

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you are sick, homebound, or in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or would like a pastoral visit, please contact Deacon John by leaving a detailed message at 223-8410 or calling the Parish Office at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may email Deacon John at JBarone49@gmail.com.

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network is a way to have prayers requested. Your intentions may be given to Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053 or Betty Paragio at 223-5674, to be prayed for by our "vine" of caring people.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Youth Choir practices on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:00pm; Adult Choir practices are Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9:30pm; Contemporary Ensemble practices are Thursdays from 7pm to 9:30pm. All practices are in the church. Please contact our Music Director, Nina Ricci, at BKMUSICMINISTRY@gmail.com for more information.

PARENT/CHILD CONNECTION

The Parent-Child Connection provides a safe playgroup for young children and an opportunity for adults to share their understanding of early childhood issues in an environment that promotes Catholic values. Please visit our parish website to see a complete schedule.

TRI PARISH TEEN GROUP (D.U.C.K.S.)

The teen group is a program for all the high school students in the parishes of St. Denis, St. Columba and Blessed Kateri. The program includes fun activities such as outings and trips, service activities for the parish and greater community, and opportunities to learn more about your faith.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome. New Parishioner Forms are available in the Church narthex, at the Parish Office, or online. If you are a regular contributor, please consider becoming a member to ensure receipt of a tax statement at each year-end.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the world's most distinguished "Friends of the Poor". The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need.

Hotline for those in need: 227-7863

DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

- Adopt –A-Night (feeding homeless) 223-5001 Vivian LaColla
- Adult Faith Form./Bible Study 223-3658 Julie Borges
- Altar Linens 227-2807 Geraldine Natale
- Altar Rosary Society 454-1840 Betty Perrino
- Altar Servers 227-1710 Fr. Perez
Fr.ronald.perez@gmail.com
- Baking 221-2741 Lorraine Travia
- Baptismal Program 226-8987 Deacon Bob
- Blood Drives 221-0203 Ed Hogarty
- Chapel/Church Cleaners 223-5650 Mary Covucci
- Charismatic Prayer Group 440-3519 Pat Mackey
- Church Decorators 227-1529 Cathy Varano
- Cursillo 226-5207 Tony Martino
- D.U.C.K.S. 223-5015 Dave & Kathy Bell
- Ecumenical Group 223-3658 Dave Borges
- Employment Support 231-2216 Tate Lacy
- Eucharistic Adoration 223-3658 Dave Borges
- Eucharistic Ministers 592-8088 Deacon Ted
- Fund Raising 677-6496 Anthony Cirone
- Gardening/Landscaping 489-0956 John Gunn
- Hospital/Homebound Visits 223-8410 Deacon John
- Hospitality 677-6496 Andrea Cirone
- Lectors 223-8410 Deacon John
- Junior High Club 227-8382 Larry Ryan St. Denis
- Marriage Encounter 223-5661 Anne Anderson
- Men's Group 223-3658 Dave Borges
- Parent-Child Connection 206-8220 Christina Gilroy
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227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
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Anne Whitton
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- R.C.I.A. Marie Nazzaro
- Right To Life 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- Single Parent Support 227-7863 Carol Grafer
- Spiritual Life 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
- St. Vincent de Paul 677-6496 Anthony Cirone
- Sunday's Children's Liturgy 723-4361 Rose Morse
- Ushers/Greeters 227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante
- Vacation Bible School c/o St. Columba
- Young Adult Group/Underground No.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks



1656-1680
Memorial - 14 July

Prayer For Canonization

O God, who, among the many marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession, that this Young Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be counted among the Saints of Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday	January 5
9:30AM	Bereavement Training Faith Formation Building <i>St. Francis Room</i>
10:00AM	Parent-Child Connection Faith Formation Building
7:00PM	R.C.I.T. Faith Formation Building <i>St. Nicholas Room</i>
7:00PM	Employment Support Group Faith Formation Building <i>St. Francis Room</i>
7:30PM	Charismatic Healing Mass Chapel
Wednesday	January 6
10:00AM	Bible Study Faith Formation Building <i>St. Paul Room</i>
Thursday	January 7
9:30AM	Bereavement Training (Snow Date) Faith Formation Building <i>St. Francis Room</i>
7:00PM	Confirmation Preparation Meeting Faith Formation Building <i>St. Anthony Room</i>
7:00PM	R.C.I.A. Faith Formation Building <i>St. Paul Room</i>
7:00PM	Contemporary Ensemble Church
Saturday	January 9
10:00AM	First Reconciliations Church

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Due to the Christmas Holiday the bulletin went to print before the collection amount for last weekend was available.

PETITION OF THE WEEK

Let us pray thanking Jesus for His presence in our lives and seeking the strength and courage to be beacons of light reflecting His loving presence to those we encounter this New Year. We pray especially for those in need of employment, healing, family harmony and spiritual strength in the New Year.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to have your name published on the list in the weekly bulletin, or if you have someone who has given permission to have a name added to the list, please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053. Names will remain on the list for two months.

Please pray for those who are ill

Richard Berger, Julio Cintron, Anthony Danbrosia, Jameson Gerrity, William Grafer, Sadie Hall, Alyssa Hoag, Cindy Hogman, Bill Hyne, Frank LaGrande, Joan Luna, Carmen Pampolina, Victor Paolo, Christine Rao

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	January 4
9:00AM	For All Parishioners
Tuesday	January 5
9:00AM	George Powell
Wednesday	January 6
9:00AM	Dawn Ross By Dusty Maiolo
Thursday	January 7
9:00AM	Helen Duggan
Friday	January 8
9:00AM	Dorothy Allison By Office of Faith Formation
Saturday	January 9
9:00AM	Gerald Buch, Jr.
5:00PM	Raymond Jurina By The Jurina Family
Sunday	January 10
9:00AM	Rich Addanzio By Mr. & Mrs. Elia & Family
10:30AM	Thomas Lowery By Lillianne Lowery
12:15PM	Rosa Santos By her daughter Nenita Tasciotti
5:30PM	John P. O'Connor By his wife Bernadette & Family

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the SVDP Society is in need of laundry detergent, dish detergent, and juice.

R.C.I.A.

This week we will be discussing the Sacrament of Holy Orders. These instructional sessions are open to all.

TRAINING FOR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Archdiocese of New York will provide a one-day training on January 5th from 9:30-4:30pm at Blessed Kateri Church in La Grangeville, NY for people interested in bereavement ministry. In case of inclement weather on January 5th, the training will take place on January 7th. The training will cover how to run a parish-based bereavement support group, grief dynamics, and serving members of the parish suffering from the loss of a loved one. If you're interested and would like to register or have questions, please contact:

Christina Schuerger, LCSW at (646) 794-3187 or christina.schuerger@archny.org.



PARISH FAMILY PORTRAITS

We are pleased to announce that we will be producing a new pictorial directory of our church families. A directory is a very valuable tool that helps everyone to place names with faces and enhances the sense of fellowship.

We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories to produce a Church Family Album™ for us. They produce high-quality color portraits, a professionally printed directory and provide each participating family with a **COMPLIMENTARY 8x10 PORTRAIT** and a **FREE CHURCH FAMILY ALBUM**.

Your family will be photographed using exclusive state-of-the-art Digital Imaging Technology. Allow approximately 30-45 minutes for a variety of poses to be taken and reviewed **instantly**. This also allows time for you to make any portrait purchases that you may wish to make. You may purchase portraits using a check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or Amex. There will be a nominal shipping and handling charge for mailing portraits directly to your home.

All we need to make our directory a success is you! Whether you are a single, couple or family with children, please help by having your sitting for the directory. Appointment sign-ups are available at the Blessed Kateri website: www.blessedkateriparish.com. Click on Lifetouch to schedule your sitting. For those without internet accessibility, we will have a sign-up table in the narthex of the church after masses this weekend. Picture dates are Wednesday, January 13 - Saturday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 20 - Saturday, January 23. Weekday portrait times are from 2:30-9:00PM. Saturday portrait times are from 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Appointment pages are available on-line and at the sign-up tables. Sign up early to reserve the time most convenient for you. If you have any questions about scheduling, please call Carol at 221-3514. Submitted photos are permitted for college students, military personnel and homebound members unable to be photographed at the church. Don't forget portraits are great gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas, etc.

Your family is important to the parish family, so be sure to schedule your appointment during the designated dates for sign-ups. Thanks for your support, and may God bless you. Remember, the more members photographed, the more useful our directory will be. **Our goal is 100% participation!**

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

All classes resume this week. We hope that our families had a marvelous Christmas break and wish God's abundant blessings on them all in 2010!

Eighth grade students who have decided to become Confirmation candidates are reminded that their Christian Service Project forms are due on Thursday, January 7th.

Our second grade children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday, January 9th. All family members, including older siblings and grandparents, are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession after the short Penance Services at 10 and 11:30 am. Several neighboring priests will be available for confession. Second grade parents who have not yet submitted a 1" picture of their child should bring one directly to our office by Tuesday, January 5th, so that we may prepare each child's lamb for our First Reconciliation banner.

D.U.C.K.S.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast **today**, Sunday, January 3, 2010. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DUCKS will be held Sunday, January 10th.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

On Tuesday, January 5th, 7:30–9:30 PM, please join the Spirit Wind Charismatic Prayer Group in our Day Chapel for a Charismatic Healing Mass. We welcome you to this special time of praise and healing prayer. The healing power of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is present and available to us. Come to the Lord with the belief that He wants you healed and whole in every way. For more information please call Pat or Joe at 440-3519, or Julie or Dave at 223-3658, or visit our link at www.blessedkateriparish.com.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the military:

**Mark Baaden, Kelly Finn, Angie Jablecki,
Kenneth Jablecki, Brendan Recchia,
William C. Smith, Jr. Hugh Sullivan, Jr.,
Matthew Walsh**

The Epiphany of the Lord

NEW YEAR PRAYER

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weakness and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen.

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BUSES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

Once again we have scheduled buses to go to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22. One bus will leave Mt. Alvernia at 5:00AM after a 4:30AM Mass. The other bus will pick up at St. Columba Church after 4:30 AM Mass, leaving immediately at 5:00AM. For reservations and information contact Rich at 297-7930 for the bus from Mt. Alvernia, and George at 226-6896 for the St. Columba bus. Prices are \$30. For adults and \$20. For students. Reservations and payment are needed by January 5th.



January 10, 2010 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Fr. Perez	Noe Ramon Ilano	Anthony Cirone, Andrea Cirone, Andrea Ceonzo	Damiano Alessandro, Ciaran Bruen, James Hagen, Austin Lugo
9:00am Fr. Perez	John McCormack	Christopher Filachek, Virginia Fisher, Lorraine Travia	Alex Rodriguez, Clare Whitton, Christopher Whitton, Adam Wiley
10:30am Msgr. Desmond	John Morgan	Kathleen Jastrzembki, David Borges, Julie Borges, Debra Ann Outman Shirley Sullivan	Ryan Quinn, Annmarie Reale, Brandon Tobin, Stephen Newhard
12:15pm Fr. Perez	Mary Beth Schmidt	Patricia Dunn, Debbie Scianimanico, Ruth Recchia	Courtney Meester, Robert Slevin, Alexandra Straley
5:30pm Sun Msgr. Desmond	Norma Kraus	Roseanne Desjardins, Maura Lee-Byrne, Christine Mikulka	Tiana Arnold, Joel Fredrickson, Olivia Vales

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HELP US CONNECT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD

Next week you will have the opportunity to participate in the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Collection proceeds support a wide variety of media projects that spread the gospel message and connect communities and individuals to their faith and to the Church. Please contribute generously in the Collection, and visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. Remember, half of the collected funds stay right here to support diocesan media projects.

TRI PARISH JUNIOR HIGH MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for **today**, January 3, from 6:00-8:00P.M. at the St. Denis Parish Center. The theme is **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE**. We will share a "pot luck" supper. Bring your family, friends and appetite! Please call and let us know how many people will be attending as well as what main dish or dessert you can bring to share. The Youth Ministry phone number is 227-8382, ext. 6 for YM office, or contact Fr. Steve Norton at St.Denis.

FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

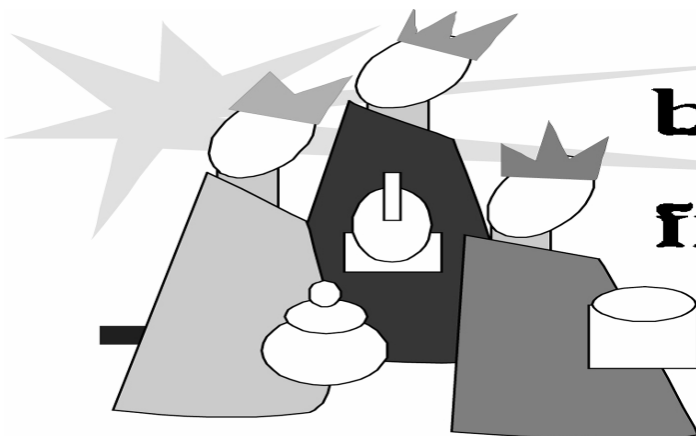
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 3, 2010

"God's secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the same promise through the preaching of the gospel."

On this great day of The Epiphany, The Three Kings or The Magi, we celebrate the plan of God, the salvation of all humankind. The well known story of the journey, the meeting with the king, the guidance of the star, the presentation of three gifts are directed to one fact, which Paul calls "God's secret plan."

We may remember many details of the gospel occurrence and can fail to understand the full meaning of the event. The Word of God teaches us that God revealed Himself in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ. That revelation, His coming as Savior, was not restricted to that place outside of Jerusalem, or limited to those present at that time. Instead, we celebrate the fact that God used this event to tell us today, that He is our Savior, that Jesus Christ is the gift, that the light has come to guide us to the fullness of life, and because we believe, we offer Him homage.

Like the astrologers, we return to our world, enlightened and gifted by God's grace, co-heirs, and members of His body and sharers of His promise as we live and proclaim the gospel.



**They came
bearing gifts
of gold
frankincense
and myrrh**