

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

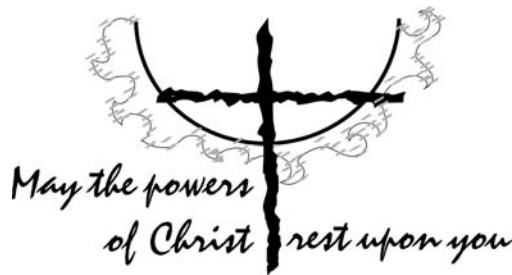
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said ‘Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! ... Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’ So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

How many people are traveling this weekend, some out of town, some staying nearby to celebrate Independence Day. As Jesus returned to His hometown, for a Sabbath holiday visit, surely many were happy to see Him. He assumed His role as teacher and touched their lives in many ways. Every town has its critics. Not satisfied with His wisdom and mighty deeds, some found reason to challenge. Jesus then limited His actions.

When we find time to criticize the church in an unhealthy way, we too limit the saving power of our God in our lives. The mighty deeds of God as described here and in the Acts of the Apostles continue to be manifest through our hands, our lips, our actions. We are the ones to make His power present. Criticism is limiting, the exercise of His grace is limitless. That is why Paul was able to say ‘when I am weak, then I am strong.’

Our faith in Jesus is strong. We ask that He continue to work His mighty deeds through us, in feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, welcoming the stranger, promoting justice and caring for the most vulnerable. Such prophetic voices are not always acceptable, but look what happened to Jesus.



BLESSED KATERI'S SIXTH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Save the date: SUNDAY, JULY 12th

For the first time, we are able to hold our annual picnic right here on the beautiful grounds of Blessed Kateri. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, soda for sale; ice cream and watermelon will be provided. Join us for a relaxing day outside and have a delightful picnic. **The picnic will commence immediately following the 12:15pm Mass and will end with the 5:30pm Mass.**

Games will be organized by the Knights of Columbus!

"Take a Chance on Blessed Kateri" Drawing to be held at the day's end!
So that we may plan free refreshments, please provide this information by July 3rd:

Your Family Name _____ We will buy food _____ We will bring food _____

Number for Ice Cream and Watermelon _____

Return this form to the Rectory by collection basket, or by mail: 1925 Rt. 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS IN NEED OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT HOURS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME BETWEEN 10:30AM AND 12:15PM TO SET UP FOR THE PICNIC OR COME AFTER 12:15 MASS TO HELP SERVE FOOD. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 227-1710 X2 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME.

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.

On Saturday, July 11th, our Landscaping Committee will need lots of help planting our parish's new Rosary Garden. Incoming eighth grade students are encouraged to participate in this endeavor as part of their Christian Service Project. Come anytime and bring gloves, rakes, trowels and buckets, if you have them, along with your form to be signed.

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. We will begin our formal training sessions in September.

ROSARY GARDEN

The Landscape Committee will be constructing the Rosary Garden on Saturday, July 11th from 7am until dusk (rain or shine). Volunteers are needed! Please feel free to show up for any amount of time you can spare. Work clothes, gloves and any hand tools (including wheel barrows) would be appreciated. This is a great opportunity for students requiring service hours.

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

Our Parent-Child Connection will meet at Stew Leonard's in Danbury (exit 7, Federal Road) on July 7th. Please check the Blessed Kateri Parish website for the full summer schedule of activities or contact Christina Gilroy at scewillow@frontiernet.net.

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The annual collection for the national Black and Indian Missions is scheduled for next weekend. Your generous support in the past has enabled the Black and Indian Mission Office to assist some of **the neediest** people across the United States. Last year, your generosity enabled several archdioceses and dioceses to receive financial support by way of annual grants for local evangelization programs and pastoral activities.

DUCKS (TEEN GROUP)

Thank you to all the chaperones who accompanied our altar servers and teens to Dorney Park. We had 44 kids and adults enjoy this trip and look forward to doing it again next year. I hope our teens will continue in their spirit of giving and help us with the parish picnic on July 12th.

KAROL THEATRE AT ST. COLUMBA

The Karol Theatre Inc. will hold a concert at St. Columba School on Saturday, July 11th, at 7pm. The concert will include modern and hip hop dance, rap music, classical music and poetry. The internationally acclaimed St. Michael's Warriors Dance Company will perform. A suggested donation of \$10 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens is requested. Children under 8 are free.

ST. DENIS SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Charles Junjulas, MA will present "The Gospel of St. Mark" this summer at the St. Denis Parish Center. Six classes will be held from 7pm to 9pm on July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, August 5th, August 12th and August 19th. Please contact suedefor@aol.com or 489-2624 for fee schedule and more information.

TAKE A CHANCE ON BLESSED KATERI

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to "Take a Chance on Blessed Kateri". If you haven't already returned your raffle tickets, please do so soon so you don't miss the drawing on July 12th.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER CARNIVAL
THURSDAY JULY 16 through SATURDAY JULY 18

Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 - 11pm

On STRINGHAM ROAD Next to TOWN HALL

Exciting Rides, Great Food, Fun Games and More! Live Music Every Night

FIREWORKS on SATURDAY NIGHT - THURSDAY NIGHT Pay One Price For All Rides

Marriage Banns

- III *Laura Sweeney*
 & *Joseph Johnson*
- II *Melody DeVernoy*
 & *Michael DeMedico*
- I *Katherine DeMichael*
 & *Kevin McKeon*
- I *Lisa Fragozo*
 & *Anthony Rossini*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

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.

CATHOLICS CAN FIND MASS TIMES

Lists of churches and Mass times are provided for churches in the United States and throughout the world at www.masstimes.org. Click on the Church Lookups link and find a Mass anywhere – even in LaGrangeville! You may find this website useful during your summer travels.

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-Richard DeLeo, Sr.-Ann Leonard
- Johnny Romano-Amanda Jones- Fred Matthews
- Victor Thomas-Wendy Sullivan-Terri Schollmeyer-Frank Flora
- Raymond Trangalli-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-Nathan Hutnik

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$8,982
Last Year's Collection: \$8,387

PETITION OF THE WEEK

On this 4th of July weekend, we thank God, in a special way, for the freedoms that we have as Americans. Special gratitude goes to those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces. We pray for a deep respect of life, especially for the unborn in our nation. We also pray for the safety of those that are vacationing this time of year.

Pastor's Note

We welcome Fr. Anthony Kemetse from Ghana. He will be spending the month of July assisting us. I know you will give him a warm Blessed Kateri welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** **July 6**
9:00am For All Parishioners
- Tuesday** **July 7**
9:00am Joyce Powell
 by the Office of Faith Formation
- Wednesday** **July 8**
9:00am Helen Duggan
- Thursday** **July 9**
9:00am James O'Driscoll
 by the Slevin family
- Friday** **July 10**
9:00am Dorothy Allison
 by Richard and Joan Crowe
- Saturday** **July 11**
9:00am Mary Elizabeth Smith (L)
 by Suzanne Power
 Rita and Thomas Dillon
 by the Dillon family
- Sunday** **July 12**
9:00am George Passarelli
 by his family
10:30am Thomas Lowery
 by Lillianne Lowery
12:15pm John Spellman
 by his family
5:30pm John Lee
 by the Murphy family

Liturgical Ministers for July 12th, 2009

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	Noe Ramon Iliano	Joan Crowe, Rosanne Desjardins Peter Bodnar	Timothy and Julianne Desjardins Joel Fredrickson
9:00am Msgr. Desmond	Laura Leahy	Kathleen Jastrzembski, Sally Mastreani Cathy Varano, Dennis Rosenfeld	Adam Varano, Amanda D'Angelo Vaughn Feighan
10:30am Fr. Anthony	John Morgan	Debra Outman, Elizabeth Perrino, Carol Reilly, Carolyn Criscione, Lorraine Travia	Brad Fisher, Hunter Criscione Alex Rodriguez
12:15 pm Msgr. Desmond	Mary Beth Schmidt	Julie and Dave Borges Ruth Recchia	Julia and Sean Sheridan Jacqueline Rooney
5:30pm Sun Fr. Anthony		Tara Izzo, Stephen and Margaret Ren	Claire and Elizabeth Baxter Jenna McGowan