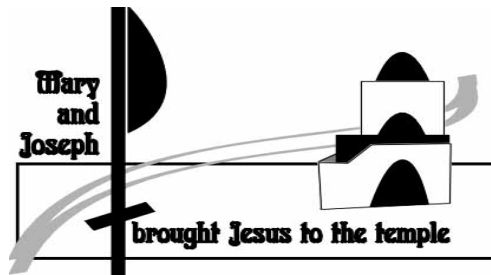


***From the Pastor's Desk***

We have just celebrated our first Christmas in our new church. I want to thank all who made this celebration such a wonderful event. This includes all those involved in our liturgical ministries: the music ministry, our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, our Altar Servers, Ushers, and Sacristans and all those who decorated our church so beautifully.

We must say thank you to all the members of our parish family. As elegant and beautiful as a church may be, it only becomes a 'Church' when all it's members strive to reflect the love of Christ so manifest at Christmas. Your care, concern, faithfulness, and desire to grow in Christ's love make Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha a great parish. **THANK YOU!**

I join with all the members of our parish clergy and staff in praying God's blessings on you and your families in the New Year. May we always be sustained by the love of Christ and support and prayers we receive from one another. Let us be especially mindful of those needing our prayers and support in the New Year.



**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**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 3:13-21**

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 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

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***Schedule of Masses for January 1<sup>st</sup>***

***The Solemnity of Mary***

**New Year's Eve Masses: 4pm and 6pm**

**New Year's Day Masses: 9am and 11am**

## **Blessed Kateri Church**

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

There are no faith formation classes until Monday, January 5th. We hope that, on this Feast of the Holy Family, you are enjoying time together with yours!

An 8th grade catechist is needed on Wednesday evening to prepare thirteen students for their Confirmation. If you feel the call of the Holy Spirit to teach these fine young people, please contact Mary Biasotti, Director, as soon as possible at 223-3767. Also, hall monitors are needed each week for the Monday evening and Wednesday afternoon classes. Again, please contact Mary.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, and mustard. Please leave your items in the **new church** narthex (vestibule). For those in need of assistance, the SVDP hotline number is 227-7863.

### **R.C.I.A.**

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

### **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 Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 rectory at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may e-mail Deacon John at [JBarone49@gmail.com](mailto:JBarone49@gmail.com).

### **WINTER EVENING OF COOL JAZZ**

The Saint Augustine Music Ministries presents *Twiggy and the Styxx: A Winter Evening of Cool Jazz* on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The concert will be held in the Zoeller Center of Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue, New City. There is a suggested offering of \$10. Please contact the music office at 845-634-2407 for information.

### **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 by going to the website at [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org) or by contacting the rectory at 227-1710.

### **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.

You will enjoy the beautiful pictures, many of which were taken in and around the New York City area.

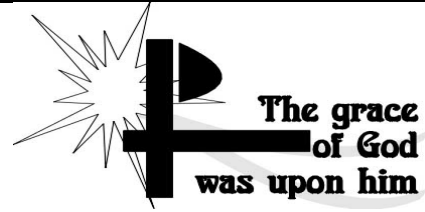
**JOIN US AT DAILY MASS  
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9AM**

**PARISH INCOME REPORT**

Collection figures were not available for the bulletin deadline. The Christmas collection will be reported in the January 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

Let us pray that on this Feast of the Holy Family, our parish families may always come together in prayer, holiness and love. We pray in a special way for any families facing difficulties at this time; whether it is discord among family members, financial stress, separation during the holiday season, addiction, loneliness, illness, or the loss of a loved one. We pray that the love of the Holy Family and the prayers and support of our parish family may sustain them at this time.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>December 29</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00am	<b>December 30</b> Luz Rojas by her daughter Mercedes and family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9am	<b>December 31</b> Ray Martin and family, living and deceased For All Parishioners
4pm	For All Parishioners
6pm	For All Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00am	<b>January 1</b> For All Parishioners
11:00am	For All Parishioners
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	<b>January 2</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00am	<b>January 3</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 5:30pm Sat.	<b>January 4</b> Eugenia Olson Rose by the Ricci family
9:00am Sun	For All Parishioners
10:30am	For All Parishioners
12:15pm	For All Parishioners
5:30pm	For All Parishioners

**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 New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>4:00pm New Year's Eve</b>	Mary Beth Schmidt	Tara Izzo, Gerri NatalE Dennis Rosenfeld	Joseph Wiley, Tabitha Akins Angela Alessandro
<b>6:00pm New Year's Eve</b>	Mary Ellen McCue	Joan Crowe, Carol Reilly Peggy Peterson	Tianna Arnold Claire and Elizabeth Baxter
<b>9:00am New Year's Day</b>	Mary Ellen Coleman	Margaret DeSa, Virginia Fisher Rosealice D'Avanzo	Amanda D'Angelo Brittany and Brandon Tobin
<b>11:00am New Year's Day</b>	John Reale III	Keith McCartney, Ruth Recchia Roseanne Desjardins	Brad Fisher Julianne and Timothy Desjardins

**Liturgical Ministers for January 4<sup>th</sup>**

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>5:30pm Sat</b>	Kelly McMann	Tara Izzo, Marie Smith Carol Reilly	Timothy and Julianne Desjardins Ciaran Bruen
<b>9:00am Sun</b>	Anne Whitton	Stephen Ren, Margaret Ren Robert Malara	Clare Whitton, Samantha Campos Ryan Quinn
<b>10:30am Sun</b>	Mary Biasotti	Carolyn Criscione, Rose Morse John McCormack	Hunger Criscione, Kyle Ackley Carolyn Newhard
<b>12:15pm Sun</b>	Norma Kraus	Debbie Scianimanico Rosemary Archer, Rosealice D'Avanzo	Lauren Kirchner, Alex Rodriguez Emily Silva
<b>5:30pm Sun</b>	Teen	Robert Young	Teen Group

