

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

A rich woman invites many guests to her home to eat and drink. She appeals to those who lack understanding to forsake foolishness and “advance in the way of understanding.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul advises the Ephesians to abandon foolish ways and evil deeds. All Christians should concentrate on doing God’s will before all other things. He reminds them to always give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus had just told the crowd that anyone who ate of the bread he planned to give would live forever, and that this bread was his flesh, which he would give up for the sake of the world. The people do not understand, but Jesus reassures them that his flesh is real food and that “those who feed on this bread shall live forever.”

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GOD IS NEAR



TO ALL WHO CALL

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord... be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything...”

Can you imagine sitting in Turkey today (which is where Ephesus is located) receiving a letter from St. Paul, encouraging you to live your Christian life to the fullest? His letter is readdressed to you here as you read these words, asking that you understand what is God's will. We pray daily “Your will be done” but rarely do we pause and ask what that might mean for me, today, in these present circumstances.

As we strive to grow in our Christian lives we seek to know the will of God and do it. We can do this asking for His Spirit to enlighten us and sharing our faith experience with others. In this way we can be 'delivered from evil' which surrounds us and take giant strides as missionary disciples of the Lord.

Daily we 'watch carefully' using safeguards like smoke alarms, automobile air bags, warning lights to call our attention to danger and provide protection. Our Christian lives deserve nothing less.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The office will re-open on Monday, August 24th. Late registration for students entering grades 1-8 will be held on Wednesday, August 26th, 10am-1pm and 5-7pm in the Faith Formation Center (old church). New families should bring their children's Baptismal Certificates and records of prior religious education, if applicable. Immediately prior to the Labor Day weekend, the parents of all enrolled students will receive written confirmation of their children's class placement along with the annual calendar. Classes begin the week of September 14th.

Faith Formation in our parish is a team effort and we want you to be part of our team! Pretty soon we'll be gearing up again for fall classes, which begin this year on September 14th. Because our program continues to grow (we are planning for 900 students this fall!), we are in constant need of all types of volunteers. We always need catechists, but also need adult and teen classroom assistants, tutors for students making up missed work, assistance with Family Catechesis, catechists for our new Confirmation Prep program and adult hall monitors and office help during class time. **All parishioners (not just parents) are asked to prayerfully consider how they can assist us** in our first full year with nine classrooms! A more detailed want ad will be forthcoming in next week's bulletin.

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

In today's busy world, married couples face challenges that may pull them in many different directions. Take time to "Celebrate Marriage" on Saturday, September 26th at Blessed Kateri Parish from 10am to 4:30pm. This day of enrichment, hosted by the Family Life/Respect Life Office, is specifically designed to give married couples an opportunity to focus on their life-long love and commitment and rekindle the joy. For information and reservations, contact Nancy Rizzi at (212) 371-1000 x3190 or nancy.rizzi@archny.org.

ORGAN CONCERT

On Sunday, September 27th at 2:30pm Blessed Kateri Parish will host an organ concert featuring works by Couperin, Bach, Franck, Saint-Saëns, Vierne and arrangements of Gershwin and Rodgers played by Robert Fertitta. There will be a \$10.00 freewill offering and a reception after the concert.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN RCIA PROGRAM

We have had an increasing number of high school students coming to us to learn about our faith who have no, or limited, prior religious education. We will be starting 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. If you are, or know of such a student, please contact Mary Biasotti or Msgr. Desmond at 227-1710. We have had a wonderful response to our request for catechists for our teen RCIA program and, therefore,

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

we can now move forward to ensure our young people receive a foundation in the faith.

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.

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.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Cursillo weekends at Mr. Alvernia:

Men – October 29th through November 1st or March 11th through March 14th. **Women** – November 19th through November 22nd or April 8th through April 11th.

If interested, please call Terry Fisher at 297-4711.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB

This month's meeting of the Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will be on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7pm at Blessed Kateri Church. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Joan at 223-3097.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PIG ROAST

The crew team of Our Lady of Lourdes High School welcomes you to their 7th Annual Pig roast to be held on Saturday, September 19th from 4pm to 10pm at the Hudson River Rowing Association Boathouse in Poughkeepsie. Join us for great food, music, dancing and a silent auction. Admission tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students 6-18 years of age; younger children are free. Please contact Josie at 226-2771 or boston@frontiernet.net.

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL, ELMSFORD

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Elmsford is celebrating their 80th anniversary with a dinner dance at Antun's. Tickets are \$75 per person for a night of food, friends and memories. For information, please call Sr. Mary Stephen at 914-592-7575 or visit their website www.olmcalumni.com.

Join us for 9am Mass Monday through Saturday. It is a great way to start each day.

Marriage Banns

III	Kristin Quinlan & Matthew Schmidt
I	Joan Murray & Jonathan Orzen
I	Jessica Manfredi & Salvatore Pontillo

**ST. DENIS /ST. COLUMBA
SCHOOL OPENING**

St. Denis/St. Columba School will open for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, September 9th. Students are to report to school in complete summer uniform. You may wear the summer uniform until informed otherwise. New students entering first grade are asked to wear name tags indicating the student's name, school district and bus number. All returning second graders should wear these name tags also. September 9th, 10th, and 11th will be full days of school; there is no early dismissal on these days. **Students will need to bring their lunch from home until further notice.**

**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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week the items needed by the SVDP food pantry are canned sweet potatoes, ketchup, canned beans, pasta, rice 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--Michael Amadeo
- Raymond Trangalli-Susan Lancella-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
- Baby Joseph Speziale

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$9,912
Last Year's Collection: \$8,425

PETITION OF THE WEEK

May the Bread of Life we share every week in the Eucharist show to those we meet each day that Christ is truly present in the world and in us. We pray to the Lord...

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9:00am	August 17 William F. Hattar by his family
Tuesday 9:00am	August 18 Kathleen Pratley
Wednesday 9:00am	August 19 Dorothy Allison by Dusty Maiolo
Thursday 9:00am	August 20 Eleanor Rayll by Brian and Eleanor Rokes
Friday 9:00am	August 21 Charles Hinkle by Honorah Hinkle
Saturday 9:00am	August 22 George Marinelli by Don & Lynne Cannatella
5:00pm	Mario DiCesare by his family
Sunday 9:00am	August 23 John Sanseverino by his family
10:30am	Candelora Paolercio by the DePalma & Van Hoesen families
12:15pm	Patrick Hennessy by his mother, Mary Hennessy
5:30pm	Katherine Crowe by the Hanrahan family

HELP WANTED

Your help is needed in locating 1983 St. Columba School graduates for our upcoming reunion. If you or someone you know graduated from St. Columba in 1983 (they would be turning 40 this year) please email their name and contact information to Christina Flynn-Fisher at cmfrn5213@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help!

Liturgical Ministers for August 23rd, 2009

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat Fr. Perez	Mary Ellen Coleman	Beverly Austin, Andrea Cirone Anthony Cirone	Julianne and Timothy Desjardins Joseph Wiley
9:00am Fr. Perez	John McCormack	Christopher Filachek, Andrea Ceonzo, Tara Izzo, Christine Rogers Betty Perrino	Courtney Meester Clare and Christopher Whitton
10:30am Fr. Perez	Joe Mackey	Pat Mackey, Rosealice D'Avanzo Lorraine Travia, Debra Outman, Robert Malara	Angela Alessandro, Ryan Quinn James Hagen
12:15 pm Fr. Perez	Mary Ellen McCue	David and Julie Borges Rita Rogers	Amanda and Emily Silva Amber Hammerschlag
5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez		Lisa Davis, Roseanne Desjardins Alfonse DiDonato, Jr.	Robert Slevin, Alexandra Straley Christian Murphy