

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 Paraggio 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.

T.L.C. TRI PARISH TEEN GROUP

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
Bereavement Group	221-2741 Lorraine Travia bktbereavement@optonline.net
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
Ecumenical Group	223-3658 Dave Borges
Employment Support	896-0600 Joseph Carey
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
Pancake Breakfast	223-5951 Bob & Ellen Newhard
Parent-Child Connection	206-8220 Christina Gilroy bksocialcomm@yahoo.com
Parish Activities	Ed & Laura Leahy
Prayer Shawl Ministry	223-5001 Vivian LaColla
R.C.I.A.	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond bktrcia@gmail.com
Right To Life	siestasix@frontiernet.net
Single Parent Support	Anne Whitton mamie13383@aol.com
Spiritual Life	Marie Nazzaro
St. Vincent de Paul	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
Sunday's Children's Liturgy	227-7863 Carol Grafer
Support for Military Families	226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
TLC Teen Group	635-3623 John & Ruth Recchia
Ushers/Greeters	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
Young Adult Group/Underground No.	677-6496 Anthony Cirone 227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante c/o St. Columba

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday November 30
 7:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
Chapel

Wednesday December 1
 10:00 am Bible Study
Faith Formation Building
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting
Church Meeting Room

Thursday December 2
 7:00 pm Bible Study
Faith Formation Building

Saturday December 4
 10:00 am Baptism Class
Church Meeting Room

Sunday December 5
 10:00 & Pancake Breakfast
 11:30 am **Church Meeting Room**

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:

*Kimberly Branda, Billy Demattio,
 Jack Demers, Jean Edwards,
 William Grafer, Kate Madigan,
 Ian Pascariell, Edward Raudnael,
 Jake & Chase Santoriella, Patricia Todriff*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS
 SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

**Mark Baaden, Jamie Babon,
 Michael Baibagallo, Kelly Finn,
 Angie Jablecki, Kenneth Jablecki,
 Zachery Kirchner, Brendan Recchia,
 William C. Smith, Jr., Hugh Sullivan, Jr.,
 Matthew Walsh, Ian Mackay,
 Edward Raudnael**

PETITION OF THE WEEK

“Stay Awake, therefore! The Son of Man is coming at a time you least expect.” Let us use this season of Advent to focus our lives and the lives of our families on what is of greatest importance, our faith in Christ Jesus. Let us never get so busy we forget that our prayers, celebration of the sacraments, our actions done in Christ’s Love, are what are most urgent because they prepare us for eternal life.



PARISH INCOME REPORT

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the bulletin went to print before the collection amount for last weekend was

available

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 29
 9:00 am For All Parishioners

Tuesday November 30
 9:00 am Carmelo Geraci

Wednesday December 1
 9:00 am Andrew Konecni
 By the Perri Family

Thursday December 2
 9:00 am John and Mary Risbello
 By Family

Friday December 3
 9:00 am John Kotes
 By the Horton Family

Saturday December 4
 9:00 am John Kotes
 By Paul & Karen Akins
 Dr. Eugene D. Campagna
 By His Family

Sunday December 5
 9:00 am Margaret DeSa
 By Her Husband
 10:30 am Thomas Lowery
 By Lillianne Lowery
 12:15 pm Anthony Celestino
 By Betty Perrino
 Bart Godfrey
 5:30 pm By Gregg & Eileen Nott

FAITH FORMATION

Happy New Year! All classes resume this week. We now begin a new liturgical year (Cycle A) and the season of Advent. The cloths on our prayer tables will now be purple and Advent wreaths will be placed in all of the classrooms. Classes will begin by lighting one purple candle for the first week of Advent.

Our Family Catechesis session for the fall semester takes place in the church on Sunday, December 12th, when Ray Boswell, theologian and potter, returns for an afternoon to help us celebrate the Advent season. See a detailed description elsewhere in the bulletin. Save the date and bring the entire family!

TLC (TEENS LOVING CHRIST) GROUP

The TLC meeting is today after the 5:30 Mass. The topic will be: “Why do we go to Mass?”

R.C.I.A.

This week’s topic will be on the Eucharist. All are welcome. Our website is bit.ly/bktrcia.

**9 O’CLOCK CHILDREN’S
 LITURGY**

Just a reminder, there will be no children’s liturgy today, Sunday, November 28th.

Marriage Banns

III Lindsey Weisner & Christopher Denneen

THE GIVING TREE

The TLC (Teens Loving Christ) Teen Group has placed two trees in the narthex with gift tags for the needy of our county. These gifts are distributed by Catholic Charities in Poughkeepsie. We ask that every family take a gift label and return the gift with the gift label placed on the gift. Each gift is for a specific individual, so please return them. We ask that they be placed in the designated bins in the narthex by December 10th. If you were requested to obtain a gift card, please return that with the label in the collection basket. If you did not receive a gift label, you can assist our St. Vincent DePaul Society by obtaining *Target* gift cards, place them in envelopes marked St. Vincent DePaul Society, and return them to the St. Vincent DePaul basket in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity in this. Several hundred gifts are provided to the needy by our parish each year.

ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM – 2010

Catholic Charities Community Services serves many of the families from throughout the county who are in need. We are inviting you to “adopt” a family or individual to provide them with some basic Christmas gifts for their family that they will not be able to afford this year. If you or your family, friends or co-workers would like to Adopt-a-Family, please call the Catholic Charities office at 452-1400 x 4217 to speak with Mary Marshall or e-mail her at mary.marshall@archny.org, or call Michelle Metelski at 452-1400 x 4905.

Gifts may be brought to the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 218 Church Street before December 10th or, if you are unable to deliver, we will arrange for a volunteer to pick the gifts at your convenience.

Please help us bring the hope and joy of Christmas to others in our communities.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support. If you need to reach us or would like to become a member of SVDP, call 227-7863. The next meeting will be held on December 8th at 7 pm in the Convent Meeting Room at St. Columba.

*Please Join Us for 9:00 Am Daily Mass
Monday through Saturday*

A BLESSED KATERI CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Adult Choir with organist Peter Krauss will perform a Christmas Concert in the church on Sunday, December 19th at 2 pm. Admission is free! Please join us for this wonderful event. Refreshments will be served in the meeting room following the concert.

TLC GOES TO HILLCREST HOUSE

The youth group TLC, "Teens Loving Christ", will be going to the homeless shelter in Poughkeepsie on December 8th, to bring them some Christmas cheer. The teens are asking for your help in the way of donations for new wool hats, scarves, gloves, pajamas and toiletries for both men and women. We are also in need of new Christmas decorations: lights, ornaments, etc. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donation to Church by Tuesday, December 7th and place them in the box in the lobby marked "Hillcrest House".

Thank you for your kind generosity and spirit in helping us to bring a little cheer to those less fortunate.....

Note from the Pastor

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The stores have been filled with Christmas reminders for several weeks already. We can become anxious about gift buying, card sending and house decorating. Do I ever become anxious about preparing myself for Christ? We spend a lot of time on decorations and gifts. Do I spend enough time growing in my faith? We want our children to receive all the right gifts. Do I recognize the greatest gift I can give them is a deep faith in Christ and an example of how to live that in today's world? Advent is a time of hectic preparation. Somehow all the cards get sent, the gifts get bought, and the decorations get put up. Yet in all this, do we sometimes get so busy we forget Christ?

December 5, 2010 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat	Mary Ellen Coleman	Andrea Cirone, Anthony Cirone, Dennis Rosenfeld	Georgeta Coleman, Austin Lugo, Mary Ellen Smyth
9:00am	Mary Biasotti	Diane Maddock, Sally Mastreani, Thomas Paulmann, Stephen Ren, Diana Schopen	Brianna Bayreuther, Vaughn Feighan, Christopher Whitton
10:30am	John McCormack	Andrea Ceonzo, Maryanne Johnson, Debra Ann Outman, Betty Perrino, Ruth Recchia	John Byrne, Kristen Cain, Joseph Jastrzembski
12:15pm	Noe Ramon Ilano	Patricia Lyons, Rose Morse, Suzanne Power	Brian Kusior, Michael Marma, Sean Sheridan
5:30pm Sun	Michael Morrow	Tara Izzo, Rosealice D'Avanzo	Patrick McKinney, Courtney Meester

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MASS CHANGES

To explain the context for Mass changes that will be introduced next year, November 27, 2011, here are parts of official answers to popular questions from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more, go to uscgb.org/romanmissal.

What about music for the parts of the Mass in the new translation?

The original chants prepared by ICEL will undergo final editing to be adapted to any changes in the texts. These will have to be prepared in a format for use by the publishers of the Missal. ICEL is doing this work and it will take some time. In addition, publishers of liturgical music are already prepared to offer musical settings for the new texts so that music directors in parishes will be ready to teach other new settings in addition to the chants contained in the Missal. These settings are not to be used for liturgical celebration until the date of implementation.

To be continued...

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

There are still openings in our Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm class. Our evening study meets Thursday nights from 7 - 9 pm. For further information, contact Julie Borges at juliamajor@gmail.com or call 223-3658. Bring your Bible and a commitment to study the Word!

First Sunday of Advent

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CD'S AND BROCHURES

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church, along with Lighthouse Catholic Media, presents a practical and effective program of inspiring CD's and brochures to help us better understand our faith. With this CD program, we now have the capability to keep learning and growing in our faith wherever we are. What a simple and inexpensive way to turn your minivan into a chapel, your gym into a classroom and your home into a place where you can fall more in love with God.

Please don't miss out on these inspiring talks and pick up your selections to feed your souls and answer Pope John Paul II's call for a new evangelization. We have five new titles this week. If you have any questions, contact Dusty Maiolo at (845) 590-1601.

ST. DENIS' CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA & CRAFT FAIR

On Saturday, December 4th from 10 am to 4 pm (snow date: December 11th), there will be a tea and craft fair. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you listen to the sounds of our holiday music selection. Then leisurely, browse our crafters' tables and select the perfect gift for that special someone. The address is 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, 227-3949.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010

PARISH INCOME

Regular Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$653,701
Christmas and Easter Collections	\$79,923
Poor Box, Shrines, Candles and Fees	\$13,557
Religious Ed Registration and Fees	\$76,930
Fund Raising	\$30,525
Other Regular Receipts	\$8,500
Cardinal's Appeal Rebate	\$4,206
Donations and Bequests	\$7,118
Interest and Dividends - Regular	\$507
Interest and Dividends - Bldg.	\$33
Unrealized Gains/Losses	\$626
Realized Gains/Losses	-\$94
TOTAL INCOME	\$875,532

PARISH EXPENSES

Clergy Salary/Benefits/Domicile	\$85,577
Lay Salaries	\$129,560
Lay Personnel Costs	\$14,901
RE Salaries/operations	\$145,288
Support to St. Denis-St. Columba	\$19,000
Fund Raising	\$23,498
Church Supplies, Books, Decorations	\$23,272
Music Expenses	\$5,198
Plant Operations (utilities, etc.)	\$169,789
Administration Operations	\$56,253
Interest on Loans	\$36,527
Archdiocese Assessment	\$40,759
Ministries and Outreach	\$1,908
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$751,530

PRINCIPAL PAID ON LOANS

Old Church	\$71,000
New Church Building	\$0
Land for New Church	\$18,331

Cash on hand as of August 31, 2010 \$57,351

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DECORATE YOUR LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS



Clear your calendar on Sunday, December 12th, from 3-4:30 pm. and bring the whole family to a Ray Boswell's "Potter's Retreat". Back by popular demand, Ray returns to illuminate the power of God's love in our lives through the fascinating analogy of ourselves as God's clay. Watch spellbound as young and old alike begin to feel the power of God "shapes us" for love and service to Him, anointing us for success. Credit of 2.5 hours will be given for Family Catechesis in grades 1-8th. In addition to the weaving of scripture into his artform, Ray will take questions, a free-will offering will be made, and a reception will follow in the church meeting room. Please call The Faith Formation Office at 845-227-1710 ext. 3 to reserve your spot; we may fill the church with this one! Also, let us know if you would like to donate juice or a baked goods toward the reception. Childcare is available, but please call ahead if needed. Bring friends and neighbors - all are welcome!

PART TIME JOB POSITION IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

CYO seeks an individual who is committed to the mission of Catholic Charities to provide services for and to the youth of the county, in the form of leisure time programs encompassing the spiritual, athletic, cultural, social and apostolic components of youth ministry. Duties include: working with county parishes to further the goals of CYO; planning and implementing individual athletic programs and activities; conducting coordinator meetings; developing the annual budget. To apply, send resume and cover letter indicating position of interest to: Catholic Charities-Human Resources Dept., 6th floor or fax to (212) 826-8795.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The annual *Service of Lessons and Carols*, a Christmas service of readings, choral anthems, and congregational carols, which culminates in a candle lighting ceremony, will be held at Vassar College in the Vassar Chapel on Sunday, December 5th. This popular event, free and open to the public, will begin at 7 pm. A free will offering will be taken to support Dutchess Outreach of Poughkeepsie, via the college's "Community Works" campaign (see <http://communityworks.vassar.edu/>). The doors will open at 6:30 pm, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

First Sunday of Advent

ST. DENIS' ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The "Treasure House Chorale" will be returning to St. Denis on Sunday, December 12th at 3:00 pm. The concert will feature the "Magnificent St. Cecilia Mass" of Charles Gounod along with works from Mozart, Handel and others. Also included is a gala "Festival of Carols" for all to sing along. Please join us.

Tickets are \$10.00 (to pay the musicians only) and can be picked up at St. Denis. For more information, please call 227-8382 or stop in St. Denis rectory. Doors will open at 2:30 pm.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BASKETS

Jesus is the reason for the season. Christmas is coming fast. If you would like to donate a holiday basket for our less fortunate families, and help put a smile on their faces, please call 227-7863 and Linda will call you back. If you cannot donate a whole basket, please feel free to donate a basket with another family or a friend, or donate one or more items from the list and bring it in the day the baskets are distributed. Items that need to go into the baskets are: turkey, or ham, milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, salad mix and salad dressing, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, butter, fruit, and stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, beverages, desserts, tea and coffee, and aluminum pans. Baskets must be dropped off December 19th between 10 am – 12 pm, and dispersed at 1:30 pm, after the blessing. Thank you for your generosity.

COMING SOON: OPLATKI

Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian background families have a Christmas tradition of breaking off a piece of *oplatek* (wafer) and sharing it with family and friends as an expression of blessing and forgiveness. We will have the *oplatki* available at the Blessed Kateri Parish Office in December. A donation to cover the cost of the *oplatki* would be greatly appreciated.

DR. SCOTT HAHN AT MOUNT KISCO

On Saturday, December 4th, professor of Biblical Theology, and presenter, Dr. Scott Hahn, Ph.D., will be at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2 Green Street, Mount Kisco, NY, to offer three talks about various aspects of the Catholic faith. Tickets for the day are \$25.00 (nonrefundable) which includes a complimentary light lunch. Tickets are limited. Doors to the church open at 9 am. Please call the rectory at 914-666-5986 or email hahnsanfrankisco@earthlink.net to register and reserve your ticket

SUGAR PLUM SHOPPE CRAFT FAIR

There will be a craft fair at St. Joseph School Saturday, December 4th from 10 am to 4 pm. There are spaces available for quality hand crafted items. Please call St. Joseph School at 677-3670 for an application.