

The Parish Community of

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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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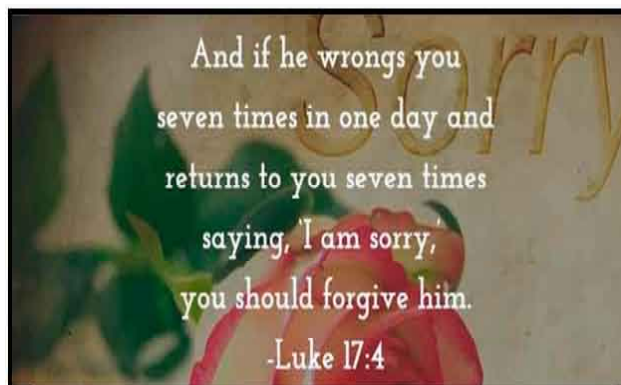
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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time YEAR A**



**Jesus teaches us that we must forgive one another
as God has forgiven us.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

**Saturday at 5:00PM - Mass on the Grass - Bring a lawn chair
Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12 Noon.**

**Our live streaming of Mass and Zoom Mass will con-
tinue during weekend Masses at 9:30am.**

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

**Please call the office or email Fr. Vidal for an appoint-
ment. 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.

**Parish Center Hours: Tuesday - Wednesday 9am to 3PM.
Thursday 9am to 12:00PM.**

Forgiveness



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:21-22

This question, posed by Peter to Jesus, was asked in such a way that Peter thought he was being quite generous in his forgiveness. But to his surprise, Jesus adds to Peter’s generosity in forgiveness in an exponential way.

For many of us, this sounds good in theory. It is inspiring and encouraging to ponder the depths of forgiveness that we are called to offer another. But when it comes to daily practice, this may be much harder to embrace.

By calling us to forgive not only seven times but seventy-seven times, Jesus is telling us that there is no limit to the depth and breadth of mercy and forgiveness that we must offer another. No limit!

This spiritual truth must become far more than a theory or ideal we strive for. It must become a practical reality which we embrace with all our might. We must daily seek to rid ourselves of any tendency we have, no matter how small, to hold a grudge and remain in anger. We must seek to free ourselves from every form of bitterness and allow mercy to heal every hurt.

Reflect, today, upon that person or persons you need to forgive the most. Forgiveness may not make perfect sense to you right away and you may find that your feelings do not fall in line with the choice you are trying to make. Do not give up! Continue to make the choice to forgive, regardless of how you feel or how hard it is. In the end, mercy and forgiveness will always triumph, heal and give you the peace of Christ.

Lord, give me a heart of true mercy and forgiveness. Help me to let go of all bitterness and pain I feel. In place of these, give me true love and help me to offer that love to others without reserve. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love all people as You love them. Jesus, I trust in You.

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, First 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.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

8:15 AM William Collister

Tuesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

8:15 AM

Wednesday, September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, Memorial

8:15 AM

Thursday, September 17: Weekday; Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM

Friday, September 18: Weekday

8:15 AM Hortencia Dimvon

Saturday, September 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Tony Cannistra

Sunday, September 20: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Gary DeSilva

9:30 AM Anna Tasco

12:00 PM Elliot Valentin

New Mass times starting Sunday October 18th

Saturday: 5PM - Mass on the Grass (For as long as Mother Nature allows)

Sunday: 7:30 AM
9:00AM (this is a change)
Zoom and Facebook
10:30AM Childrens Mass
Sign up required thru FFormation
12:00 Noon

Prayers for the Sick:



We pray for Kathy Hartwick, Carol Mohr, Graydon McVicker, Edward Wallace, MaryAnn Eifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Tom Booth, Patrick Dillsworth, Chris Auger, Margaret

Brennan, Brittany Johnson.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tues.: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wed: Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thur.: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



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:

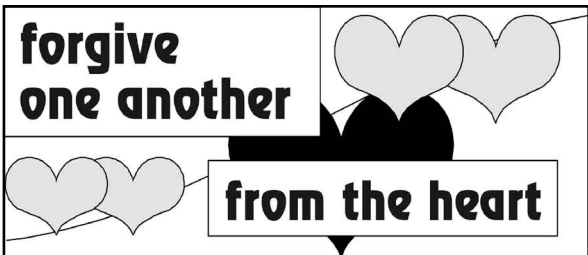
www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving

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	Mo. of Sept.
Regular Collections		\$8,001
Week Ending 09/06/2020		
Regular Collection	8,001	
Maintenance	255	
Debt Reduction	155	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 09/06/2020		(\$41,999)

September Collection Schedule
 September 19th & 20th - Parish Maintenance
 September 26th and 27th - Parish Maintenance



Faith Formation Corner...

Saint Kateri Faith Formation - Update - Sept. 9, 2020

You will be so excited to hear that we are just about ready to launch our SK Faith Formation Program for 2020-2021!

When you receive the email with online link later this weekend, you will notice the following new aspects of our program as we journey through this unprecedented year together:

- Online Registration by Family
- Mass-Centered Faith Lessons for the Family (Grades K - 8)
- Sacramental Preparation for Grades 1 - 2 and Grades 7- 8
- Children's Family Faith Formation Mass each Sunday during the year (and a slightly revised Mass schedule to allow for it)
- Extensive Family Support for your entire family's catechetical and spiritual faith journey

Youth Ministry Inquiries? Contact Cheryl Wallace

Many more specific details will be available in our next letter to you, on the registration form, and on our website--starting this weekend.

We are so blessed to be your Saint Kateri Parish Family and to minister to you. ☐☐

God bless you and your families as you start this school year! We know it can't be easy, and you are in our prayers.

Stay tuned for our online registration coming this weekend, and stay safe!!

Please continue to pray for our student receiving confirmation on September 28th.



Timothy Mulvaney, Anthony Pandiscia, Nicholas Castorina, Elizabeth Darmiento, Molly Englehardt, Madeline Evers, Samantha Getzandanner, Alexis Krauss, Jasmine Lutz, Colin Shagawat.

News from the Diocese...

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

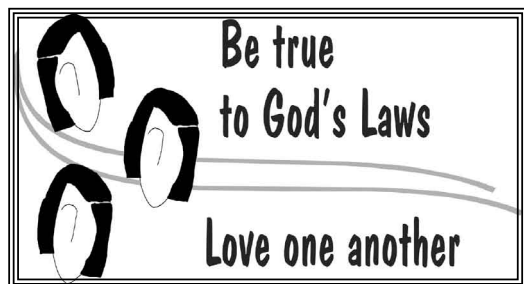
Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 8th, 2020 at 3:30pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Thursday, October 1st, 2020.** The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Due to safety concerns and physical distancing requirements, the Mass will be limited to Silver Anniversary (25 years) Jubilarians only.

You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

The Gold Anniversary Mass has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021. Registration will be at a later date.



News About the Bishop's Annual Appeal...

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is getting a face lift. (Or more like a 'name lift'!) The name of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been changed and will now be known as the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. So if you get a letter from Bishop Sweeney in the next week or so asking you to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – please know that this is the new name of the Annual Appeal. While the name has changed, the work of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will continue to focus on the important ministries that it always has and will continue to serve thousands of people throughout our Diocese.

Thank you for your support!



Saint Kateri Knights
of Columbus Council
#13677
Columbian Squires Circle
#5177
Squire Rose Circle NJ

Saint Kateri Squire Circle Fall Flower Sale

For the last several years, our Squires Circle has held an annual Fall Flower Sale at the parish.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis and with social distancing guidelines, the traditional in-person flower sale is still not possible at this time.

However, through the gracious partnership of our flower supplier C & C Growers, you can purchase a variety of mums, cabbage and kale, fall baskets, and pumpkins at their beautiful greenhouse location.

Just visit C&C Growers from September 1st through October 1st and receive 10% off your purchase! You MUST present this flyer to receive your discount.

The owners of C&C Caroline and Chris will also donate a portion of the purchases back to the Saint Kateri Squires to assist in our ongoing work to help many charities in our area.

C & C Growers is located at 156 Hampton House Road (Rt. 206) in Newton (Just north of the Mercedes dealership).

**They are open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS. Please purchase that special fall item to brighten your home and garden!**

Please contact Nick Cutrone, Squires Chief Youth Counselor at cutronekofc@gmail.com with any questions.

Supported our Squires circle!

Stop in and check out the 2+ acres of greenhouse and outside growing space.

C & C Growers
973-960-2591
Website: candcgrowers.com
Email: cgrowers@yahoo.com
156 Hampton House Road (Rt. 206)
Newton, NJ 07860





Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry
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St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Our Lady of the Lake
Sparta United Methodist Church
Sophia Inclusive Catholic Community

First Presbyterian Church of Sparta
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

August 18, 2020

Dear Friends:

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Needs your Help

As you may have heard, with the Covid -19 pandemic, the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry will not be hosting our annual dinner fundraiser as in years past. This has become an anticipated event that many of you have participated in and we are truly thankful for your past support.

Clearly we cannot have an organized dinner this year, but the Food Pantry needs your support more than ever. We have stepped up our efforts to help feed more people in a very challenging and difficult environment.

In addition, because of Covid 19 restrictions, the Kiwanis Club of Sparta has not been able to hold monthly food and donation collections at Stop and Shop.

Let us share a few numbers to give you a better perspective as to what is going on and why we need your help:

- Over the last four months of this pandemic we have fed 22,747 people and do not anticipate the need to lessen during the next several months. This is a thirteen (13.4) fold increase over 2019. Included in this number are 8,310 children (9.5 times the 2019 count).
- In 2019, the annual fundraising dinner contributed \$20,189, and Kiwanis cash collections in conjunction with Stop & Shop contributed \$14,750 in support of the food pantry. The dinner will not be held, and Kiwanis collections will be reduced to approximately 25% of the 2019 amount.

We are very proud of having the ability to continue our mission throughout the last several months. This would not have been possible without the tireless help of many. Also, the generosity that you have provided in supporting our annual dinner is being used to support this exponential growth and has allowed us to continue our mission of helping families and people in providing essential food to those in need. We should all be proud of this.

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry has always been run 100% by volunteers and operates only through donation support. Please rest assured that 100% of funds collected will be used for food and essential needs for those we serve.

Everyone agrees with the importance of providing help – and in particular, food to those in need. Let us not allow our neighbors to go hungry!

This need is immediate right now but, in addition, the holidays are right around the corner and the need will grow bigger.

Although the fundraising dinner cannot be held this year, we are asking that you make a monetary donation to help make up the money generated by this dinner.

Any amount that you can offer will be greatly appreciated:

\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more if you can (all donations are tax deductible- tax id 22-1861289)

All donations can be sent to:

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry 32 Main St., Sparta, NJ 07871

Thank you and we look forward to our 2021 fundraising dinner, but for now, please stay safe, keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours.

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Board (Phone-862-266-0563)

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40*

