

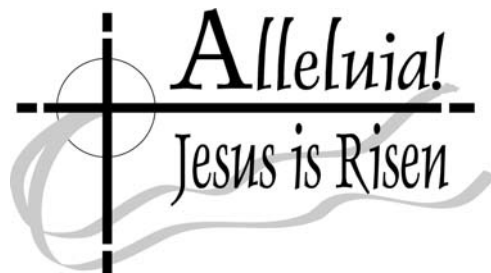
Easter Blessings

As we celebrate our first Holy Week and Easter in our new Church, we are mindful of all the blessings our Lord has bestowed upon us. We celebrate with great faith the gift of the Eucharist for our continual nourishment, the sacrifice of the cross for forgiveness of sins, and the glorious resurrection to give us hope of eternal happiness.

I want to thank, in a special way, all those assisting with and participating in the Holy Week services. I especially want to congratulate all those receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Our Elect who are receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion: Andrew Bearid, Dawn Scafuri and Vittal Rao. Our Candidates who are making a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, being Confirmed, and receiving First Holy Communion: Gretchen Del Medico, Michael Del Medico, and Jessica Speziale. Our Candidates receiving Confirmation and, for some, their First Holy Communion: Ton Djinaj, Sandra Doyle, Sean Lyons, Kristen McCarthy, Thomas Norton, Brian Schell, Krist Taqui, and Amada Vogel.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, April 19th, we will join with Catholics around the world in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. Pamphlets are available at the back of the Church which describe this devotion and contain the prayers needed for those wishing to complete the novena. Next Sunday, immediately following the 12:15pm Mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church. During the Adoration of the most holy Eucharist, there will be confessions in the Chapel, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. Benediction will occur at 3:00pm, the Hour of Our Lord's Death. All are invited to pray and adore the Lord in this special way during Divine Mercy Sunday.



A Fresh Perspective on the Sunday Readings

HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

“He said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke. Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?’ ...So He went in to stay with them...Then they said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?’...Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

The Easter readings provide inexhaustible resources for our celebration filled with hope, joy and meaning. The testimony of the apostles, the post- resurrection visits, the new found faith of Jesus' followers touch our lives two thousand years later.

The Emmaus account, the despairing journey of two, images the transforming power of the Resurrection. Meeting the stranger, recounting their sadness leads to a presence, a teaching and new hope. An invitation to dine provides a new opportunity, almost as if to say ‘tell us more.’ He did through His prayer, blessing and sharing of the bread. He disappeared from their sight, only to be found again as the gospels relate.

Easter 2009 is a perfect time to find our hearts burning with joy. John Paul II taught us as evangelizers that there should be ‘new ardor, new enthusiasm and new expressions’ to bring the Person of the Risen Christ to others. Each of us becomes Cleopas and Jesus is our companion on the road we find ourselves on today. We as believers are on fire. He asks us to use our energy, gifts, power, grace, to spread the simple yet overwhelming message that ‘He lives’, and He lives with us, in you and me. That is the reason we celebrate Easter.

Paul says it succinctly: If Christ did not rise then our faith is in vain.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our Office wishes all of our families, fellow parishioners and visitors a very joy filled Easter Season! We continue our celebration of this greatest feast of the Church by not having classes this week! Classes will resume on Monday, April 20th.

New family registration for next fall's Faith Formation classes will take place on Thursday, May 21st, 10am-1pm and 5-7pm in the Faith Formation Center. Our program begins with first grade. Parents must be registered parishioners and must bring copies of their children's Baptismal Certificates and proof of prior religious education, where applicable.

GARDENERS AND LANDSCAPERS

The first meeting of the Blessed Kateri Gardening and Landscaping Committee will be held on Monday April 20, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Church Meeting Room. Anyone interested in serving on this important new committee should attend this meeting, regardless of your expertise or background. Monsignor Desmond will discuss his vision for the master landscaping plan along with several specific areas and projects that he wishes to focus on. Please come to share your ideas, knowledge and time. Questions can be directed to Tom Cain at 223-6524.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for fun and faith with the Saints at Vacation Bible School on June 29th through July 3rd at Blessed Kateri! Registration will take place after all Masses on April 19th and April 24th. If your child will be attending grades K-5 in September he/she is eligible to attend. The cost is \$25 per child. Registration forms are available in the narthex now.

RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life Committee will hold a meeting on April 15th at 7pm in the Faith Formation Building (St. Paul's Room). Come join us for prayer and advocacy for life. For more information, call Anne at 227-5472.

CELEBRATIONS FOR SILVER AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries anytime during 2009 are invited to share a special Mass with us in their honor here in our parish on Sunday, June 21st, at 10:30am. Their families and friends are welcome to come. Please call the parish office with your name and phone number, and let us guess which color you deserve!

In addition, couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York City on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2:00pm. Pre-registration through our parish is needed by April 17th if you wish to attend.

If you are a 2009 Golden or Silver Anniversary couple, please give us a call soon at 227-1710. We look forward to celebrating your anniversary with you.

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PRAISE THE LORD

Celebrate with song, prayer, testimony and fellowship at the first Charismatic Prayer Meeting at Blessed Kateri. Join us in the parish meeting room, on Monday, April 13th at 7:30pm. Please contact Pat at 440-3519 or Dave or Julie at 223-3658 if you have any questions.

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

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The St. Denis - St. Columba School Drama Club will be present "Beauty and the Beast Jr." on Friday, April 17th at 7pm and Saturday, April 18th at 1pm and 7pm. All seats are \$9; for reservations please send an email to bradybunch@optonline.net. Be sure to include the date and time and number of tickets required.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will meet tomorrow, April 13th, at 7pm in the St. Denis Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served; all ladies are welcome! The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th at 7pm at Blessed Kateri. Please call Betty Perrino at 454-1840 for information.

DUCKS (TEEN GROUP)

There will be no meeting this Sunday, April 12th in observance of Easter Sunday. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at Blessed Kateri Meeting Room on Sunday, April 19th following the 5:30 pm Mass.

MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

The Silver Lining of St. Denis is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun on Tuesday, May 12th. The bus will depart St. Denis parking lot at 8am sharp. Call Faith at 227-7732 or Jack at 226-7539 to reserve your seat. The cost is \$31 per person.

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.

INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL

An Interfaith Music Festival is being planned for Sunday, May 17th at 2:30pm at Blessed Kateri. The Dutchess County Interfaith Council is calling all singers to participate in the combined Interfaith choir. Also featured will be children's choirs, adult choirs, instrumental ensembles and organ music. Combined choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, April 19th at 7pm at Blessed Kateri.

COME TO THE CARD PARTY MAY 1

The festive and delightful annual **CARD PARTY** for **St. Columba-St. Denis School** will be held on Friday May 1st, beginning at 6:30 at the school. Join us for an exciting evening of fun. Hundreds of prizes are being raffled. The ticket price of \$12.00 includes soda, coffee, tea and dessert. To reserve your tickets, please call Gina Pennacchio at 592-2375 or Bonnie Wiegard at 226-6670. Call soon, tickets are selling fast!

OLL 50th ANNIVERSARY GALA

Tickets are on sale now for Our Lady of Lourdes High School 50th Anniversary Gala taking place on Saturday, May 9th. The evening will commence with Mass at the Boardman Road campus and move to The Grandview in Poughkeepsie for an elegant night of dinner and dancing. Please contact Christine Kolosky at 463-0400 ext. 1005 or koloskyc@ollchs.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Please pray for those who are ill

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

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$12,833

Last Year's Collection: \$9,924

PETITION OF THE WEEK

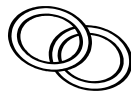
On this Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the New Eternal Life Christ gained for us by His death on the Cross, let us take time to appreciate the gift of life and faith God has given us, and take time to express our thankfulness for the lives of our family and friends.

Let us pray...

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday April 13**
9:00am Stefanie Westrick (L)
by Anne Diggins
- Tuesday April 14**
9:00am George Passarelli
by his family
- Wednesday April 15**
9:00am Matthew Gatje
by the Newhard family
- Thursday April 16**
9:00am Bernadette Murphy
- Friday April 17**
9:00am For All Parishioners
- Saturday April 18**
9:00am Barbara Power Mattura
by Suzanne Power
- April 19**
5:00pm Sat. Thomas Galvin
by his family
- 9:00am William Senne
by the Stack family
- 10:30am Thomas Lowery
by Lillianne Lowery
- 12:15pm Betty, Jimmy, Jim
and Josephine McGann
by the McGann family
- 5:30pm For All Parishioners

Marriage Banns



- | Eve Rufino & Brian Schnell
- | Karissa Lewis & Nicholas Potenza

Liturgical Ministers for April 19th 2009

| | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers |
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| 5:00pm Sat Fr. Perez | Mary Ellen Coleman | Thomas Paulmann, Andrea Ceonzo Geraldine Natale | Julianne and Timothy Desjardins Ciaran Bruen |
| 9:00am Fr. Perez | John McCormack | Diane Maddock, Cheryl Gallina Patricia Lyons, Betty Perrino Virginia Fisher | Kyle Ackley, Tianna Arnold Carolyn Newhard |
| 10:30am Msgr. Desmond | Joe Mackey | Pat Mackey, Rose Morse Anne Diggins, July Van De Ven Roseanne Desjardins | Julianne and Timothy Desjardins Emily Holtman |
| 12:15 pm Fr. Perez | Christine Mikulka | Julie and Dave Borges Rita Rogers | Amanda and Emily Silva Angela Alessandro |
| 5:30pm Sun Msgr. Desmond | | Tara Izzo | Taylor Hickey |

