

The Parish Community of

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

Parish Staff

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Diocese of Paterson

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Trustee

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Holyday: Vigil 7:30 PM; Holy Day - 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM
6:00 PM Mass will not be held on holiday weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month after the 8:15 AM
Mass ending with Benediction at 3:00 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Penance) - Saturdays: 4:00-4:30
PM (Reconciliation Chapel) By appointment at any other time. Communal
Celebrations are held during Advent.

Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month; a hospi-
tality dinner to follow the mass on the 4th Monday of the Month.
Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

Rosary Service

We pray the Rosary every Thursday after the 8:15 AM morning Mass. It is fol-
lowed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.

Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass the first
Sunday of the month or Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please call at least 8 weeks in
advance of the date of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangement should be made one year in
advance of the marriage date.

Friends of Bill W: Meetings held Tuesdays 7- 9 PM in the Comm. Rm.

Parish Center - 973-729-1682 - Fax: 973-729-0702

Hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday.

Saint Kateri Web Site: www.saintkateri.org; office@saintkateri.org

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta for all of the latest news and happenings at Saint Kateri!

Religious Education - Grades 1-8 - 973-729-0489

Open: Monday through Thursday - 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Cathy Conlee: skre@saintkateri.org;

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Youth Ministry - 973-729-4722 - Open: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.
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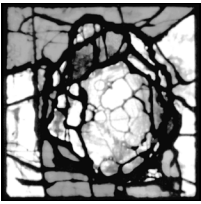
The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County

973-729-6125 Ext. 225

Rev. George A. Brown School (Pre-K to Gr. 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)



Blast from the Past(or)

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

The 'selfie' is part of our cultural lexicon. The 'selfie' is the widespread practice of sending other people images that we've taken of ourselves. People of all strata, to include celebrities and politicians can take a picture of themselves and 'post' it on various media for others to 'like.' I tried to take a 'selfie' once, posing in that 'duck face with pouty lips' that seems to be so en vogue. The result was queasily disheartening and I could not in good conscience impose that image on anyone. I have a moral responsibility. Social media is simply not ready for that. I must use my powers for good. But anyway, the 'selfie' has become a kind of phenomenon as a form of communication. Some clinicians have even argued that the 'selfie' can constitute a mental condition preoccupied with flaws in our appearance, an obsession with body-image and even an indicator of a lack of self-confidence. Interesting. But hey, I'm not a physician and I'm sure most 'selfies' are innocuous. But the point is that the 'selfie' got me thinking about Advent. This holy season is a great time to put down our phones, even for just a moment, and hearken its Message: our life is not about us. Instead, Advent is about **preparing the way of the Lord**. We can imitate John the Baptist when we remove the focus from ourselves and point to Another, Our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent is a conscious movement away from the 'selfie' to the selfless. Christmas is an emptying of ourselves and telling friend, family and foe that 'it's not about me.' **One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals.** I'm sure there's no harm in sharing what we're up to with others. But remember that your most authentic image is that of your Creator Who sends us His Son as our Redeemer. May we all post that picture with faith, hope and love.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Ted Choma, Fran Palmeri, Arlene Bartolomeo, Todd Duffy, Annie Dinan, Cindy Maniscalco, Michael Palumbo, Charmaine Marie Finck, Karen Rendina, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Terri Mohr, Doreen McGrotty, Eileen Benedetti, Tom Heller, Joan Shaw, Eileen Regis, Deacon Gerry Leary, Katie Hoffman, Betty Walker, Karen Lisicki, Todd Copen, Stephanie Agudelo, Patty Ingram, Joseph Benik, Jim Doran, Richard Kriete, Brittany Johnson, David Pope, Jen Barry, Tami Wacker, John Regan, Joseph McNally, Marc DiCianni, Gregory Fredericks, Al & Jackie Schneider, William Martin, Larry Price, Jr., Shawn Nemeck, Vincent Wilson.

The second envelope on December 17, 2017 will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Electronic Giving is available on our website at www.saintkateri.org under the information tab. A consistent, reliable means of giving your gift to Saint Kateri Parish.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11: Monday of the Second week of Advent; Saint Damasus I, pope

8:15 AM Julia Collins

Tuesday, December 12: Tuesday of the Second week of Advent; Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious; Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast

8:15 AM Tom Hoey

Wednesday, December 13: Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr

8:15 AM Kay Brewer

Thursday, December 14: Saint Andrew, apostle - Feast

8:15 AM Mae Fahsbender

Friday, December 15: Friday of the Second week of Advent

8:15 AM Kate Hennion

Saturday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Susan Green

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Deacon Tony Chiocco
Mary Jo Armstrong

9:30 AM Antonio Tasco
George E, Neder

11:30 AM Lee Sember
Lou Benfatti

6:00 PM David J. Manning
Laurie DiCianni

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. The customary donation is \$15 and Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting or calling the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

	Weekly	Month of December
Regular Collections		\$10,506
Week Ending 12/03/17	\$10,506	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/03/17		(\$51,994)



Parish News

Advent of the Heart

Advent Series on the Meditations of Alfred Delp, Advent of the Heart continues.

Mondays, December 11 & 18, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

"All Life is Advent" - Fr. Alfred Delp

St Kateri Christmas Blood Drive ~ It's a gift that has no season...it's the gift of life.

Join us on Saturday, December 16th from 7:45 am to 1:30 pm.

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75 (or older with a doctor's written permission), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives. Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information. WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Many blessings ~ to the 75 donors and all our volunteers who made the November Drive a great success.



Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30PM.

Parish Survey

Our committee is proud and so very thankful to report that 611 parishioners completed the Parish Survey in October. We are compiling the data, and we plan on rolling it out to the ministry heads in December. We also plan on sharing the results with you, the parishioners, in two Town Hall meetings in January.

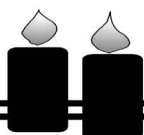
PLEASE SAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 (Community Room)

Sunday, January 21st at 12:30 (Community Room)

Once again, we thank you and look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings. God bless you.

Prepare the way of the Lord



Knights of Columbus

Squires and Knights Christmas Programs

Our Knights will be selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and Christmas cards. All net proceeds from the magnets and cards will benefit Knights of Columbus charities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you after mass.

Of Possible Interest:

Sparta Unico Foundation Pasta Dinner and Comedy Night

Saturday, December 16th @ 7PM

McKenna Hall

Net proceeds to benefit Melanie Russo

A Local 14 Year Old With Rare Bone Cancer

Call 862-432-5141 for tickets

Become a Hospice Volunteer

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org.

Pray, Give Thanks, Help Others By Franciscan Media

As we begin the season, we reflect on words from the pope about the joy of Advent and Christmas. Pope Francis sums up the heart of Christian joy in three actions: "Pray, give thanks, help others." If we take these words to heart and bring them to life in our everyday lives, we, too, will discover the joy of Advent, a joy that we can take with us through the new year.

"The joy of Christmas is a special joy; but it is a joy that isn't just for the day of Christmas, it is for the entire life of a Christian. It is a serene and tranquil joy, a joy that forever accompanies the Christian. Even in difficult moments, in moments of difficulty, this joy becomes peace."

—from *The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis*
by Diane M. Houdek

Faith Formation News

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN begins this weekend and will continue at the 9:30am Mass through the entire school year. Many thanks to our new volunteers Sharon Wright, Anthony Lopez, Ellie Hartranft, Amy Gennaro and Elaine Alliegro- we are so very thankful for your ministry!

Our **Faith Formation GRATITUDE LIST** was posted in the church gathering space over Thanksgiving weekend. Our young people brought to prayer over 300 people and things that they were grateful for! Over the next few weeks **Jr. High Faith Formation** has their **ADVENT CHAIN on display** in the church gathering space. Each purple chain represents an act of kindness for others and the pink chains represent an act of self growth/improvement. We wish our parish a very blessed Advent season!

Youth Ministry



Phase I /Parish Advent Penance Service

Please join us on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30PM, for our annual Parish Reconciliation Service.

This is a required event for ALL Phase I Confirmation Candidates and at least one parent however it is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to experience God's grace and healing as we await the birth of His Son, Jesus.



Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, December 10, 2017: Adopt a Family Return; 1:00 PM Rylee Cucinella Baptism; 1:00 PM Giovanna Dattoli Baptism; **1:30 PM Ministry Head Meeting**; 7:00 PM Antioch Follow Up

Monday, December 11, 2017: 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting; 7:00 PM Advent of the Heart

Tuesday, December 12, 2017: 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W; 7:30 PM Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 13, 2017: 7:00 PM Catholic Bible Study

Thursday, December 14, 2017: 6:00 PM Tiger Scout Mtg; 6:00 PM Lion Cub Scout Mtg; 6:30 PM Connections; 7:00 PM RCIA; **7:30 PM Ministry Head Meeting**

Friday, December 15, 2017: 12:00 PM Cookie Baking - Blood Drive set up

Saturday, December 16, 2017: 7:45AM Saint Kateri Blood Drive

Sunday, December 17, 2017: 1:00 PM Dante Kaminski Baptism; 1:00 PM Fiorella Anna Sensale

Parish Ministries/Contact Persons:

Abortion Alternative: 1st Way Hotline: 800-848-5683

Adopt a Family
Mary Beth Dowd 973-945-3355

Adoration Society
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

Adult Enrichment:
Deacon Chuck Mathias
973-786-6811

Altar Care:
Bernadette Bizzarro 973-726-0849

Altar Servers:
Jerry Scanlan 973-770-0987

Art & Environment (Church): Paige Fitzpatrick
973-219-5204
(Plant Care)
Candala Roslan 973-271-7624
(Art Committee)

Baptism Preparation:
(Please call Parish Center first)

Bell Choir:
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

Bereavement Ministry:
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Grace Davis 973-697-3853

Blood Drive
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Cursillo
John Belvidere 973-729-6462

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Steve and Martha Wille
973-729-7668

Eucharistic Ministers:
Pat Kane: 973-726-0197

Evangelization

Everybody Shops
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skeveryoneshops@gmail.com

Family Promise of SC
Patrick Dunn 201-835-0571

Feed the Working Poor
Janet and Stephen Goodwin
973-729-0446

Focolare Movement (The Work of Mary)
Jim & Mary Jane Milway
973-726-6224

Food Pantry - SEC
Valerie Macchio 973-729-6197x15
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Inter Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue: Jim & Mary Jane Milway 973-726-6224

Knights of Columbus
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

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Respect Life
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RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:
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RCIA:
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

Scholar Rosa-Eileen Vandenberg
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Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:
973-729-1682

Vocations Committee:
973-729-1682

Welcomers (Ushers):
Cathy Brauer - cathy401@gmail.com

Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):
Phyllis Phillips - 973-729-4722
skym@saintkateri.org

Youth Contemporary Choir Ensemble:
Art Suriano 201-841-1090

Advent/Christmas Schedule 2017



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 8:15 AM and Noon.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM

4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 8:00 and 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Upper and Lower Level

6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Spanish Mass Lower Level,

8:30 PM and Midnight

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 and 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve Masses

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

There is no 6 PM Mass on this day.

New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:15 AM and 12:00 Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 5th, 2018 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM