

**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 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](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  
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- Baking 221-2741 Lorraine Travia
- Baptismal Program 226-8987 Deacon Bob
- Bereavement Group 221-2741 Lorraine Travia  
bktbereavement@optonline.net
- 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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Anne Whitton  
[mamie13383@aol.com](mailto:mamie13383@aol.com)
- Single Parent Support Marie Nazzaro  
227-1710 Msgr. Desmond  
227-7863 Carol Grafer  
226-4053 Nancy Vaughn  
677-6496 Anthony Cirone  
723-4361 Rose Morse  
227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante  
c/o St. Columba
- R.C.I.A. 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- Right To Life [siestasix@frontiernet.net](mailto:siestasix@frontiernet.net)
- Spiritual Life 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- St. Vincent de Paul 227-7863 Carol Grafer
- Sunday's Children's Liturgy 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
- Ushers/Greeters 677-6496 Anthony Cirone
- Vacation Bible School 723-4361 Rose Morse
- Young Adult Group/Underground No. 227-8380 Fr. Justin Cinnante  
c/o St. Columba

*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.*

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday March 16**  
 10:00AM Parent-Child Connection  
**Faith Formation Building**  
 6:30PM Confirmation Preparation Classes  
 Beginning in the **Church**  
 6:30PM Widow & Widowers St. Patrick's  
 Dinner & Meeting  
**Church Meeting Room**  
 7:00PM R.C.I.T.  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Nicholas Room*  
 7:00PM Employment Support Group  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Francis Room*

**Wednesday March 17**  
 10:00AM Bible Study  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*  
 7:00PM Choir Practice  
**Church**

**Thursday March 18**  
 7:00PM R.C.I.A.  
**Faith Formation Building**  
*St. Paul Room*  
 7:00PM Lenten Movie  
**Church Meeting Room**  
 6:30PM Contemporary Ensemble  
**Church**  
 6:30PM Confirmation Preparation Classes  
 Beginning in the **Chapel**

**YEAR FOR PRIESTS**

Please pray for all priests and seminarians and this week, especially for Rev. David E. Nolan Church of St. Joachim & St. John Evangelist, Beacon.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
9:00AM	For All Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
9:00AM	George Ouimet By Carol & Tom DeBellis
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
9:00AM	Phyllis Cross
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
9:00AM	Brennan & O'Hare Grandparents By The O'Hare Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
9:00AM	Col. Joseph Austin Beverly Austin
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 20</b>
9:00AM	Deceased Members of The Altar Rosary Society Patrick T. Kearney By His Wife Carol
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
9:00AM	Mary Perrino By Betty Perrino
10:30AM	Frederick & Theresa Searles By Lillianne Lowery
12:15PM	Armando Martines By Joseph & Maria Rodriguez
5:30PM	George Tanner His Wife and Family

**PARISH INCOME REPORT**

Last Week's Collection: \$ 11,925  
 Last Year's Collection: \$ 10,029

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

Today's Prodigal Son Gospel emphasizes the desire of God to offer us His Love and Forgiveness. Let us pray that we all recognize our need for forgiveness and avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten period. Let us also pray that we may forgive each other as readily as God forgives us.

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

This week we will be discussing prayer and growth in faith. These instructional sessions are open to all.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

If you would like 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**

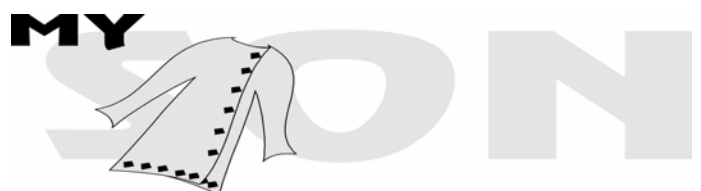
*Olivia Gabriella Bellini, Richard DeLeo, Sr.,  
 Stephen Gleason, William Grafer, Sadie Hall, Alyssa Hoag,  
 Joan Luna, Kate Madigan, Angela Maiorano, Christine Rao,  
 Valerie Tatavitto*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

This week the SVDP Society is in need of pancake syrup, macaroni & cheese, cookies and salt and pepper shakers. Our next meeting is April 14th at 7:00PM at St. Columba convent meeting room.

**D.U.C.K.S.**

The next general meeting will be held today, March 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:30PM Mass. A boy's DDA weekend is planned for March 18th-20th. Boys age 15 and older are eligible to participate. The teen group has planned a trip to NYC on Tuesday, March 30th. This will include a tour of lower Central Park, followed by the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and dinner in the city. There is a \$10 fee for the NYC trip.



## Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Confirmation Prep classes continue this week, meeting on Tuesday at 6:30-8PM for Session 3 and on Thursday, 6:30-8PM for Session 4.

During the next two weeks we will be collecting supplies for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We would greatly appreciate your sending in the following supplies by grade level:

- Grade 1 Facial tissue
- Grade 2 Toilet paper
- Grade 3 Paper towels
- Grade 4 Dish detergent/cleaning supplies
- Grade 5 Laundry detergent
- Grade 6 Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Grade 7 Deodorant
- Grade 8 Shampoo & conditioner

All supplies are due by Thursday, March 25th. Thank you!!

On Monday and Tuesday all but the first and eighth grade classes will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Parents and other family members are also invited to go to confession during this time. Extra priests will be available.

If they have not already done so, parents should pick up their re-registration forms in the office and submit the completed forms with payment as soon as possible. It is particularly important to re-register early if a different day is desired, if there are multiple children in the family or if carpools are being formed.

### RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

Our Faith Formation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Confessions will be heard on Monday, March 15th from 4:30-6:00PM and from 7:00-8:30PM in the chapel, and on Tuesday, March 16th from 2:30-4:00PM and 5:00-6:30PM in the chapel. Priests from neighboring parishes will assist with hearing confessions. All parishioners are welcome to attend these services and to receive the graces of this sacrament.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

**Mark Baaden, Kelly Finn, Angie Jablecki, Kenneth Jablecki, Zachery Kirchner, Brendan Recchia, William C. Smith, Jr., Hugh Sullivan, Jr., Matthew Walsh**

### ST. ALOYSIUS HAPPY HOUSE LEARNING CENTER

**Due to the snowstorm on February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
we will have our registration for the year 2010-2011 on **Friday, March 19 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Please bring copies of:**

Birth Certificate, Baptismal certificate, physical exam of the child, and record of immunizations. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$50. For more information call 226-5671.

### LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS

The Adult Faith Formation Team for Blessed Kateri Parish will feature the final Thursday night movie for Lent, *The Passion of The Christ*, on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 7:00PM in the Church meeting room. Watching this powerful movie is a way to prepare for Holy Week when we accompany Jesus through His suffering and death.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
EACH MONDAY DURING LENT AT  
7:00PM FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS  
AT 7:30PM**

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The ARS will have a covered dish dinner on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the St. Columba gym. Bring your favorite dish and come join us for a fun evening. All are welcome. For more information call Betty Perrino @ 454-1840. **DUE TO CONFLICTING EVENTS, OUR DAY OF RECOLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

## March 21, 2010 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond</b>	Mary Ellen Coleman	Patricia Dunn, Peter Bodnar, Dennis Rosenfeld	Timmy Desjardins, Olivia Gomez, Alexandra Straley
<b>9:00am Msgr. Desmond</b>	Anne Whitton	Sarah Filachek, Robert Malara, Betty Paraggio, Betty Perrino, Rosealice D'Avanzo	Austin Lugo, Clare Whitton, Joseph Whitton
<b>10:30am Fr. Perez</b>	John Morgan	Maryanne Johnson, Debra Ann Outman, Lorraine Travia, Andrea Ceonzo, Pat Mackey	Brandon Tobin, Brittany Tobin, Olivia Ann Vales
<b>12:15pm Msgr. Desmond</b>	Debbie Scianimanico	Beverly Austin, Rita Rogers, Judy Van de Ven	Damiano Alessandro, Eddie Kelly, Ciaran Bruen
<b>5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez</b>	Bernie Zervas	Lisa Davis, Maura Lee-Byrne	Taylor Hickey, Patrick McKinney, Courtney Meester

**YOUTH CHOIR PIE FUNDRAISER**

The Blessed Kateri Youth Choir is having an Easter pie fundraiser. Please support our Youth Choir by ordering a delicious pie. They are a bargain at just \$10 each and will be delivered frozen on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for pick up at the Church Meeting Room. You will have them just in time for Easter! They are sure to please your holiday guests! Please use the order form and return it to the parish offices via the collection basket with your payment enclosed. Deadline for orders is March 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Blessed Kateri Youth Choir - Pie Fundraiser***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin Cream: \_\_\_\_\_ Coconut

Cream: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple: \_\_\_\_\_ KeyLime: \_\_\_\_\_ Blueberry Lattice: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enter # of pies ordering next to choice and enclose your payment of \$10 per pie.*

*Make checks payable to Blessed Kateri Church*

**THE YOUTH CHOIR WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR PIES AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS!**

**INVITATION FROM OUR YOUTH CHOIR**

You are cordially invited to attend the Pueri Cantores Student Chorale Festival and Mass on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York City. The festival begins at 4:30PM with Mass at 5:30PM. The Church is located at 980 Park Ave., NYC 10028. This year our Youth Choir will combine with participating choirs to sing a shared repertoire under the direction of Lee Gwozdz, a well known and respected conductor of children's choirs and Director of Music at Corpus Christi Cathedral, Texas. Pueri Cantores is an international Catholic chorale organization that provides opportunities for school aged youths from all backgrounds to participate in liturgical music. Children will gain an appreciation of Plainchant, Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic and Modern liturgical music set within the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. Pueri Cantores aims to enhance the lives of young singers through this musical experience conducted within a nurturing environment. Please keep our Youth Choir in your prayers and please support their fundraising efforts to help defer costs of participating in this exciting event. **"You are the little messengers of beauty. The world needs your singing for the language of beauty moves hearts and contributes to the encounter with God."** -Pope John Paul II in an address to Pueri Cantores International.

**GOOD FRIDAY SCHEDULE**

Please note that there is a change in the Good Friday schedule. At 3:00PM our teens will act out the Stations of the Cross. While this is designed for younger children, I am confident that people of all ages will find it rewarding. If the weather permits, the beginning of the stations will be conducted outside. After the completion of the stations, there will be Veneration of the Cross, a shortened Prayer of the Faithful, and distribution of Holy Communion.

The traditional celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 8:00PM. This includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, the Solemn General Intercessions for Good Friday and distribution of Holy Communion.

I did this for two reasons. First, we have a young parish with many children and the traditional afternoon service was not designed for children. Secondly, many people are now required to work even on Good Friday and are not able to attend the afternoon service.

This change hopefully will allow many children to attend a service on Good Friday while also enabling more adults to attend an evening service.

**EASTER FOOD BASKET APPEAL**

Easter is approaching and it is time once again to ask for Easter baskets for our less fortunate families.

If you can't donate a complete basket, please consider donating one or more of the following items: milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, white and sweet potatoes, salad mix, salad dressing, cranberry sauce, gravy, or a ham or roast. If you can help, please call Linda @ 227-7863. Easter candy is also requested. It can be dropped off in the Church narthex. Jelly beans, peeps, chocolate bunnies and eggs are all appreciated! Basket drop off is on Palm Sunday between 10:00AM and noon at St. Columba Church. Baskets will be distributed at 1:30PM following the blessing.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A bereavement support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one will be offered at Blessed Kateri Church beginning in late April. For more information call Lorraine Travia @ 221-2741, or e-mail [bktbereavement@optonline.net](mailto:bktbereavement@optonline.net).

**COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us for Coffee Hour next Sunday, March 21st in the Church Meeting Room after the 10:30 Mass.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"**

Next week, there will be the annual second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be as generous as possible during these difficult times. So many more families are in need of assistance. Please "help us, help others." Remember 100% of all donations are used for client programs in our local community.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
March 14, 2010

**“Coming to his senses at last he said: ‘How many hired hands at my father’s place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, ‘Father I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired hands.’”**

This parable of mercy is so familiar that we hear it without listening. Whether we focus on the rebellious son, the jealous brother or the forgiving Father we find that we can identify with each. Figure and learn much. We hear grunting pigs, smell the slop with which they are fed. We feel the despair and hunger pangs of the son. At a certain moment despair is transformed into hope. The Father is watching and waiting. He becomes deaf to the prepared speech. Signs of forgiveness and acceptance abound – rings, sandals, coat and especially fiesta. The reluctant brother cannot even enter but finds the Father going to him as well.

The bottom line – lent is a time to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness. I have a special moment to come to my senses. I can rejoice that others have come home. I can be the source of forgiveness for someone who is hurting.

Half way through this season of renewal and personal hope, I too wish to live these days in the words of Paul ‘in Christ, as a new creation.’ I am an ambassador for Christ, God appealing through me to be all three figures of this great parable. ‘We implore you in Christ’s name, be reconciled to God.’

