

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 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
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- Parish Activities Ed & Laura Leahy
227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
siestasix@frontiernet.net
Anne Whitton
mamie13383@aol.com
- 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday December 22
10:00AM Parent-Child Connection
Faith Formation Building
7:00PM R.C.I.T.
Faith Formation Building
St. Nicholas Room
7:00PM Employment Support Group
Faith Formation Building
St. Francis Room
7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group
Chapel

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$12,479
Last Year's Collection: \$12,284

PETITION OF THE WEEK

Let us pray that this Christmas season is a time when all people are reassured and comforted by the loving and caring presence of the Christ Child in our world and in our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

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.

Please pray for those who are ill

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

*As You Get Ready For Christmas,
Restore Peace*

Schedule of Reconciliation for Christmas

Opportunities for Confession:
Monday, December 21st, 9:30am
and 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday, December 22nd,
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday, December 23, 9:30am
and 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Schedule of Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm + 6pm + Midnight
*Come enjoy Choir Concerts (at 3:20 and 11:30)
before the 4pm and Midnight Masses*
Christmas Day Masses: 9am + 10:30am +
12:15pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 21
9:00AM For All Parishioners
Tuesday December 22
9:00AM Edward Lynch
By Donna Lynch & Family
Wednesday December 23
9:00AM Mike Perrino
By Antonia Tenuto
Thursday December 24
9:00AM Sr. Anne Daniel
By Deacon Bob & Judy Horton
4:00PM Brendan O'Connor
6:00PM The O'Hare and Brennan Families
By The Family
12:00AM Christine O'Rielly Rao (L)
Friday December 25
9:00AM Salvatore Manzo
By Debbie & Joe Giannatasio & Family
10:30AM Thomas Searles
By Lillianne Lowery
12:15PM Carmela Fauceglia
By Louise Perruzza
Saturday December 26
9:00AM Parishioners Supporting Baptismal
Program
5:00PM Arthur Galschjodt
By His Wife & Children
Sunday December 27
9:00AM Emelie Elizabeth Heath
By Rich & Val Kraus
10:30AM Bob George
By Cecilia Ambrosini & Family
12:15PM Melanie Kotes
By Her Family
5:30PM The Finn Family

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

BLOOD DRIVE

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

TRAINING FOR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Archdiocese of New York will provide a one-day training on January 5 from 9:30-4:30pm at Blessed Kateri Church in La Grangeville, NY for people interested in bereavement ministry. 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 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!**

Monsignor Desmond

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Drop-off of Christmas food baskets is scheduled for today, December 20th at St. Columba Church between 10:00AM and 12:00PM. Disbursement of baskets will be at 1:30PM after the blessing. Thank you to all who participated!

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for all priests and seminarians and this week, especially for Rev. Gamini E. Fernando, Holy Trinity 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith formation classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Our Christmas break begins on December 24th and ends January 3rd. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th. We wish all of our families a happy and holy Christmas. See you in church!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the 9:00AM Mass on December 27th. We will resume on January 3rd.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

D.U.C.K.S.

The DUCKS are encouraged to come early this Sunday at 4:00 P.M to help take the Christmas decorations out of storage for this season's decorating efforts. They will later hold a Christmas Party and decorate the trees in the Narthex with the family Angels immediately following the 5:30 Mass. A small gift worth no more than \$10 is suggested. This is not required to attend. All high school teens are welcome to attend.

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

CHURCH DECORATING

Anyone interested in helping to decorate the Church for Christmas is welcome to join our decorating group on Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00PM. We will be arranging the nativity set, trees, wreaths and greens. There will be a job for everyone.



Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Masses	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
December 24 at 4:00pm Msgr. Desmond	Anne Whitton	Diane Maddock, Cheryl Gallina, Pat Lyons, Debbie Scianimanico	Kyle Ackley, Joseph Whitton, Clare Whitton, Christopher Whitton
December 24 at 6:00pm Fr. Perez	Kelly McMann	James Werber, Joan Crowe, Rosemary Archer, Carolyn Criscione	Richard Coffin, Katherine Coffin, Hannah Coffin, Hunter Criscione
December 24 at Midnight Msgr. Desmond	Joe Mackey	Lorraine Travia, Pat Mackey, Andrea Cirone, Anthony Cirone	Ciaran Bruen, Brandon Tobin, Brittany Tobin
December 25 at 9:00am Fr. Perez	Diana Schopen	Rosealice D'Avanzo, Sally Mastreani, Maryanne Johnson	Amanda Silva, Emily Silva, Robert Slevin, Christian Murphy
December 25 at 10:30am Msgr. Desmond	John Reale III	Betty Perino, Kathleen Jastrzembki, Robert Young, Cathy Anderson	Annemarie Reale, Angelina Reale, Zachery Reale, Andrea Campos
December 25 at 12:15pm Fr. Perez	Norm Dauerer	Carol Reilly, Julie Borges, David Borges	Julia Sheridan, Sean Sheridan, Victoria Scalise, Amanda D'Angelo

December 27, 2009 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Fr. Perez	John McCormack	Beverly Austin, Joan Crowe, James Werber	Damiano Alessandro, Katherine Coffin, Julianne Desjardins, Emma Berry
9:00am Fr. Perez	Debbie Scianimanico	Cheryl Gallina, Peggy Ren Christine Ryan	Richard Coffin, Lauren Kirchner, Clare Whitton, Caitlin Murphy
10:30am Msgr. Desmond	Sam Varano	Julie Borges, David Borges, Rose Morse, Shirley Sullivan, John Morgan	Brad Fisher, Christian Murphy, Annemarie Reale, Ashley Miller
12:15pm Fr. Perez	Norm Dauerer	Ruth Reccia, Rita Rogers, Sally Mastreani	Angela Alessandro, Emily Silva, Robert Slevin
5:30pm Sun Msgr. Desmond	Adam Varano	Roseanne Desjardins, Christine Mikulka, Cathy Varano	Tianna Arnold, Joel Fredrickson, Brian Kusior

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Mary set out, proceeding in haste into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth... ‘But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?... Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled.’”

Before we imitate Mary with our holiday visits, let’s spend a moment reflecting on this journey, the visit and the gift. In the days ahead traditional visits of family, the posadas or simbang gabi will be part of our lived experience. Gifts of presence and presents will be shared, and a certain joy, peace and oneness will prevail.

Luke tells us that Mary hurried to Elizabeth. Following the most important announcement and acceptance, Mary became the first evangelizer after Gabriel. When one might think she could sit back and await the arrival of her child and guests, she was the news bearer. She then ministered to her pregnant relative.

The dialogue which has become part of our daily prayer provides a great question which we adapt for ourselves. “But who am I that Christ should come to me?” It makes me ask about the Lord’s coming to me in 2009, my readiness and my worthiness. How ready am I to receive Him?

The concluding verse also finds meaning as I prepare. ‘Blessed is he or she who trusted...’ The promises of the Lord are always fulfilled but often require that I do my part. Do I really place my trust in the Lord, in His promises and in my willingness to carry out my part?

The visit of these family members becomes a model for every family and home, as the Christ enters and fulfills His promises with His presence.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

