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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020



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.

Our live streaming of Mass and Zoom 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/saintkaterispartanaj>

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.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.

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 loved one's name added to the prayer list for the military, please call the parish center. 973-729-1682.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, July 13: Weekday: Saint Henry

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 14: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15 AM Jackie Macaluso

Wednesday, July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM

Thursday, July 16: Weekday; Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15 AM Hortencia Dimzon

Friday, July 17: Weekday

8:15 AM

Saturday, July 18: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Kim Schmidt Moricca

Sunday, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:30 AM Adam Stewart and Ina Adam

12:00 PM Evelyn Sanchez

6:00 PM David Perrelli



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, Lillian

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.: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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 July
Regular Collections		\$8,473
Week Ending 07/05/2020		
Regular Collection	\$8,473	
Maintenance	490	
So & Latin American Missions	50	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 07/05/2020		(\$41,527)

Beginning this weekend, the 6PM Mass will not be held during the summer months. We invite you to attend the 5PM Mass on Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM or 12:00 pm Mass on Sunday.

Live streaming Mass will be held on Facebook and Zoom at 9:30 AM Sunday. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 3912 3642 Password: 770614. Visit our website www.saintkateri.org

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 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.

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!

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!

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



Of Possible interest...

THE CENTER
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BOOK READ & DISCUSSION

SAVING ERIC

Mary Burns

Mary Burns, author of *Saving Eric*, will be sharing an excerpt from her book based on her son's journey through addiction & her experience as a parent.

Join us alongside Mary for an evening of learning & meaningful discussion!

To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/savingeric>

Tuesday - July 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM



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.

Please drop kids snacks, toiletries, bath tissue, tis-sues, 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.

Diocesan Wide Food Drive

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.

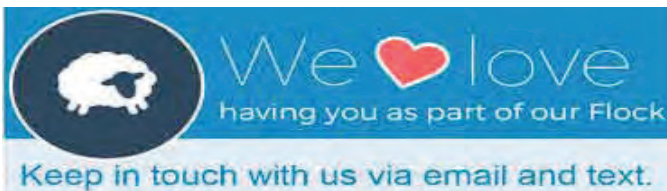
Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus for more information and visit www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020 to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

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

JOIN FLOCKNOTES!

**TEXT THE WORD: stkateri
TO 84675**



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

Keep in touch via email and text!

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.
- The church will be open from 8:15 am until 7:00 pm weekly.

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