

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that “I, the Lord, am your God”. God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God’s image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the Bread of Life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

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**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Amen, amen I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled... So they said to him, 'What can we do to accomplish the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them 'This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent'... Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger...'”

Earlier Jesus used the five barley loaves and two fish taken from the boy and fed the multitude. They wanted more, and He gave it to them, more than they realized. Their request to do the works of God is the Lord's request to us. We are called to feed the hungry, refresh the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for prisoners, and visit the sick. These works express our belief in the one who sent Him.

In these trying economic times, when the challenges which surround us seem overwhelming, maybe it is the right moment to begin doing the work of God through the works of mercy. We need not look far to find someone who needs the touch, a sign of Jesus' compassion and concern. A twofold benefit results – we do the work of God in Christ Jesus, and the Christ in others recognizes His work through us.

Who and what are we looking for?

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our office is now closed for the summer and will reopen on August 24th. Phone calls and e-mails will be retrieved on a weekly basis, however.

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 at the end of August.

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 10th 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.

FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE

Next weekend 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.

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Friday, August 7th, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9am Mass; Benediction will be at 4:30pm. Come and spend some special time with our Lord and receive his graces. You may come any time during the day.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, or temporarily waived. This year the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on Saturday, August 15th. In this case, Catholics in the United States are not required to attend Mass. For additional information you can visit www.USCCB.org.

To honor Mary, our mother, please come to our 9am Mass on Saturday morning.

CATECHIST NEEDED FOR TEENS

We have an increasing number of high school students coming to us to learn about our faith who have no, 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 narthex by August 9th.

TRI-PARISH YOUNG ADULTS

If you are college age or older, please join us on Saturday, August 8th at 6:30pm for a tri-parish young adult gathering at the St. Columba Convent meeting room. You are guaranteed to enjoy the company and have some fun! For more information and future events, please contact eflora616@yahoo.com.

GOOD NIGHT AND GOD BLESS

Good Night and God Bless is the first in a series of guides to convent and monastery accommodation for tourists and pilgrims traveling in Europe. Visit your local bookshop or www.goodnightandgodbless.com.

Marriage Banns

1 *Kristen Quinlan*
 & *Matthew Schmidt*

SINGLE PARENT GROUP

The Blessed Kateri Single Parent Support Group will hold their first meeting on August 6th at 6pm in the St. Francis room of the Faith Formation Building. All single parents are welcome to interact and discuss their trials and tribulations.

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.

MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS RETREATS

Mount St. Alphonsus, located on the banks of the Hudson River in Esopus, announces the following upcoming programs:

- *Styles of Contemplation:*
Saturday, August 15
- *How to Write Your Autobiography:*
Saturday, August 22
- *Church Music Lover's Retreat:*
Friday through Sunday, August 28-30
- *Angels in Heaven: Coping with Pregnancy Loss:*
Saturday, September 12

Reservations and deposits are required for all programs. For additional information, please call 384-8000 or visit www.mountsaintalphonsus.org.

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 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-Nathaniel Hutnik
 Baby Joseph Speziale

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last Week's Collection: \$9,136

Last Year's Collection: \$8,287

PETITION OF THE WEEK

For all those who have become parishioners of Blessed Kateri and those who received the Sacraments during the month of July, that they may continue to grow in the faith with the support of their fellow parishioners and the love of God, let us pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday August 3
 9:00am For All Parishioners

Tuesday August 4
 9:00am Umberto & Elisa Ruffolo
 by Antonia Tenuto

Wednesday August 5
 9:00am Stewart Cronk
 by the Sullivan family

Thursday August 6
 9:00am Family of Elizabeth Miller (L)
 by Mary Cretekos

Friday August 7
 9:00am Thomas Hughes
 by Donna Lynch

Saturday August 8
 9:00am Denise Diana
 by Maria & David Cordoni
 Elsie & Peter Capozzi
 by the Morse family

Sunday August 9
 9:00am Barry Ollis
 by the Dubowski family
 10:30am Thomas Lowery
 by Lillianne Lowery
 12:15pm Veronica Strode
 by Patricia & James Zippilli
 5:30pm Mabel Snell
 by Donna Lynch

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Liturgical Ministers for August 9nd, 2009

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00pm Sat	Mary Beth Schmidt	Cathy Anderson, Carol Reilly, Dennis Rosenfeld	Julianne and Timmy Desjardins, Joel Fredrickson
9:00am	Laura Leahy	Betty Paraggio, Rosealice D'Avanzo, Diana Schopen, Virginia Fisher, Robert Malara	Vaughn Feighan, Lauren Kirchner, Amanda D'Angelo
10:30am	John Morgan	John McCormack, Keith McCartney Lorraine Travia, Judy Van de Ven, Rose Morse	Joseph Wiley, Ryan Quinn, Tabitha Akins
12:15 pm	Norma Kraus	David Borges, Julie Borges, Margaret DeSa	Jacqueline Rooney, Victoria Scalise, Robert Slevin
5:30pm Sun	Bernie Zerfas	Lisa Davis, Alfonse DiDonato Jr. Maura Lee-Byrne	Olivia Vales, Joseph Vales