

The Parish Community of

# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

## Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
Pastor

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In Residence  
Director of Migrant Ministry  
Diocese of Paterson

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Weekend Assistant

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Cathy Pivowar  
Trustee

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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](http://www.saintkateri.org); [office@saintkateri.org](mailto:office@saintkateri.org)

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta](http://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](mailto:skre@saintkateri.org);

Regina Saveriano: [reginas@saintkateri.org](mailto:reginas@saintkateri.org)

**Youth Ministry - 973-729-4722 - Open: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.**

Phyllis Phillips - [skym@saintkateri.org](mailto:skym@saintkateri.org)

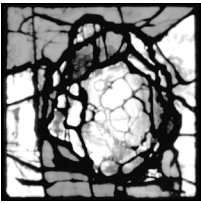
**The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County**

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 Third Sunday of Advent

### December 17, 2017

Rejoice! Joy pervades this Third Sunday known as *Gaudete*. Wow, auto-correct is simply refusing to let me type 'Gaudete' and I must confess this is making me mutter some colloquialisms universally understood as less-than-joyful. But this is a good lesson for me, because when St. Paul tells us and the Thessalonians to *rejoice always*, my battle with auto-correct is given perspective. *Gaudete* celebrates the fact that the Birth of Our Savior is closer than when we first began our Advent journey. God is coming to rescue us! Even if our lives might not resonate with the sentiment of this day right now, this is the joy which transcends our environment, circumstance or situation. At this very moment when the Church exhorts joy, we might be experiencing financial burdens, struggles in health or rifts in the family. Maybe we feel isolated, trapped or simply bored. Or, maybe I am in earshot of Joy Behar's voice, CVS has run out of my favorite Hot Pocket and auto-correct is mocking me. The antidote to all these stressors is The Season itself; a Child. Christmas is about a Baby and lest we forget, in the eyes of God, you too are a child. To recall this is to remember why we must have a Feast! Christmas tells us that joy is the default worldview of a ransomed humanity. Let this joy permeate everything even if we might feel like we are in the depths. *Gaudete* reiterates that you are God's primary concern. This is Good News. Nietzsche had a point when he said that *Christians ought to look more redeemed*. Rejoice and celebrate with impunity! The Child to be born is the Savior of the world.

Gob 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 24, 2017 will be for Parish Maintenance.**



— SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING —

**Electronic Giving** is available on our website at [www.saintkateri.org](http://www.saintkateri.org) under the information tab. A consistent, reliable means of giving your gift to Saint Kateri Parish.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 18: Monday of the Third week of Advent**

8:15 AM John T. Kamphausen

**Tuesday, December 19: Tuesday of the Third week of Advent**

8:15 AM Kiernan Foley

**Wednesday, December 20: Wednesday of the Third week of Advent**

8:15 AM Leland Sember

**Thursday, December 21: Saint Peter Canisius, priest and doctor**

8:15 AM Doris Sullivan

**Friday, December 22: Friday of the Third week of Advent**

8:15 AM Brian Monaghan

**Saturday, December 23: Saint John of Kanty, priest**

5:00 PM Father Patrick Rice  
Robert Moyle

**Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Marie Hickey

9:30 AM Al Orlando; Lillian Ryan

4:00 PM Gerry Mahon  
Frank & Florence Brantigan  
Frank & Eunice Kane  
Josephine Kane

4:00PM Myrtle Norman  
Lower Level Gary DeSilva

6:30 PM Leland Sember  
Steve Iannacone

8:30 PM Ron Morris  
Manny Reis

12:00 AM Paul Rasimowicz  
Joseph LaMastro

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

#### Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

#### Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

#### Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

#### Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

#### Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

#### Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

	Weekly	Month of December
Regular Collections		\$26,196
Week Ending 12/03/17	\$10,506	
Week Ending 12/10/17	\$15,690	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/10/17		(\$36,304)



## Parish News

### Advent of the Heart

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

**Monday, December 18, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**"All Life is Advent" - Fr. Alfred Delp**



### We Can't Do It Alone!

We needed help taking care of our church plants.

All they need is a little water once or twice a week.

Contact Candala Roslan

973-271-7624 or the Parish Office



The **Bereavement Ministry** invites all who have experienced the loss of a loved one to join our support group for prayerful reflection and sharing. The goal of these gatherings is to provide hope and healing to those who are grieving. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of every month starting on January 2nd and continuing through August 2018 from 7 to 8:30p.m. For further information or

to register please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978.

### 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.



## Knights of Columbus

### 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:

### 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](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org).

### Holiness in Our Daily Lives By Franciscan Media



Advent remind us that Jesus was born into a human family. It was important that he took on our flesh and blood, but it was equally important that he took on the social relationships that both complete and complicate our lives. We can sometimes think that it would be easier to be holy apart from the people with whom we live and work. But the incarnation reminds us that God calls us to be holy in the midst of those very relationships. What we learn from Mary and Joseph is that as long as we say yes to God, he will guide us through the darkness with a sure hand.

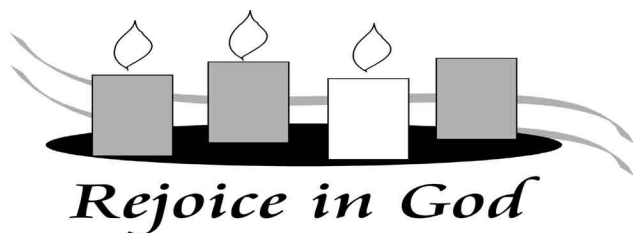
—from Diane M. Houdek's *The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis*

*The Spirit of God  
rests upon me*

# Faith Formation News

- Faith Formation (religious education) is on **winter break** until January 21, 22 & 24. Many thanks to all of our catechists and safety monitors who made our fall session a great faith experience for our children!
- **Volunteers** are still welcome to join our ministry! **Safety monitors** are needed Wednesdays 4:30-6pm & Sundays 4-6pm and **substitute teachers** are always needed on Mondays & Wednesdays 4:30-6pm & Sundays 4-6pm (bi-monthly).
- **Mandatory catechist training sessions** will be held either January 14th, 10:30am OR January 17th, 7pm. All catechists must attend ONE session, please.
- **Liturgy of the Word** with children is now being offered at the 9:30am Mass. Any school-aged children, kindergarten thru 3rd grade, are welcome to join us any Sunday from now through June 2018 (with the exception of holiday weekends).

**MITTEN TREE THANKS!** St. Kateri Parish collected more than 55 gloves and mittens, 30 hats and ear muffs, 13 scarves and even two pairs of socks for children of the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry. We appreciate all of the donations from our faith formation families and parishioners.



## Parish Events Calendar

- Sunday, December 17, 2017:** 1:00 PM Dante Kaminski Baptism; 1:00 PM Fiorella Anna Sensale
- Monday, December 18, 2017:** 12:00 PM PC Closes at Noon; 7:00 PM Advent of the Heart
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017:** 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W
- Thursday, December 21, 2017:** 6:30 PM Connections; 7:00 PM RCIA
- Saturday, December 23, 2017:** 12:00 PM Youth Choir/Music
- Sunday, December 24, 2017:** 8:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass; 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass; 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 7:30 PM Spanish Mass; 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; Midnight Mass

## 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:**  
Laura Entwistle 973-726-8978;  
Grace Davis 973-697-3853

**Blood Drive**  
Mary Stanek 973-770-0429

**Cub Scouts Pack #295**  
Todd Muth - jtoddmuth@yahoo.com  
Cell: 862-266-2390

**Cursillo**  
John Belvidere 973-729-6462

**Ecumenical Prayer Service Knoll View**  
Steve and Martha Wille  
973-729-7668

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Pat Kane: 973-726-0197

**Evangelization**

**Everybody Shops**  
Paige Fitzpatrick 973-219-5204  
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  
secfpl2013@gmail.com

**Inter Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue:** Jim & Mary Jane Milway 973-726-6224

**Knights of Columbus**  
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

**Squires Circle**  
Nick Cutrone  
973-786-6844  
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**Squire Roses**  
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**Lectors:**  
Vince Bell - 973-525-7499  
vince.bell@aon.com

**Liturgy Committee:**  
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:**

**Manna House:**  
Michael Smith 973-534-3811  
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**Migrant Ministries:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

**Hispanic Network Hotline:** 1- 877-724-5112

**Ministry to the Sick:**  
Dea. Drew Calandriello  
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**Music Director:**  
Marc G. Dalio 973-534-5399  
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**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
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**Respect Life**  
Joe DeLuca 973-726-7392

**RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:**  
Dale Walsh 973-729-7833

**RCIA:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

Scholar Rosa-Eileen Vandenberg  
stkaterischolarosa.com

**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*

### *4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM*