

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

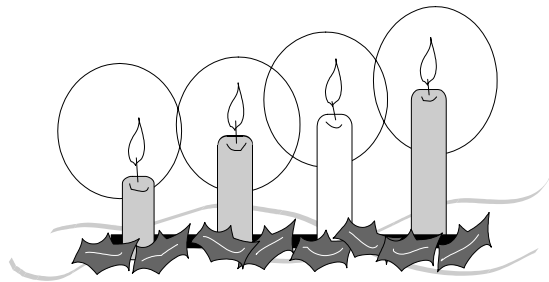
**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

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***As You Get Ready For Christmas, Restore Peace***

***Schedule of Reconciliation for Christmas***

**Opportunities for Confession at Blessed Kateri:**

**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, after the 9am Mass**

**Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the 9am Mass and 7pm – 8pm**

***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**

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Yippee! No classes until January 5th, due to the Christmas Holiday. We wish all of our families a safe, blessed and happy Christmas season!

## COME HELP US DECORATE

Today, December 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be preparing our church for Christmas. If you would like to lend a hand decorating our new church for the first time, please be at church at 3:15pm. We have limited time to decorate, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated. *Many hands make light work!*

## FAREWELL TO FR. O'HARE

Today, after the 10:30am Mass our parish will have an opportunity to wish Fr. O'Hare farewell. Please proceed to the meeting room after Mass for refreshments and to express our thanks for his years of service to the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Please help us help others and possibly even save lives this Christmas season by participating in Blessed Kateri Parish's annual **CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE, to be held this year on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 8:30pm. Sign-up will be held this weekend after all Masses.**

Hudson Valley Blood Services constantly needs donors, but especially at this time of the year. This year the blood drive will be held in our meeting room. All the necessary equipment will be rolled in and set up for fast, safe donations.

## A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you to all our parishioners who gave so generously last weekend to the Giving Tree Gift Program organized by the Blessed Kateri Teen Group. Catholic Charities picked up over 450 toys, books and grocery store gift cards of different denominations and will deliver them to families in need in our area. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful people in our parish.

## BKT - TEEN GROUP - BKT

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ski trip. This is a holiday for Arlington Schools; save the date.

## YOUR 2009 CATHOLIC CALENDAR - READY TO READ AND TO HANG

You are invited to take home a beautiful Catholic calendar for 2009. The theme this year is *Stewardship*. These calendars are provided for our parishioners as a courtesy by our local funeral homes: McHoul and Auchmoody. On your behalf, we thank each of them for this gift.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are canned fruit, canned white potatoes and cereal. Please leave your items in the **new church** narthex. For those in need of assistance, the SVDP hotline number is 227-7863.

## PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection - \$12,284

Last Year's Collection - \$11,104

## PETITION OF THE WEEK

Our world was changed so much for the better by Mary saying YES TO God's will in her life. Let us pray that our world may be made better by us striving to always say YES to God's will in our lives.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
5:30pm Sat.	Americo Fiaschetti by the Borum family For All Parishioners
7:30am	John McFadden by Lorraine Travia and Beverly Austin
9:00am	Theresa and Frederick Searles by Lillianne Lowery
10:30am	Stephen Kraus (L) by his family
12:15pm	Jill Shively by Nora Sweet
5:30pm	<b>December 22</b> Ann Danielle Whalen by Betty Perrino
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
9:00am	Mike Perrino by Antonia Tenuta
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
9:00am	Helen Duggan John Clarke & Margaret Clune by Catherine Clarke For All Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
4pm	Mary & Joseph Crowley and Family by the Lynch family
6pm	Thomas Lowery By Lillianne Lowey James Lynch & Family by the Lynch family
Midnight	<b>December 26</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
9:00am	For All Parishioners
10:30am	<b>December 28</b> The Finn Family
12:15pm	Lee Straley and Mark Decker by the Straley family For All Parishioners
<b>Friday</b>	Clementina Silva Camargo by the Roth family
9:00am	James Yane by Nina and Vivian
<b>Saturday</b>	Jean Giannatasio by Bowe family
9:00am	For All Parishioners
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## R.C.I.A.

Our next R.C.I.A. session will be on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> when the topic will be *Holy Orders*. These instructional sessions are open to all from 7 to 9pm in classroom two.

## Blessed Kateri Church

LaGrangeville, New York

### 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.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <p><i>CHRISTMAS 2008</i> <i>Poinsettia Donation</i></p> </div>
<p><i>In Memory Of:</i> _____</p>
<p><i>Please enclose your \$15 donation</i></p>

### MARCH FOR LIFE JAN. 22

Buses have been scheduled for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2009. One bus will leave Mt. Alvernia at 5:00am after the 4:30am Mass. The other bus will leave St. Columba's Church after the 4:30am Mass, followed by a quick breakfast. For reservations and/or more information, please contact Rich at 297-7930 for the bus from Mt. Alvernia or George Morton at 226-6896 or Peter Lyons at 298-6047 for the St. Columba bus. Cost is \$30 for Adults / \$20 for students due by January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### BREAKFAST FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Catechetical Office invites all Catholic teachers in public schools to the *Third Annual Communion Breakfast for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools* to be held on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10am to 1pm at The Riverview Caterers, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. Bishop Dominick Lagonegro will be the celebrant and homilist. Fr. Anthony Ciorra, Dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Studies at Fordham University, will be the keynote speaker. Come join us and share in the Eucharist and breakfast. Meet with colleagues from all over the Archdiocese as we celebrate your contributions in the lives of the students you teach daily. Registration forms are available at [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org) or by contacting the rectory at 227-1710.

### BLESSED KATERI PRAYER NETWORK

If you have intentions or requests that you would like our Prayer Network to pray for, please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053, or Betty Paraggio at 223-5674.

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

Jackie and Joe DePalma--Marion Carney--Billy Jacobs  
 Marie Gauci--Johnny Romano--Amanda Jones  
 Fred Matthews--Victor Thomas--Wendy Sullivan  
 Raymond Trangalli--Caitlin Ann Martin--Rick Cole  
 Maria Sorrentino--Susan Lancella--Concetta Liccione  
 Mary Griego--Bob Wilson--Joseph Liccione  
 William Grafer--Deneé DeVizio--Mark Kearney  
 Richard DeLeo, Sr.

### Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Masses	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
December 24 at 4:00pm Msgr. Desmond	John Reale III	Carolyn Criscione, Cheryl Gallina Tara Izzo, Robert Malara	Hunter Criscione, Jaclyn Ricci Kyle Ackley
December 24 at 6:00pm Fr. Perez	Kelly McMann	Joan Crowe, Anne Anderson Rose Morse, James Werber	Christian Murphy Claire and Elizabeth Baxter
December 24 at Midnight Msgr. Desmond	Anne Whitton	Lorraine Travia, Andrea Cirone Robert Young, Cathy Varano	Ciaran Bruen, Zack Reale Clare and Christopher Whitton
December 25 at 9:00am Fr. Perez	Diana Schopen	Andrea Ceonzo, Diane Maddock Rosealice D'Avanzo	Lauren Kirchner, Courtney Meester Carolyn Newhard
December 25 at 10:30am Msgr. Desmond	John Morgan	Betty Perrino, Suzanne Power Debbie Scianimanico	Samantha Campos, Victoria Scalise Alex Rodriguez
December 25 at 12:15pm Fr. Perez	Christine Mikulka	Rosemary Archer Dave and Julie Borges	Julia and Sean Sheridan John Maddox

### Liturgical Ministers for December 28<sup>th</sup>

Time	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:30pm Sat Fr. Perez	Dave Anderson	Andrea Cirone, Anne Anderson Peggy Peterson	Katherine and Richard Coffin Zack Reale
7:30am Msgr. Desmond	Mary Biasotti	Rosealice D'Avanzo Lorraine Travia	Courtney Meester, Christian Murphy
9:00am Fr. Perez	Robert Young	Diane Maddock, Betty Perrino Cathy Varano	Adam Varano, Clare Whitton Joseph Wiley
10:30am Msgr. Desmond	John Reale	Pat Mackey, Keith McCartney Suzanne Power	Lauren Kirchner, Brad Fisher Jaclyn Ricci
12:15pm Fr. Perez	Norm Dauerer	Carol Reilly, Debbie Scianimanico Rosemary Archer	Jansen Kantor, Emily Silva Jacqueline Rooney
5:30pm Sun Msgr. Desmond	Teen	Sally Mastreani	Teen Group

