re-opening

Going forward Masses will be offered at 5PM on Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30AM, Noon and 6:00PM on Sunday. We are expecting to open with limitation on the number of people allowed in the church; 25% of the total seating capacity (approximately 50 parishioners per Mass). Our Live Streaming Mass will continue on Facebook at 9:30AM and posted to our website at 11:00AM. Daily Mass will be held at 8:15AM. Zoom is also available.

The following are some very important points to remember as we reopen the church to help curb the spread of the virus, most especially during weekend Masses:

- There will be one entrance once you enter the church. That door will be open for you to avoid touching the door knob or the handle.
- Please bring your own mask and wear it as you enter the church at all times (ages 2 and over require a mask). If by chance you forget, disposable masks are available in the vestibule for you. Please, ask our ushers. They are happy to assist you. They will be there to greet you and to guide you.
- Before stepping out of your car, put on the facemask and apply your own hand sanitizer.
- There will be signs on the floor for you to follow.
- Sanitizer Dispensers are in the vestibule for you to use. But I encourage you to bring your own.
- A Welcomer will guide you on where to sit. Maintain social distancing. For a family, you can sit together.
- Please, always maintain social distancing.
- Restroom use will be for emergencies only. Touch-free Sanitizer Dispensers and Touch-Free paper towel dispensers are available in every restroom of the church.
- Those who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus, i.e. those sixty (60) years of age and over, and especially those with one or several underlying medical conditions (a high temperature, for example), should follow Mass at home via live stream or television until all restrictions are removed.
- A person with cough or fever of any kind, or other symptoms of illness, should stay at home to protect the health of others.

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