

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
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- Baptismal Program 226-8987 Deacon Bob
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- 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
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- Prayer Shawl Ministry 223-5001 Vivian LaColla
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- 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. Columb

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

Feast of the Holy Family

FROM OUR PASTOR

Today, the day after Christmas Day, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Jesus, the Son of God the Father, was born into a loving family. Under the guidance of Mary and Joseph he experienced the love and holiness of a human family. I pray that all our families look to the goodness, love, and holiness of the Holy Family in establishing values and goals within their family structures.

We are all part of a larger family, the parish family of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I am so proud to be a part of this family. On behalf of myself, Father Perez, our Deacons, and all the staff I have to express our gratitude to all of you for the holiness, love, and genuine goodness you constantly display. Thank You! I must also express my amazement at your generosity. This is shown in willingness to volunteer so much of your time, talents, and resources to building our parish family and in answering the needs of those less fortunate in our community. I must admit that I can often be guilty of the sin of pride when talking to others about the wonderful people that make up our parish, but I am truly blessed to be a pastor in such a great parish. I believe I speak for Father Perez, our four Deacons, and all the staff of the parish when I say that we are blessed with serving wonderful people. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize their goodness and the quality of service they show in their various ministries and say Thank You to them.

As we enter the New Year of 2011, I pray that we continue to grow in holiness as the Body of Christ. We must recognize that many members of our parish family struggle with family issues, financial uncertainty, and personal challenges. As a parish family we must do all we can to support each other in our challenges and uncertainties. We must show our world that it is only our love in Christ that provides answers and meaning in this life. This is the gift we can bestow on all our brothers and sisters, especially our young, as long as we do it in Christ. May 2011 be a year when we strive to share our faith with others. Thank you again, and may the Lord continue to bless you.

PARISH RECEPTION TO SAY "THANK YOU"

Since the building of our new church, we have had a wonderful explosion of individuals volunteering in numerous groups, committees and functions here at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. I am also keenly aware that we do not have a formal means of saying "Thank You"! Therefore, I would like to start a new tradition here at the parish. All members of the parish committees and groups are invited to a "THANK YOU" reception of hor d'oeuvres and desserts to be held in the Church Meeting Room on January 9th, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

TLC (TEENS LOVING CHRIST) GROUP

This is a reminder that the city trip is on December 28th. The next pancake breakfast is January 2nd. The next teen meeting will be January 9th.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9:00 am	December 27 For All Parishioners
Tuesday 9:00 am	December 28 Charles Andrews By the Piehler Family
Wednesday 9:00 am	December 29 Stephen Vesely By the Barone Family
Thursday 9:00 am	December 30 Mariusz Kusmierski (L) By His Sister
Friday 9:00 am	December 31 John Kotes By Wayne & Cathy Strack
Saturday 10:00 am	January 1, 2011 Cesare Tenuta By Antonia Tenuta
5:00 pm	John Kotes By Frances & Margaret Drive Neighbors
Sunday 9:00 am	January 2 John Stack By the Chiavelli Family
10:30 am	Thomas Lowery By Lillianne Lowery
12:15 pm	Giovanni & Sofia Rioli By the Vincini Family
5:30 pm	Anthony DeCesare Jr. By Ray & Marie & Family

2010 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

MASSES NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, 10:00 am

Note: When January 1st falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is waived.

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1st, 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 2nd, 9:00 am, 10:30, 12:15 pm and 5:30

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND EPIPHANY, JANUARY 1-2, 2011

Saturday, January 1, 2011 marks the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which in 2011 is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord follows on Sunday, January 2nd.

FAITH FORMATION

A safe and holy Christmas Season to all! On Christmas Day and on Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family, we hope all of our families will look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as role models for family life. May you spend valuable time together and come back happy and refreshed when classes resume on January 3rd.

PARISH INCOME REPORT

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

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

Feast of the Holy Family

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday December 28
 2:30-8:30 pm Blood Drive
Church Meeting Room
 7:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
Chapel
Sunday January 2
 10, 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast
Church Meeting Room

THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to have your name or if you know someone who has given permission to have their name added to the list in the weekly bulletin, please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053. Names will remain on the list for two months.

Please pray for those who are ill:

Jack Demers, Jean Edwards, William Grafer, Kate Madigan, Ian Pascariell, Patricia Todriff, Mary Trasolini

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**

BLOOD DRIVE

The BKT Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, December 28th in the Church Meeting Room from 2:30-8:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

R.C.I.A.

There will be no session this week.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC CD'S AND BROCHURES

Don't miss out on these inspiring talks available after the Masses in the narthex to feed your souls and answer Pope John Paul II's call for a new evangelization. We have five new titles. If you have any questions, contact Dusty Maiolo at (845) 590-1601.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

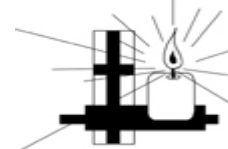
Please join the Spirit Wind Charismatic Prayer Group in the Chapel for a Charismatic Healing Mass on Tuesday, January 4th, from 7:30-9:30 pm. We welcome you to this special time of praise and healing prayer. The healing power of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is present and available to us. Come 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the SVDP Society Food Pantry is in need of: dish detergent, mustard, canned fruit, and mayonnaise. 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 January 12th at 7 pm in the Convent Meeting Room at St. Columba

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

The upcoming dates are March 10-13th for men and March 31 - April 3rd for women. Contact Ginger Fisher at 297-4711 for more information.



January 1, 2011 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

New Year Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
10:00am Msgr. Desmond	John McCormack	Rose Morse, Ruth Recchia, Robert Young	Olivia Gomez, Ashley Miller, Robert Slevin

January 2, 2011 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	Dave Anderson	Anne Anderson, Andrea Cirone, Anthony Cirone	Emma Berry, Katherine Coffin, Adam Wiley
9:00am Msgr. Desmond	Diana Schopen	Cathy Anderson, Rosealice D'Avanzo, Diane Maddock, Betty Paraggio, Betty Perrino	Shannon Burke, Vaughn Feighan, Patrick McKinney
10:30am Fr. Perez	Joseph Mackey	Maryanne Johnson, Patricia Mackey, Geraldine Natale, Carol Reilly, Suzanne Power	Kristen Cain, Eddie Kelly Brian Kusior
12:15pm Msgr. Desmond	Norman Dauerer	David Borges, Julie Borges, Debbie Scianimanico	Michael Marma, Victoria Scalise, Mary Ellen Smyth
5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez	Mary Ellen McCue	Marua Lee-Byrne, Tara Izzo	Brianna Bayreuther, Olivia Gomez

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts..." Find peace for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 25-27, 2011. For more information, call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME, X 3.

ATTENTION HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL OF THE BRONX ALUMNI

If you are a graduate of Holy Rosary School, please visit our website at www.holyrosaryschoolbronx.org. Take a look around and complete our Alumni Information form.

JOIN THE GUILD FOR DOROTHY DAY

November 29th marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Dorothy Day. In 2000, The Holy See granted to the Archdiocese permission to open the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Dorothy Day. In order to assist the canonization process, The Guild for Dorothy Day has been established. Its purpose is to spread the word of her life, work, and sanctity and to document her ability to intercede for people in need of God's healing mercy and assistance. If you're interested in becoming a member of The Guild for Dorothy Day or would like more information, please visit dorothydayguild.org or contact Lourdes Ferrer at 212-71-1000 ext. 2474 or by e-mail Lourdes.ferrer@archny.org.

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 usccb.org/romanmissal.

What will happen after the texts are used in liturgical celebrations? The long-term goal of the new translation is to foster a deeper awareness and appreciation of the mysteries being celebrated in the Liturgy. The axiom *lex orandi, lex credendi* – "what we pray is what we believe" – suggests that there is a direct relationship between the content of our prayers and the substance of our faith. It is hoped that writers will start to provide materials reflecting on the rich content of the text. These contributions might encourage priests to use the content of the prayers as a basis for their homilies or to supplement their homilies on Sundays. Those giving retreats or days of recollection can use the new texts of the missal as a resource for their presentations. All can make use of the texts for deepening their prayer life.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Michael McLoughlin, Pastor of St. Stephen's Church in Warwick, N.Y. will lead a pilgrimage to Italy on July 21-30, 2011. Highlights of the pilgrimage include: Padua, Venice, Ravenna, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Holy Mass will be celebrated each day. To request a brochure, call St. Stephen's at 845-986-4028 or go to www.petersway.com/passages. Deadline is January 10th, 2011. So please act now!

Feast of the Holy Family

CHILDREN'S HOME OF POUGHKEEPSIE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER BOARDING HOME PROGRAM

Foster parents are needed! Foster parenting can offer a child a safe, loving, and stable home. Children's Home of Poughkeepsie offers free training, a monthly stipend to care for the child, and support in the home. We invite couples and single individuals to inquire about fostering opportunities by calling Lynn Wayner at 1-800-823-3457.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."
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VOTIVE PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Father, we look to your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the holy family of your Son in mutual love and respect, may we come to the joy of our home in heaven.

THE MUSICAL CHESH

John Jay High School's Proscenium is pleased to partner with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Hudson Valley to present the musical *Chess*. Two major corporations and private donations are underwriting expenses, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Hudson Valley to grant wishes to children facing life threatening illnesses in the community. Performances are scheduled for January 15th at 7:30 pm and January 16th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.jproscenium.org. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Anne Howe at 226-1201.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2010

“But after Herod’s death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt with the command: ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and set out for the land of Israel. Those who had designs on the life of the child are dead.’ He got up, took the child and his mother and returned to the land of Israel... There he settled in a town called Nazareth.”

How many people are traveling during the holidays? Family visits and vacations abound. Some people are traveling because of work, or to provide for a sick relative. For some it is pure enjoyment, for others a difficult obligation.

Let’s consider the family of Nazareth. Presumably forced to travel to Bethlehem, then to Egypt, then back to Mary’s town because of outside forces, Joseph provided care and protection. He was responsive to the voice of the Lord. How difficult to keep this family together but they did.

In our time family life is both challenged and attacked. Some question whether our traditional family life can survive. Multiple jobs, education, meetings and activities call for a heroic response. It is difficult to find entire families at home at one time. It doesn’t have to be that way.

We begin with priorities for family life. Make sure that we dine together, spend time together, and pray together as a priority. Once we establish norms for within the home, we can then address the activities which take us out, but only after agreeing on the when and where. Family first should be our norm. The Christian family is one which wants to be together, not seeking escape or busyness in other activities. These are good and beneficial, but not at the cost of a sound, happy family life.

With countless resolutions being made at this time, it is worthwhile to stop, listen and prioritize. Joseph did, and probably not to his liking, but he had someone special to care for.

Our family does too.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Friday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

First Saturday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

