

**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**

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 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<br><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            | 223-6560 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<br><a href="mailto:bksocialcomm@yahoo.com">bksocialcomm@yahoo.com</a>  |
| Parish Activities                 | Ed & Laura Leahy<br>227-1710 Msgr. Desmond<br><a href="mailto:siestasix@frontiernet.net">siestasix@frontiernet.net</a><br>Anne Whitton<br><a href="mailto:mamie13383@aol.com">mamie13383@aol.com</a> |
| 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

# Third Sunday of Advent

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday December 15**  
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*  
7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group  
**Chapel**  
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting  
**Church Meeting Room**

**Wednesday December 16**  
10:00AM Bible Study  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*

**Thursday December 17**  
7:00PM R.C.I.A.  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*  
7:00PM Contemporary Ensemble  
**Church**  
7:30PM Bible Study  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Francis Room*

## Please pray for those who are ill

Richard Berger, Julio Cintron, Matthew Divestea,  
William Grafer, Sadie Hall, Alyssa Hoag, Cindy Hogman,  
Bill Hynes, Frank LaGrande, Carmen Pampolina, Victor Paolo,  
Christine Rao

## CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY

SIGN-UP FOR A NEW CHURCH FAMILY DIRECTORY! We will be producing a new pictorial directory and we need you in it to make it the best ever. The directory will be a valuable tool, helping you to place names with faces, and it is an excellent reference and information source for our Church community. You are asked to visit the church for approximately 30–45 minutes for photography and for **instant viewing** and selection of the portraits you may wish to purchase. Every participating family receives a **FREE** album and a complimentary 8X10 color wall portrait. Photography will take place on January 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:30PM-9:00PM on the weekdays, and from 10:00AM-5:00PM on the Saturdays.

Our goal is 100% participation, so please be sure to sign up on-line at [www.blessedkateriparish.com](http://www.blessedkateriparish.com) for your sitting. Simply go to the website and click on Lifetouch.

Singles, couples and families with children are all encouraged to participate.

## PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$ 11,247  
Last Year's Collection: \$ 9,838

## PETITION OF THE WEEK

*Let us pray that in these last days of Advent we may "Rejoice in the Lord always! Let everyone see how unselfish you are, and dismiss all anxiety from your minds, so that God's own peace will be present in your hearts and minds" during this Christmas season.*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support. Call 227-7863 if you need assistance or to volunteer.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Each week we list the names of the infirm of our parish community with the hope that you will remember them in your daily prayers. If you would like to continue 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 14</b> Patty Hunt By Sandi Hogan
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 15</b> Helen Duggan
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 16</b> Brendan O'Connor By Beverly Austin & Anthony Cirone
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 17</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Friday</b> 9:00AM	<b>December 18</b> Brendan O'Connor The Whitton Family
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00AM 5:00PM	<b>December 19</b> John Bellew Anita Griffiths By The Fulton Family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00AM 10:30AM 12:15PM 5:30PM	<b>December 20</b> Blanca Fasolino By The Stack Family Theresa & Frederick Searles By Lillianne Lowery Stephen Kraus (L) By His Family Gabriele Rositani By His Wife & Children

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### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Jesus is the reason for the season. **The SVDP Society is still in need of 49 Christmas food baskets.** Please call Linda at 227-7863 for information.

If you are unable to donate a complete basket, consider joining another person or family and sharing the items needed. Baskets include: milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, salad mix, turkey, white & sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls, beverage, dessert, coffee, tea, and an aluminum pan. This year as a substitute for Christmas gifts, the SVDP Society has purchased \$20 Target gift cards for each child (ages infant to 17) of the families we service. We ask for your generous assistance to help cover the cost of these gift cards. Donations in any amount may be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o St. Columba Church, P.O. Box 428, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533, or they can be dropped in the poor boxes.

### YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for all priests and seminarians and this week, especially for Rev. Msgr. John Farley, St. Mary's Church, Poughkeepsie. If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, contact Fr. Luke Sweeney or Fr. Luis Saldaña at 914-968-1340 or [WWW.NYPRIEST.COM](http://WWW.NYPRIEST.COM).

### 20<sup>TH</sup> CONCERT FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

#### "A TIMES SQUARE CHRISTMAS"

The Treasure House Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will present a concert for Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM, at St. Denis Church. For tickets and information call 227-8382, or visit the website at [www.treasurehousemusic.org](http://www.treasurehousemusic.org).

### YOUR 2010 CATHOLIC CALENDAR READY TO READ AND TO HANG

You are invited to take home a beautiful Catholic calendar for 2010. The theme for these beautiful calendars is *The Saints Among Us*. They have been donated by McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Our thanks to them for their generosity.

## Third Sunday of Advent

### GIVING TREE

Please be sure to return your gifts and gift cards from the Giving Tree. Place the label on your gift and place it in the box in the narthex. Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket.

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held today after the 10:30 Mass. Please join us in the church meeting room.

### D.U.C.K.S.

There is a general meeting of the DUCKS tonight immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. Come enjoy Pizza with the Padres! Tonight's topic is "Stump the Priest". Don't miss this opportunity! The following week the group will gather for a Christmas Party. There will be refreshments and a grab bag. Coming soon: A trip to NYC.

### 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!

### BLOOD DRIVE

The BKT Blood Drive will be held on December 29<sup>th</sup> in the Church meeting Room from 2:30PM – 8:30PM. Sign-ups will be held after Masses on December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### R.C.I.A.

The topic for this week is the sacrament of Marriage. All are invited to attend these instructional sessions



### December 20, 2009 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	Michael Morrow	Peter Bodnar, Joan Crowe, Margaret Peterson	Hannah Coffin, Amber Hammerschlag, Zachery Reale
9:00am Msgr. Desmond	Mary Ellen Coleman	Carolyn Criscione, Pat Lyons, Diana Schopen	Taylor Hickey, Ryan Quinn
10:30am Fr. Perez	Mary Ellen McCue	Robert Malara, Debra Ann Outman, Betty Perino, Judy Van deVen, Robert Young	Hunter Criscione, James Hagen, Carolyn Newhard
12:15pm Msgr. Desmond	John Reale	Rosemary Archer, Carol Reilly, Cathy Anderson	Ciaran Bruen, Amanda D'Angelo, Victoria Scalise
5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez	Frank Bergman	Lisa Davis, Roseanne Desjardins, Maura Lee-Byrne	Julia Sheridan, Sean Sheridan, Olivia Vales

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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



We thank Mrs. Mary Ellen Coleman, Mrs. Anita Gomez, Miss Reneé Scire and Mrs. Eileen Spadevecchia for responding to the request for tutors to help students make up missed work. Two more tutors are needed to help with 4th and 6th grades in late winter and spring. Please call Mrs. Biasotti, 227-1710, if interested.

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.**

## 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.

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

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Blessed Kateri Adult Choir will perform a concert of Christmas music **today**, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM in the church. Please join us for an afternoon of wonderful music followed by a reception in the church meeting room. **Admission is free!** Relax and get into the spirit of the season. All are welcome.

## YOUTH CHOIR PIE FUNDRAISER

The Blessed Kateri Youth Choir is having a Pie Fundraiser. Please support our Youth Choir by ordering a delicious 10" pie. They are just \$10 each and will be delivered frozen on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the church just in time for Christmas and New Year!! These delicious pies are awesome and are sure to be a hit with the in-laws! Please use the order form below and return to the rectory via the collection basket with your payment enclosed. **Deadline for orders is December 16<sup>th</sup>.** For further info please call Nina Ricci at 227-3643.

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*Pie Fund Raiser*  
Blessed Kateri Youth Choir

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple: \_\_\_\_\_ Strawberry/Rhubarb: \_\_\_\_\_

Cherry: \_\_\_\_\_ Blueberry: \_\_\_\_\_ Pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the #of pies you are ordering next to the choice and enclose your payment of \$10 per pie.

Make checks payable to Blessed Kateri Church

## BLESSED KATERI CHRISTMAS CARDS

Don't miss out on your chance to purchase beautiful boxed sets of Christmas cards depicting stained glass windows and the spectacular nativity scene from our own church. Stop by the table in the narthex to purchase cards now. Each box will contain 20 cards for \$15 per box.

## CHRISTMAS AT MARIAPOLIS LUMINOSA

Mariapolis Luminosa, a Catholic Retreat and Conference Center in Hyde Park cordially invites you to attend their annual Christmas performance entitled ***It's A Wonderful Life!*** Show times are December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM, and December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30PM. For reservations and information call 229-0230, ext. 133, or visit the website [www.focolare.us](http://www.focolare.us). More than 170 Nativity Scenes are on display from December 12<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Viewing times are weekends 10:00AM – noon, and 2:00PM – 4:00PM, and Monday – Friday 2:00PM – 4:00PM by appointment.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2009**

**“Everyone should see how unselfish you are... Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude”... ‘What ought we to do?’... ‘Teacher, what are we to do’... ‘What about us?’... Using exhortations of this sort, he preached the good news to the people.”**

Continuing our Advent journey, we assemble with the crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers, and pose our questions to John. They echo those asked by the groups above. John’s response is directed to us, for he preached the ‘good news’ the imminent coming of Jesus Christ.

This time of the year, when the word “giving” takes on so many meanings all of us should pause to consider great gifts. The first is the gift of God sending His son to live among us, because of our needs. In prayer I offer my expression of gratitude for Him and for everything I have. It is all gift.

The second gift is my response to our generous God, returning something of myself, in prayer to Him and in service to others. I turn to those in need of loving hands, a listening heart, and supporting smile or some material help. My gift can be expressed in countless ways and its value enhanced when I make it my expression of gratitude. A modern spiritual writer expressed it this way: “Gratitude is the memory of the heart.”

My saying for the week: “Then God’s own peace which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts.”



**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday** Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Monday - John of the Cross** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

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

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