

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something
That no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
And of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
And enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
Or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving
When all others are forsaking.
And it never fails or falters
Even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing
When the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
Of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining.
It defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
Like the mysteries of Creation...

A many splendored miracle
Man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Anonymous

Parochial School First Holy Communicants

Four second grade students who belong to our parish and attend the St. Denis-St. Columba Parochial School also received their First Holy Communion last week, in addition to those listed from our Faith Formation Program. Their names are:

Daniel James Berry
Lauren Malvina Ricci
Sarah Grace Sayegh
Griffin Jerald Weir

Congratulations! Our parish is very proud of you and looks forward to having you join us at the Lord's Table each week!

TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

On this special day to honor, praise and pray for our mothers, we should be attentive and generous in every way to those who nurture children from conception to birth, and for all the years that follow. And Catholic people give the best gift of all to their mothers by offering prayers for their mothers at Mass.

All the Masses in our church this weekend will be offered for the mothers in our parish, and for the mothers of our parishioners, both living and deceased.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

New family registration for Fall 2009 classes will take place in the Faith Formation Center on Thursday, May 21st, 10am-1pm and 5-7pm. Our program begins with first grade. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate and proof of prior religious education where applicable (if your child is older and you are just moving into our parish).

Classes ended last week for the Wednesday students and will end this week on May 12th for the Tuesday students. Monday classes will end on May 18th.

Before leaving for the summer, please remember to check in the office about your child's placement into Fall classes. Written notices will not be sent home until late August.

OUR FIRST MAY CROWNING OF MARY

Next Sunday, May 17th, after the 10:30 am Mass, all of our First Holy Communicants are invited to attend and process from the main church into the narthex to crown the statue of Our Lady with a wreath of flowers donated by the Altar Rosary Society. Msgr. Desmond will lead them in reciting the Litany for Mary and they will sing *Immaculate Mary* in honor of the Mother of God. We would love to see all the children come back wearing their First Holy Communion attire.

FREE CAREER COACHING

Catholic Charities is offering a free program, by a Certified Professional Career Coach. Learn the dos and don'ts of networking and tactics for finding jobs in a difficult market. Those that attend this two part session will be eligible for individual follow up coaching sessions. The first session will be held on May 28th and June 7th; the second session will be held on June 24th and July 8th. Sessions will begin at 7pm at the Poughkeepsie Catholic Center, 218 Church Street, Poughkeepsie. To register, please call Mary Marshall at 452-1400 x4217.

INTERFAITH MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year it is our parish's honor to host the Annual Dutchess County Interfaith Council Music Festival. It takes place next Sunday, May 17th, 2:30-4:30 pm. Our organist Peter Krauss, the Blessed Kateri Children's Choir and several members of our adult choir will participate in this joyous event, which unites people of many different faiths in song. The suggested donation is \$10, and light refreshments will be served in the Meeting Room afterwards by our 2010 Confirmation candidates. Do come and support this marvelous effort!

MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

Beautiful flower corsages will be sold, while supplies last, for \$6 before and after all Masses today. Proceeds and donations will go to Gabriel's House, a home for unwed mothers. This is a great way to say "thank you" to all moms for life and love!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, May 11th, at the Blessed Kateri Church meeting room at 7pm. All ladies are welcome; call Betty Perrino at 454-1840 for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection will be taken up at all Masses today. This collection helps the Church to make an important difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters here at home and across the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow in supporting this collection.

SWINE FLU CONCERNS

Due to concerns about the swine flu virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at Mass. It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits the individual parishioners to choose how that sign will be expressed. For example, some parishioners may choose to wave their hands or nod their heads as a sign of peace. While shaking hands is not obligatory, it is another acceptable expression of the sign of peace. Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about spreading the swine flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace, should express peace in another manner.

ROCKIN THE SPIRIT YOUTH RALLY

The annual Rockin the Spirit Youth Rally will be held on Thursday, June 25th. All teens from 8th grade through 12th grade should reserve the date to come together with Catholic teens from all over the county at Tymor Park in Unionvale. Please contact Mary Marshall at Catholic Charities at (845) 452-1400 x4217 for more information.

DUCKS (TEEN GROUP)

A general meeting for all high school teens will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 6:30pm. The topic of the meeting is *Sports Heroes/Christian Heroes*.

On May 31st the Teen Group will host all the recently confirmed eighth graders for a barbecue after the 5:30pm Mass.

CURSILLO

The next meeting of Cursillo will be on Thursday, May 14th, at 6pm at St. Denis Church, A pot luck dinner is planned. The June 11th meeting will be held in the Blessed Kateri Church meeting room. Call Tony Martino at 226-5207 or Ginger Fisher at 297-4711 for more information.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

LaGrangeville, New York

BLESSED KATERI PARISH COUNCIL

Any parishioner 16 or over is invited to consider nominating himself or herself, or someone he or she admires, to serve a three year term on our Parish Council. This is a very important and satisfying ministry, as pastors consult with, and rely on, the members of the Parish Council for many things. Former members of the Council who have been off for one year or more can offer to serve again if they are nominated and selected.

On June 7th at the 10:30 Mass, the names of those willing to serve will be placed in a bowl, and four names will be selected at random. Our prayer and trust is that all nominees are ready and able to serve, and that the Lord will choose whom He wants for this ministry at this time.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Please return this form to the rectory by Friday, May 29th

I understand that service on the Blessed Kateri Parish Council is an important ministry, to be done for the glory of God and the advancement of His Church.

Knowing that, I am willing to serve and nominate myself.

Name

Address

Phone #

or

*I nominate this person for possible selection.
(He or she will be called and must be willing to accept.)*

Name

Address

Phone #

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 Lancella--Concetta Liccione
Mary Griego--Bob Wilson--Joseph Liccione--John Lee
William Grafer--Mark Kearney--Richard DeLeo Sr.
Frank Fetzler--Marie Fetzler--Ann Leonard--Jane Kurz
Carmel Adams--Frank Flora--Michael Besko

Liturgical Ministers for May 17th 2009

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	Dave Anderson	Anne Anderson, Andrea Ceonzo Dennis Rosenfeld	Ciaran Bruen, Christian Murphy Joel Fredrickson
9:00am Msgr. Desmond	Anne Whitton	Betty Perrino, Suzanne Power Christine Ryan, Margaret Paulmann Christopher Filachek	Clare Whitton, Tabitha Akins Lauren Kirchner
10:30am Msgr. Desmond	Joe Mackey	Pat Mackey, Rosealice D'Avanzo Dave and Julie Borges Virginia Fisher	Emily Holtman, Brian Kusior Brad Fisher
12:15 pm Msgr. Desmond	Norma Kraus	Carol Reilly, Christine Mikulka Barbara Oniffrey	Joseph Vales, Tianna Arnold Jenna McGowan
5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez		Stephen and Margaret Ren Rosanne Desjardins	Julianne and Timmy Desjardins Taylor Hickey

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$9,807

Last Year's Collection: \$10,656

PETITION OF THE WEEK

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray for our Lord's blessing on all mothers, living and deceased. We also pray that all their sons and daughters may always be thankful for the enduring love shown to them by their mothers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9:00am	May 11 For All Parishioners
Tuesday 9:00am	May 12 Helen Duggan
Wednesday 9:00am	May 13 Vincent Macario by Steve & Cindy Jennison & family
Thursday 9:00am	May 14 Mathilda Cunningham by Rose Michael & family
Friday 9:00am	May 15 Mildred Kibrick by the Kibrick family
Saturday 9:00am	May 16 Anne Diggins by Deacon & Mrs. Robert Horton & family
Sunday 5:00pm Sat.	May 17 Pauline Kolba by the LaColla family
9:00am	Louise and George Sciacca by Jim & Carmella Spence
10:30am	Theresa & Frederick Searles by Lillianne Lowery
12:15pm	Cathy Jagnjic by Tom Jagnjic
5:30pm	For All Parishioners

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends a sincere "thank you" to all who participated in any way to the Easter Holiday Basket drive. Many people were helped by your efforts.

