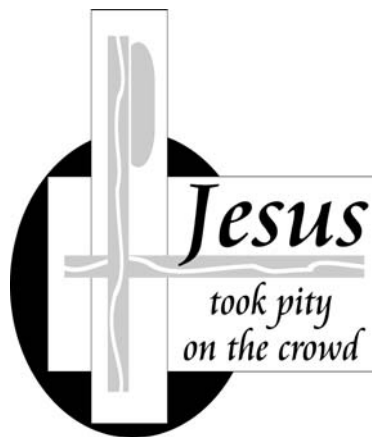


*From the Pastor's Desk*

We were blessed with a gorgeous day last Sunday afternoon to hold our annual Parish Picnic. I believe all who attended had a great time and I want to thank everybody who was helped to make it a success. I especially want to thank the numerous individuals who donated items and put in countless hours to make this day run so smoothly. Having the picnic on our own grounds worked very well and it is our hope that it continues to grow each year in numbers and events. Next year the women will challenge the men to a tug of war, but only after they participate in the extremely demanding (thankfully without injuries) musical chairs.

Congratulations to all the winners of our parish raffle which, again, was a great success. I have to express my gratitude to all those contributing to this important parish fundraiser and to the members of the Parish Council who ran it.



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them. 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.' People were coming and going in great numbers and had no opportunity even to eat... He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."**

A wonderful scene is created when children excitedly try to tell others of an exciting event, a game, a day at the beach, the circus. As they try to get words to portray their experience, the listeners are filled with joy knowing how satisfied they were.

St. Mark does the same thing with his pen as he describes the apostles summarizing their experience as His first evangelists. He listens attentively, smiles, perhaps asks a few lead questions, offers an encouraging word, while allowing them to absorb and appreciate what they have done. His calling them aside is to prepare them for what will follow.

I can use this passage and see myself in the presence of Jesus, telling Him of the great things which have happened in my life because of Him. The gift of my family and friends, the blessings received or the support given me, can be spoken of with great enthusiasm. He might ask me to rest a while, to think about other gifts received or tasks to be done. He might want to tell me that He has greater things in store for tomorrow.

I might use the words of St. Paul and his message of peace to examine where I may be the instrument of Christ's peace for others. I might look at the injustices which exist around me and our world, and see where I can use my gifts to bring about peace and justice. When I work as His instrument I am no different from the apostles who spent time with Him in the deserted place to reflect upon what He wants me to do.

## **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church**

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Our office is now closed for the summer and will reopen on August 17th. Phone calls and e-mails will be retrieved on a weekly basis, however.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Our first Vacation Bible School was a great success; to see the children working on crafts, listening to stories about the Saints and singing was pure joy! Thank you to the 88 families who had children participating in our program. Thank you to the 62 volunteers, both adult and teens, who worked so hard since February to make this week a success. Our volunteer participation ensured a wonderful experience for the children. To celebrate the unique connection we all enjoyed, you are invited to come to the 9am Mass on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR T-SHIRTS.** We want the church to be ablaze with Vacation Bible School colors.

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

Our R.C.I.A. program is designed to initiate non-baptized people into our faith, bring Christians of other denominations into full communion with the church, and provide adult training for Catholics who never received Communion or Confirmation; it is also a means of adult education for all in the faith. If anybody wishes to enter this program, they should contact Msgr. Desmond immediately at 227-1710. An informational meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Faith Formation building. We will begin our formal training sessions in September.

### **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).

### **PARENT CHILD CONNECTION**

Our Parent-Child Connection will meet at Secor Farm on July 21<sup>st</sup> for blueberry picking and at Wicopee Park on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Blessed Kateri Parish website for the full summer schedule of activities or contact Christina Gilroy at [scewillow@frontiernet.net](mailto:scewillow@frontiernet.net).

### **ROSARY GARDEN**

The Rosary Garden is complete...and there was much rejoicing!!! Please visit this beautiful labor of love. Thank you to Spencer Coffin and Monsignor Desmond for conceiving the project and to the following local businesses for donating their time, materials and labor: *Red Maple Landscaping, Red Wing Sand and Gravel, Beck and Sons Excavating, Bil Mar Nurseries, HG Page and Milton Alley Agway, Jennifer Van Tuyl Esq. of Cuddy Feder, Poughkeepsie Journal, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Blessed Kateri Faith Formation, Altar Rosary, Choir and Bible Study*

## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE**

The weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we welcome Sr. Jean Amore, SMIC, who will speak at all our liturgies about the experiences of Franciscan Mission Service lay missionaries. Franciscan Mission Service prepares and commissions Catholic women and men for a three year assignment among the poor and oppressed of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, living out their gospel call to mission and solidarity with the poor. This transformational experience equips the missionaries for a lifelong mission of social change in North America, to which they are committed. Please be generous in your financial support of overseas endeavors in response to the Church's call to mission in the world. Please visit their website at [www.franciscanmissionservice.org](http://www.franciscanmissionservice.org).

**SPECIAL NOTE: to accommodate the Franciscan Mission visit, the Latin America/Home Missions collection that was scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> has been moved to August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **CATECHIST NEEDED FOR TEENS**

We have an increasing number of high school students coming to us to learn about our faith who have none or limited prior religious education. We want to start a two year program to give ninth, tenth or eleventh graders a background in the faith and the opportunity to receive sacraments they may have missed. The demands of teaching high school students the basics of the faith calls for a catechist who really has a desire to instill in teens the desire to learn about and live out the Catholic faith. A teaching background would be extremely helpful for this. The need for the program and the students are there, we just need a person willing to take on this task. Anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Biasotti or Msgr. Desmond at 227-1710.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for help for their annual back to school drive. Please remember our less fortunate children by bringing in some much needed school supplies. Items such as lunch boxes, binders, pens, pencils, notebooks, rulers, backpacks, crayons, glue sticks etc. are being collected. Please bring your items to the church vestibule by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB**

This month's meeting of the Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will be on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm at Blessed Kateri Church. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Joan at 223-3097.

### **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES "SPIRIT FIRE"**

The St. Martin de Porres Community of Praise will sponsor an evening of prayer and praise featuring Spirit Fire on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm. The event will be held in St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie. Please call 462-3669 or 462-4510 for information.

*Marriage Banns*

III	Katherine DeMichael & Kevin McKeon
III	Lisa Fragoza & Anthony Rossini
II	Theresa Brennan & Marco Reis
II	Rene Drance & Richard Klusek

**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.

**FOCUS**

Andy Gibbons, an alumnus of St. Denis-St. Columba School, Our Lady of Lourdes High School and Boston College is a full-time Catholic missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). He will be working at Temple University in Philadelphia to bring Christ to college students. This weekend, after each liturgy, Andy will share his experiences with use. If you are interested in joining his mission partner support team or learning more about FOCUS' outreach to college students, contact Andy at (845) 797-6567 or [agibbons@focusonline.org](mailto:agibbons@focusonline.org) or [www.focusonline.org](http://www.focusonline.org).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are pasta, beef stew, peanut butter and macaroni and cheese. 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--Billy Jacobs- Victor Thomas  
Deneé DeVizio -Caitlin Ann Martin-Rick Cole-Maria Sorrentino  
Marcia Sabol-Marie Gauci-Richard DeLeo, Sr.-Ann Leonard  
Johnny Romano-Amanda Jones- Fred Matthews  
Wendy Sullivan--Frank Flora-Margaret Nenni -Michael Amadeo  
Raymond Tranggali-Susan Lancelli-Concetta Liccione  
Mary Griego-Bob Wilson-Joseph Liccione- Carmel Adams  
William Grafer-Mark Kearney- Frank Fetzer-Marie Fetzer  
Michael Besko-Suzanne Power-Marilyn Kurz  
Michael Murphy-Walter Shapiro-Nathaniel Hutnik

**PARISH INCOME REPORT**

Last Week's Collection:\$11,218  
Last Year's Collection: \$7,732

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

"Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the crowd, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." In this year of the priest, let us pray that the Lord may bless our priests and call many young people to roles of service in the church and that they answer positively.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
9:00am	For All Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 21</b>
9:00am	Adeline & William Pace by the Kraus family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 22</b>
9:00am	Anne Diggins by John & Cathy Reale
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 23</b>
9:00am	Robert George By John & Cathy Reale
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
9:00am	Elsie Guillaume by Deacon Bob & Judy Horton
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 25</b>
9:00am	Elizabeth Miller by the Johnson family
5:30pm	For All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 26</b>
9:00am	Anne Diggins by John McCormack & family
10:30am	Kenneth Baker by Patricia & James Zippilli
12:15pm	John E. Lee by the Robertaccio family
5:30pm	Christian Donovan Sobolewski by Barry Sobolewski

**SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendar now for a concert with organist Robert Fertitta to be held at Blessed Kateri on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Cesar Franck and more; with arrangements of songs by George Gershwin and Richard Rodgers. More information to follow.

**Liturgical Ministers for July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>5:00pm Sat</b> <b>Fr. Anthony</b>	Mary Ellen Coleman	Peter Bodnar, Cathy Anderson James Werber	Hannah Coffin, Katherine Coffin Richard Coffin
<b>9:00am</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Anne Whitton	Virginia Fisher, Elizabeth Perrino, Cathy Varano, Dennis Rosenfeld	James Hagen, Clare Whitton, Christopher Whitton
<b>10:30am</b> <b>Fr. Anthony</b>	John McCormack	Carol Reilly, Debra Outman, Kathleen Jastrzembksi, Patricia Mackey, Carolyn Criscione	Angelina Reale, Annemarie Reale Kevin Tatavitto
<b>12:15 pm</b> <b>Fr. Perez</b>	Mary Biasotti	Judy Van de Ven, Rosemary Archer Ruth Recchia	Jacqueline Rooney, Amanda Silva Emily Silva
<b>5:30pm Sun</b> <b>Fr. Anthony</b>		Tara Izzo, Maura Lee-Byrne Rosanne Desjardins	Timmy Desjardins, Julianne Desjardins, Vaughn Feighan