

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Gerri Natale
Altar Rosary Society	454-1840 Betty Perrino
Altar Servers	227-1710 Fr. Perez <a href="mailto:Fr.ronald.perez@gmail.com">Fr.ronald.perez@gmail.com</a>
Baking	221-2741 Lorraine Travia
Baptismal Program	223-8987 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 <a href="mailto:bksocialcomm@yahoo.com">bksocialcomm@yahoo.com</a>
Parish Activities	Ed & Laura Leahy 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond <a href="mailto:siestasix@frontiernet.net">siestasix@frontiernet.net</a> Anne Whitton <a href="mailto:mamie13383@aol.com">mamie13383@aol.com</a> Marie Nazzaro
R.C.I.A.	
Right To Life	
Single Parent Support	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond 227-7863 Carol Grafer 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn 677-6496 Anthony Cirone 546-3426 Rose Morse 227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante c/o St. Columba
Spiritual Life	
St. Vincent de Paul	
Sunday's Children's Liturgy	
Ushers/Greeters	
Vacation Bible School	
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

# First Sunday of Advent

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday November 30**  
7:00PM Adult Faith Formation Series  
**Church Meeting Room**

**Tuesday December 1**  
10:00AM Parent-Child Connection  
**Faith Formation Building**  
7:00PM R.C.I.T.  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Nicholas Room*  
7:00PM Cub Scout Pack 127  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Anthony Room*  
7:00PM Employment Support Group  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Francis Room*  
7:00PM Confirmation Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents  
**Church Meeting Room**  
7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group  
**Chapel**

**Wednesday December 2**  
10:00AM Bible Study  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*  
6:00PM Youth Choir Practice  
**Church**  
7:30PM Adult Choir Practice  
**Church**

**Thursday December 3**  
7:00PM R.C.I.A.  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*  
Confirmation Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents  
**Church Meeting Room**  
7:30PM Bible Study  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Francis Room*  
7:00PM Contemporary Ensemble  
**Church**

## FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday is the beginning of our Advent season. While many of us can get consumed with writing cards, decorating the house, buying the 'right' Christmas presents, and all the other preparations expected at this time of the year; let us never forget that this is a time to prepare ourselves and our families for the coming of Christ in our lives. PLEASE do not get too busy for prayer, caring for others, especially those in need, and the Mass. After all, Christmas means CHRIST'S MASS, since it is at Mass that the Christ-child born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago is still physically present to us. As a Christian people we are NOT celebrating just winter **holidays**, we are celebrating the **holydays** of our God who so loved us, He was born into our world of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to have your name included to the list of those who are ill, 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 unless you call to have them removed.

***Please pray for those who are ill***

*Richard Berger, Julio Cintron, David Finn, William Grafer, Sadie Hall, Alyssa Hoag, Cindy Hogman, Frank LaGrande, Carmen Pampolina, Victor Paolo, Christine Rao*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday November 30**  
9:00AM For All Parishioners

**Tuesday December 1**  
9:00AM Jack Pace  
By The Kraus Family

**Wednesday December 2**  
9:00AM Joseph Pastore

**Thursday December 3**  
9:00AM Donato Traditi  
By The Traditi Family

**Friday December 4**  
9:00AM Justine Giannettino  
By Beverly Austin

**Saturday December 5**  
9:00AM Margaret De Sa  
By Thomas Uhle & Christine Sullivan  
5:00PM Patrick T. Kearney  
By His wife Carol

**Sunday December 6**  
9:00AM Elsie Guillaume  
10:30AM Mary Byble  
By Jo-Anne & Sal Cuomo  
12:15PM Anthony Celestino  
By Betty Perrino  
5:30PM Dr. Eugene D. Campagna  
By His Family

## PARISH INCOME REPORT

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

## PETITION OF THE WEEK

As today's second reading says: May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and all. May He strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are: pancake mix, syrup, mayonnaise, ketchup, and vegetable oil. Please leave your items in the church narthex. The next meeting of SVDP is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the St. Columba Convent Meeting Room.

## Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

## First Sunday of Advent

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes resume this week. As we begin to celebrate the new Liturgical Year (Cycle C), the green cloths on our prayer tables will be replaced with purple ones, and Advent wreaths will be set out in each room. So Happy New Year!

There are two Confirmation meetings this week for all 8th grade students and at least one of their parents. Attendance at one of these meetings is required. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 1st and Thursday, December 3rd in the Church Meeting Room, 7-8 pm. Lots of important information will be discussed by Msgr. Desmond.

*Please pray for our parishioners serving in the military*

**Mark Baaden**  
**Kelly Finn**  
**Angie Jablecki**  
**Kenneth Jablecki**  
**Peter Anthony Letizia**  
**Brendan Recchia**  
**William C. Smith, III**  
**Hugh Sullivan, Jr.**

### IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70 1/2 or older and want to make a gift to Blessed Kateri Parish, then take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover before it expires on December 31, 2009. You may donate your IRA assets while avoiding income tax on the IRA withdrawal. To learn more, call the Office of Gift Planning at 646-794-3316 or e-mail at [gift.planning@archny.org](mailto:gift.planning@archny.org).

### 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.

### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for a new job? We can help! We meet every Tuesday night at 7PM. Drop in anytime. We help with your resumé, networking or coaching for an interview. We are having success helping people get jobs. Join us for techniques and moral support. See you soon and good job hunting!

### R.C.I.A.

This week's topic is on the Eucharist. These instructional sessions are open to all.



### MARRIAGE BANNS

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*Rosanna Occhione & Michael Deseau*

### LECTOR'S WORKBOOKS

Lector's Workbooks for the new liturgical year are available. They can be picked up in the main sacristy after Mass.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 7:30 PM on Monday, December 7, and at 9:00AM and 5:30PM on Tuesday.

### CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 40 will be selling Christmas wreaths at all Masses on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The beautifully decorated wreaths are 16-18 inches in width on a 12 inch frame; the cost is \$17. Wreaths may be ordered in advance by contacting Jeff Coffin at 635-5132.

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

On Tuesday, December 1st, 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](http://www.blessedkateriparish.com).

### BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Please support St. Denis – St. Columba School by attending the **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** on Rt. 9 in Poughkeepsie, **this** Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a fun-filled day of activities including: St. Denis – St. Columba Students Got Talent Show, Spelling Bee, story time with many of our school staff and our parish priests and so much more. Vouchers will be available at the back of St. Columba Church on the day of the event. Please present them or say you are with St. Denis – St. Columba School when you check out at the register. A portion of the Day's sales will go to the school. Start your Christmas shopping early. For more information contact Coleen Murray at [ocmurray@optonline.net](mailto:ocmurray@optonline.net).

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

The Altar Rosary Society will hold their Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 7 at 7PM at Arbor Ridge, Rt. 376 & Rt.52, Hopewell Junction. There is a choice of entrée: London broil w/mushroom sauce, chicken marsala or baked tilapia with mango salsa. The cost is \$29 per person. RSVP by November 29<sup>th</sup> with your choice of entrée. Make your check payable to Altar Rosary Society. For more information call Betty Perrino at 454-1840. Please bring a gift for Rosary Hill. There is no January meeting. Our next regular meeting is February 8, 2010 at 7PM at St. Columba.



**MAKE A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

Catholic Charities Community Services are seeking donors to "adopt" a family in need to provide them with Christmas gifts. If you or your family, friends and co-workers are able to Adopt-A-Family, please call the Catholic Charities Community Services office at 452-1400 ext. 4217 to speak with Mary Marshall. Gifts may be dropped off at the Catholic Center in Poughkeepsie before December 11th. Please help us make Christmas joyful for local families in need.

You may consider volunteering for this program. Volunteer shoppers and distributors are needed. Please call the above listed number by December 1st if you are interested in volunteering for this worthy cause.

**BLESSED KATERI CHRISTMAS CARDS**

For the first time, parishioners will be able to purchase beautiful boxed sets of Christmas cards depicting stained glass windows and the spectacular nativity scene from our own church. Each box will contain 20 cards for \$15 per box. Keep looking in the bulletin for a definite delivery date!

**OLL CLASS OF 1979**

Attention OLL class of 1979. Please join us for our 30<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, for a casual cocktail party at River Station in Poughkeepsie. There is a cash bar. RSVP asap to Chris LaColla at 797-6861, Dave Shaw at 430-5070 or Coleen Tempestilli at 914-456-1442. The cost is \$35 per person for hot and cold h'ors d'ouvres. Teachers welcome!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**



The third topic in the series on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will be **Prayer**. This session will be held on November 30, from 7:00-9:00PM. Consider attending this session as we begin the Advent season.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

**O Father, raise up abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood, who keep alive and guard the blessed memory of Your Son Jesus through the preaching of His word and the administration of the Sacraments, through which You continually renew Your faithful. Amen.**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to contribute a poinsettia plant that will adorn our sanctuary this Christmas, please complete the following form, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket with your \$15 donation. All names will be listed in our bulletin after Christmas.

	<b>CHRISTMAS 2009</b> <i>Poinsettia Donation</i>	
<i>In Memory Of:</i> _____		
<i>Please enclose your \$15 donation</i>		

**December 6, 2009 Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>5:00pm Sat</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Mary Beth Schmidt	Anne Anderson, Lisa Davis, Beverly Austin	Damiano Alessandro, Ciaran Bruen, Joseph Wiley
<b>9:00am</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Anne Whitton	Betty Paraggio, Betty Perrino, Diana Schopen	Vaughn Feighan, Taylor Hickey, Ryan Quinn
<b>10:30am</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Sam Varano	Robert Malara, Lorraine Travia, Patricia Mackey, Judy Van deVen, Robert Young	Hunter Criscione, James Hagen, Christian Murphy
<b>12:15pm</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Kelly McMann	Joan Crowe, Ruth Recchia, Carol Reilly	Katherine Coffin, John Byrne, Amanda D'Angelo
<b>5:30pm Sun</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Bernard Zervas	Roseanne Desjardins, Christine Mikulka, Dennis Rosenfeld	Joel Fredrickson, Timmy Desjardins, Amanda Silva

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly***First Sunday of Advent****November 29, 2009**

**“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.”...  
“May the Lord increase you and make you overflowing with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.”**

Launching a new season of hope and renewal, we set out as Advent people, expecting great things. Remembering Christ’s coming, acknowledging His presence, and with the early Christians, awaiting His return, we program ourselves for the weeks ahead. The days of Advent, in the words of Jeremiah, are days when the Lord fulfills His promise and invites us to begin anew, fixing our eyes on Jesus. Paul provides the framework with two wishes that we increase and overflow with love and be strengthened as a blameless and holy people.

How can this happen? I take time today to determine the areas where I might grow in grace and express it in my love for others (family, coworkers, friends). Disciples of Christ make serious efforts at growth in the Christian life. May it ‘overflow.’ This time of preparation offers the invitation to seek forgiveness for all things, great and small through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I take time today to see where I can resist things which distract me from the importance of this season (shopping, gifts, material things) to look for places for the Lord in my life.

In this way I follow the exhortation of St. Paul “to make still greater progress.”

My saying for the week: “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.”



Sunday Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday – St. Andrew Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday – St. Francis Xavier Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8