

**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 Geraldine Natale
- Altar Rosary Society 454-1840 Betty Perrino
- Altar Servers 227-1710 Fr. Perez
- Baking 221-2741 Lorraine Travia
- Baptismal Program 226-8987 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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227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- R.C.I.A. 227-7863 Carol Grafer
- Right To Life 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
- Single Parent Support 677-6496 Anthony Cirone
- Spiritual Life 546-3426 Rose Morse
- St. Vincent de Paul 227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante
- Sunday's Children's Liturgy c/o St. Columba
- 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

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday**      **December 29**  
7:30PM      Charismatic Prayer Group  
                 Chapel

### PARISH INCOME REPORT

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

### PETITION OF THE WEEK

On this Feast of The Holy Family, let us pray for all the families of our parish, especially any that may be experiencing any difficulties. Let us also keep in mind some of the lines in today's readings:

- May we care for our parents when they get old.
  - May our families clothe themselves with mercy, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.
  - May we always forgive one another and put on love.
  - May we dedicate ourselves to thankfulness, instruct one another in the Faith and be known for our prayerfulness.
- We also pray for any member who may be lost or away from their family.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**      **December 28**  
9:00AM      For All Parishioners

**Tuesday**      **December 29**  
9:00AM      Brendan O'Connor  
                 By Geraldine Natale

**Wednesday**      **December 30**  
9:00AM      James Kennedy  
                 Harold Winsch

**Thursday**      **December 31**  
9:00AM      Hope De Stefano (L)  
                 By Richard & Joan Crowe  
4:00PM      Joseph Rogers  
                 By Walter & Norma Kraus  
6:00PM      John P. O'Connor  
                 By his wife Bernadette & Family

**Friday**      **January 1**  
9:00AM      Repomanta Family (L)  
                 By Grace & Eden Repomanta  
11:00AM      For All Parishioners

**Saturday**      **January 2**  
9:00AM      Jose Repomanta & Nancy Kasraie  
                 By Eden Kasraie  
5:00PM      Carmelo Geraci  
                 By Beverly Austin

**Sunday**      **January 3**  
9:00AM      Pasquale Perrino  
                 By Betty Perrino  
10:30AM      George Fairhurst  
                 By The O'Brien Family  
12:15PM      Hugh Hughes  
                 By The Costigan Family  
5:30PM      Genovena Santa Teresa  
                 Office of Faith Formation

# Feast of The Holy Family

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the SVDP Society Food Pantry is in need of paper towels, sugar substitutes and mayonnaise.

### FROM OUR PASTOR

On behalf of Fr. Ronald Perez, our deacons and staff, and myself, I want to wish all of you and your families a blessed, Christ-filled and joyful New Year. This is a time when we tend to look back over the events of the past year. These can be the joy-filled and happy moments, the difficult moments, the times of great accomplishments and the times of great loss. I do want to express gratitude for all the new parishioners who have joined our parish in the past year. I also have to say "thank you" in a very sincere way for all those who have volunteered in any way or ministry in the parish. It is remarkable how the parish "functions" have grown and expanded in the past year. This is because so many of you have given of your time and self to help Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish be a vibrant "parish family".  
THANK YOU.

I also want to assure those who have struggled in any way during the past year of our constant prayers and support. This includes those who have lost loved ones, those experiencing illness, those struggling because of the economy or for any other reason. Let us always remember those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and our nation.

The New Year is a time of great hope. The fact that we as a church celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, reminds us that God loves and cares for us, and is truly present to us. Therefore, we have to be a people of great hope. Our challenge is to be able to say "yes" to God's will as was Mary, and to thereby be instruments of Christ's love to a waiting world. May Christ give us the strength to always follow His command – "love one another as I have loved you". May the Lord bless all our parish family and keep us aware of His love in 2010.

### 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.

## Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

## Feast of The Holy Family

**THERE IS NO RCIA CLASS THIS WEEK  
DUE TO THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY**



### NEED HAS NO SEASON

The Season to Volunteer is now. Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope for the needy *IN ALL SEASONS*. Volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups are available today. For more information or to get involved, please contact Kate McGowan at 646-794-2439 or visit our website at [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

No classes again this week! Classes resume on Monday, January 4th. In celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family, enjoy the blessings of family time together over the Christmas break.

Eighth grade students who have decided to become Confirmation candidates are reminded that their Christian Service Project forms are due on Thursday, January 7th.

*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.,  
Matthew Walsh**

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

On Tuesday, January 5th, 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).

### TRAINING TO BECOME A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP LEADER

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, please contact: Christina Schuerger, LCSW at (646) 794-3187 or [christina.schuerger@archny.org](mailto:christina.schuerger@archny.org).

### DON'T HIBERNATE

Seniors reap huge health rewards (both physical and mental) from the simple act of volunteering. The Office for the Aging has openings for volunteer drivers to deliver meals from one of our ten Senior Friendship Centers located throughout the county. Drivers usually volunteer once a week to deliver a midday weekday meal on a route that takes an hour or less. Volunteers use their own vehicle, but are reimbursed for mileage. Call 486-2555 for more information.

### LOCAL ROSARY FOR LIFE

If you are unable to take the bus to Washington but wish to participate locally on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, please join us for the Rosary for Life starting at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Poughkeepsie. After exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer, we will walk to Planned Parenthood to pray the rosary. We will return to St. Mary's for ending prayers and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Those unable to process are welcome to stay in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the procession. Please join us in interceding to end abortion and all attacks on human life in our nation.

### BUSES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

Once again we have scheduled buses to go to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22. One bus will leave Mt. Alvernia at 5:00AM after a 4:30AM Mass. The other bus will pick up at St. Columba Church after 4:30 AM Mass, leaving immediately at 5:00AM. For reservations and information contact Rich at 297-7930 for the bus from Mt. Alvernia, and George at 226-6896 for the St. Columba bus. Prices are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. Reservations and payment are needed by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of Your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. Amen.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### 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.

**Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church**  
**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND**  
**JOSEPH**

**Feast of The Holy Family**  
**ST. DENIS/ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL**  
**NEWS**

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

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

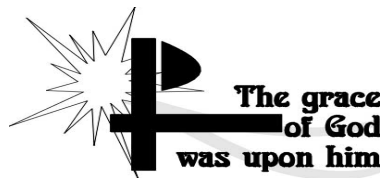
**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.

St. Denis/St. Columba School has been recognized by The National Blue Ribbon Schools' Program honoring public and private schools that are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has honored many of America's most successful schools. Based on State data, the Secretary invites the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) to nominate private schools that meet the criteria for recognition and the first step is to submit an application for review. Fifty out of 413 entries are reserved for private schools. "Using standards of excellence evidenced by student achievement measures and characteristics known from research to exemplify school quality, the application focuses primarily on results and scientifically based instructional programs." It is a distinct honor even to be invited to submit an application. It is our hope that the final outcome will be National recognition by the Blue Ribbon Schools' Program.



**Liturgical Ministers for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**

<b>New Year Masses</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>December 31 at 4:00pm</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	John McCormack	Dennis Rosenfeld, Rosemary Archer, Geraldine Natale	Joseph Wiley, Tabitha Akins, Kevin Tatavitto, Charles Serino
<b>December 31 at 6:00pm</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	David Anderson	Joan Crowe, Tara Izzo, Rose Morse	Taylor Hickey, Lauren Kirchner, Brian Kusior, Alexandra Straley
<b>January 1 9:00am</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Marie Smith	Rosealice D'Avanzo, Diane Maddock, Shirley Sullivan	Alex Rodriguez, John Byrne, Courtney Meester, James Hagen
<b>January 1 11:00am</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Mary Ellen Coleman	Roseanne Desjardins, Ruth Recchia, Keith McCartney	Julianne and Timmy Desjardins, Ryan Quinn, Brad Fisher

**January 3, 2010 Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>5:00pm Sat</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Kelly McMann	Betty Paraggio, Dennis Rosenfeld, Marie Smith	Amber Hammerschlag, Courtney Meester, Angelina Reale, Olivia Gomez
<b>9:00am</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Diana Schopen	Carolyn Criscione, Tara Izzo, Pat Lyons	Taylor Hickey, Christopher Whitton, Joseph Wiley, Shannon Burke
<b>10:30am</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Michael Morrow	John McCormack, Maryanne Johnson, Betty Perino, Lorraine Travia, Pat Mackey	Tabitha Akins, Carolyn Newhard, Zachery Reale
<b>12:15pm</b> <b>Msgr. Desmond</b>	Mary Ellen McCue	Rosemary Archer, Keith McCartney, Suzanne Power	John Byrne, Victoria Scalise, Alexandra Straley
<b>5:30pm Sun</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Adam Varano	Andrea Ceonzo, Lisa Davis, Cathy Varano	Julia Sheridan, Sean Sheridan, Amanda Silva

**HOLY FAMILY**

**“He went down with them then, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother meanwhile kept all these things in memory. Jesus, for his part, progressed steadily in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.”**

During these festive days, the scriptures move in several directions. In relatively few days we find the Holy Family en route to Bethlehem, in Egypt, visited by people from the orient, in Jerusalem and finally at home in Nazareth. As the stories unfold we travel with Mary and Joseph, silent spectators at important events.

We visit Jerusalem today, where the familiar story of lost and found is described. Consider the anxiety and fear which must have touched the hearts of the parents. Although he was twelve, think about a child lost in a crowded mall store prior to Christmas. The child cries, the parents check store security, the busy parking lots surely are a place of danger.

They meet and the adolescent simply states “Why did you search for me?” He asks that question of me today as well. My answer is because of my great need for Christ in my life. Imagine how Mary, once home, sat down after the journey and reflected, or pondered, weighed all the things that transpired. The normal religious pilgrimage certainly took on a new tone a new disaster and for the parents, a nightmare.

We too, as we relax on this last weekend of the year, in a quiet moment at home, or in church, pause to reflect on the celebration of these last days, or summarize the events of this entire year. The headlines have been harsh. Hopes have been dashed. Problems beyond our control persist. Yet the presence of Christ and His grace is able to effect a change.

Like the child who progressed in this threefold way, we too, seek His wisdom, His grace, as we close one year and begin another. His abiding presence with us will be the same source of strength which supported the Holy Family in their need.

**HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY