

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 Parish Office at 227-1710. If you prefer, you may email Deacon John at JBarone49@gmail.com.

PRAYER NETWORK

The Prayer Network is a way to have prayers requested. Your intentions may be given to Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053 or Betty Paraggio at 223-5674, to be prayed for by our "vine" of caring people.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Youth Choir practices on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:00 pm; Adult Choir practices are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm; Contemporary Ensemble practices are Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 pm. All practices are in the church. Please contact our Music Director, Nina Ricci, at BKMusicMinistry@gmail.com for more information.

PARENT/CHILD CONNECTION

The Parent-Child Connection provides a safe playgroup for young children and an opportunity for adults to share their understanding of early childhood issues in an environment that promotes Catholic values. Please visit our parish website to see a complete schedule.

T.L.C. TRI PARISH TEEN GROUP

The teen group is a program for all the high school students in the parishes of St. Denis, St. Columba and Blessed Kateri. The program includes fun activities such as outings and trips, service activities for the parish and greater community, and opportunities to learn more about your faith.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New parishioners are always welcome. New Parishioner Forms are available in the church narthex, at the Parish Office, or online. If you are a regular contributor, please consider becoming a member to ensure receipt of a tax statement at each year-end.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is the world's most distinguished "Friends of the Poor". The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need. **Hotline for those in need:** 227-7863

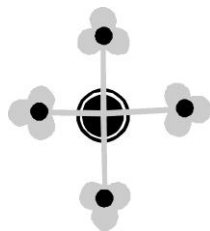
DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

Adopt –A-Night (feeding homeless)	223-5001 Vivian LaColla
Adult Faith Form/Bible Study	223-3658 Julie Borges
Altar Linens	227-2807 Geraldine Natale
Altar Rosary Society	454-1840 Betty Perrino
Altar Servers	227-1710 Fr. Graebe
Baking	221-2741 Lorraine Travia
Baptismal Program	226-8987 Deacon Bob
Bereavement Group	221-2741 Lorraine Travia bktbereavement@optonline.net
Blood Drives	221-0203 Ed Hogarty
Catechists	227-1710 X3 Mary Biasotti
Chapel/Church Cleaners	223-5650 Mary Covucci
Charismatic Prayer Group	440-3519 Pat Mackey
Church Decorators	227-1529 Cathy Varano
Cursillo	226-5207 Tony Martino
Discover Christ	223-3658 Julie Borges
Ecumenical Group	223-3658 Dave Borges
Employment Support	896-0600 Joseph Carey
Eucharistic Adoration	223-3658 Dave Borges
Eucharistic Ministers	592-8088 Deacon Ted
Family Catechesis	453-7873 Pat Atkinson beyondthebluedoor@prodigy.net
Fund Raising	677-6496 Anthony Cirone
Gardening/Landscaping	489-0956 John Gunn
Hospital/Homebound Visits	223-8410 Deacon John
Hospitality	677-6496 Andrea Cirone
Knights of Columbus	705-6098 Christian Jones christianjhvac@aol.com
Lectors	223-8410 Deacon John
Liturgical Minister Schedule	227-1710 Joan Crowe
Junior High Club	227-8382 Larry Ryan St. Denis
Marriage Encounter	223-5661 Anne Anderson
Men's Group	223-3658 Dave Borges
Music Ministry/Youth Choir	227-3643 Nina Ricci
Pancake Breakfast	223-5951 Bob & Ellen Newhard
Parent-Child Connection	914-275-2637 Kristin DeGregorio KBDeGregorio@yahoo.com bksocialcomm@yahoo.com
Parish Activities	Ed & Laura Leahy
Prayer Shawl Ministry	223-5001 Vivian LaColla
Prayer Network	226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
R.C.I.A./R.C.I.T.	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond bktrcia@gmail.com
Right To Life	siestasix@frontiernet.net Anne Whitton mamie13383@aol.com
Single Parent Support	Marie Nazzaro
Spiritual Life	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
St. Vincent de Paul	227-7863 Carol Grafer
Sunday's Children's Liturgy	226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
Support for Military Families	635-3623 John & Ruth Recchia
TLC Teen Group	227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
Teen Music Ministry	227-3643 Nina Ricci
Ushers/Greeters	677-6496 Anthony Cirone
Vacation Bible School	226-8987 Judy Horton
Young Adult Group/Underground No.	227-8380 C/o St. Columba

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks



1656-1680
Memorial - 14 July



Prayer For Canonization

O God, who, among the many marvels of Your Grace in the New World, did cause to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant we beseech You, the favor we beg through her intercession, that this Young Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be counted among the Saints of Holy Mother Church, and that our hearts may be enkindled with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence and faith. We ask this through the same Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	August 29
9:00 am	For All Parishioners
Tuesday	August 30
9:00 am	
Wednesday	August 31
9:00 am	Anne Lou Ricci By a Friend
Thursday	September 1
9:00 am	
Friday	September 2
9:00 am	
Saturday	September 3
9:00 am	
5:00 pm	Mary Spinozza By Cathy DiOrio
Sunday	September 4
9:00 am	Connie Santoiemmo By Tony Martino
10:30 am	Thomas Lowery By Lillianne Lowery
12:15 pm	Eligio Barone By the Cioppa Family
5:30 pm	Joey Milea By the Ricci Family

PETITION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reminds us that in following Jesus we have to be willing to take up His Cross. Let us pray for the courage and strength to always be able to do that. Let us also pray for our college students, that they may be example of the Christian faith to their classmates while at college.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to have your name, or someone who has given permission to have their name added to the prayer list, call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053. Names will remain on the list for two months.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in the military:

Mark Baaden, Jamie Babon, Michael Baibagallo, Kelly Finn, Matthew Howard, Angie Jablecki, Kenneth Jablecki, Zachery Kirchner, Brendan Recchia, William C. Smith, Jr., Hugh Sullivan, Jr., Matthew Walsh, Ian Mackay, Edward Raudnael

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	August 29
6:30 pm	International Night Dinner Meeting Faith Formation Building: St. Paul
7:00 pm	Discovering Christ Organization Meeting Church Meeting Room
7:30 pm	Confessions Chapel
Tuesday	August 30
7:00 pm	New Catechist Orientation Faith Formation Building: St. Paul
7:15 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group Chapel
Wednesday	August 31
After 9 am	Confessions Chapel
6:30 pm	Discovering Christ Hospitality Faith Formation Building: St. Nicholas
7:00 pm	Bible Study Faith Formation Building: St. Anthony
Thursday	September 1
6:00 pm	Annual Catechist Meeting Church Meeting Room
7:00 pm	RCIA Meeting Faith Formation Building: St. Paul
Friday	September 2
3:00 pm	Adoration Chapel
Saturday	September 3
9:45 pm	Baptism Class Faith Formation Building: St. Paul
10:00 pm	Discovering Christ Training Meeting Church Meeting Room
4:00 pm	Confessions Chapel

Please pray for those who are ill:

Ed Crivello, Walter DePaola, Denee DeVizio, William Grafer, Patrick Henry, Lucille Johnson, Carole Kerney, Joseph Mackey, Kate Madigan, Linda McColgin, Mary Sorrentino, Bruce Sullivan

PARISH INCOME REPORT

Last week's in-pew collection: \$ 9,001.50
Last year's in-pew collection: \$ 8,411.00
Parish Pay for August: \$ 13,375.40

SEPTEMBER 4, LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 pm Sat Msgr. Desmond	John McCormack	Jean Bartoes, Betty Paraggio, Suzanne Power	Allana Dickeson, Mia Foucek, Michael Marma
9:00 am Msgr. Desmond	Mary Biasotti	Rosanne Desjardins, Judy Horton, Patricia Lyons, Diane Maddock, Diana Schopen	Brianna Akins, Joseph Wiley, Olivia Gomez
10:30 am Fr. Graebe	John Reale, III	David Borges, Julie Borges, Patricia Mackey, Mary Ellen McCue, Shirley Sullivan	Shannon Burke, Kristen Cain, Benjamin Reale
12:15 pm Msgr. Desmond	Walter Kraus	Rose Morse, Rita Rogers, Debbie Scianimanico	Christopher Barnett, Eileen Clerkin, Ashley Miller
5:30 pm Fr. Graebe	Brianna Iannucci	Maura Lee-Byrne, Margaret Paulmann	Alexandra Straley

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lots of good decisions and renewed commitment come from being quiet with Jesus, especially on the First Friday of each month. **This Friday, September 2nd, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm with Benediction at 9:00 pm.** We invite you to be present for one hour during the day, while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on our altar. This may prove to be a most peaceful and rewarding hour. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for you to indicate the time you will spend in adoration.

Marriage Banns

- III Nayara Marques & Ritch Vilas*
- III Lupe Vazquez & Michael Rotundo*
- II Melissa Dvozeuja & Andrew Thomes*
- II Roseanne Morse & Gennaro DeSimone*
- I Stephanie Ceonzo & David Klepeis*

R.C.I.A.

There will be an informational meeting for all those interested in this year's RCIA Program this Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 pm in Saint Paul's Meeting Room, Faith Formation Building. The RCIA Program is designed for those adults who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian Faith who want to become Catholic, and those baptized Catholic but have not received their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. All are welcome to attend this meeting and find out about the RCIA Program.

R.C.I.T.

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 conducting 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. We just completed our first two years of this program and the first participants were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. We already have several signed up for next year. If you are, or know of such a student, please contact Mary Biasotti or Msgr. Desmond at 227-1710.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNERS

Last year we started a very successful idea of having parishioners host different nationalities dinners on the third Saturday of every month. All were well attended and enjoyed by all. We want to continue that again this year. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in preparing a dinner on Monday evening, August 29th at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Building. We would like to start the first dinner on September 17th, so we need a group to be up and running very quickly

Please Join Us at 9 am Daily Mass

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The TLC will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 11th, after the 9 and 10:30 am Masses. It will be usually held on the first Sunday of the month, but will be on the 11th in September because of Labor Day Weekend.

FARWELL PARTY FOR FATHER RONALD PEREZ

Father Ronald Perez, now assigned to Saint Charles Parish in Staten Island is returning to celebrate the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 9th. We will host a "Goodbye Brunch" for him after the Mass. Any individual or group willing to assist in the preparation of this event is asked to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

TLC+ TEENS LOVING CHRIST+TLC

There will be a planning meeting for adults and those teens who want to serve on the core planning group on Tuesday, August 30th, at 7 pm in the Church Meeting Room. Like last year, we have many adults willing to get involved, so that we would ask an adult to commit to only one or two events during the year. These events include meetings, service activities, trips and outings, and pancake breakfasts. Any adults willing to be involved but unable to attend are asked to contact Msgr. Desmond.

The first Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, September 11th after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses.

The first General Meeting will be on Sunday, September 11th after the 5:30 pm Mass, from 6:30 - 8 pm. There will be introductions, "Minute to Win Games", and an Ice Cream Social. ALL high school teens are invited and urged to attend. Bring a friend.

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office is now open Monday-Thursday 10 am - 5 pm, except for Labor Day. New and current families who have not yet registered their children for fall classes should stop in as soon as possible. Current families should bring their blue forms, and new families should first enroll as members of the parish, if they have not already done so. New families should also bring their children's Baptismal Certificates and proof of prior religious education, where applicable. Faith Formation begins in first grade.

Several catechists are still needed to evangelize our children. This Thursday, September 1st, we will have our Annual Catechist Meeting, during which many important items will be discussed. Don't miss out! Call our office early this week to volunteer, or see Mrs. Biasotti in the narthex after each of the Masses this weekend to see what classes are still in need of a catechist.

Classes begin on September 12th, with full ninety minute sessions, beginning in the church. Letters containing important information regarding your child's class placement will be mailed home immediately prior to Labor Day.

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FAITH FORMATION 8TH GRADE SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Formation 8th grade students are needed to help prepare for the new school year. Students will work in two hour time slots, 10 am - Noon, Noon – 2 pm or 2-4 pm, August 29th – September 1st. Please contact Mrs. Wendy Young as to your availability, but please do not report unless you are contacted by Mrs. Biasotti a day in advance. Bring your Christian Service Project Forms.

Faith Formation 8th grade students are requested to be part of the hospitality team for the Discovering Christ meetings, in the Blessed Kateri Church Meeting Room every Friday night from September 9th – October 28th. Three 8th grade students are requested for each Friday night from 5:30 to 9:30 pm.

Faith Formation 8th grade students are requested to help the 6th Annual Music Festival and Wellness Fair on Saturday, September 10th at Freedom Park in LaGrange, 2-7 pm. Student volunteers can help with face painting, selling water and chips, or welcome people to the fair. Each student volunteer gets an OrCA T-shirt to wear the day of the event.

Faith Formation 8th grade students are requested to help the Blessed Kateri Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 7th. Two students for each time slot, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, 4:30 – 6:30 pm and 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Faith Formation 8th grade students are needed to help with the Children's Liturgy Program at the 9 am Masses this year. This commitment runs from mid-September until mid-May. Interested students may complete all of their required hours by participating in this year-long project. Mrs. Nancy Vaughn, Coordinator of the Children's Liturgy Program, will contact all students who sign up with Mrs. Young.

Please contact Mrs. Wendy Young, CSP Coordinator, at service10hours@aol.com to sign up.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Rehearsal for the Adult Choir begins on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm and Youth Choir rehearsal begins September 21st from 6-7 pm. Rehearsals are in the main church. Children in grades 2nd through High School are welcome to join the Youth Choir. High School students through adults are welcome to join the Adult Choir. For more information, please visit our website at www.BlessedKateriMusic.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week, the SVDP's Food Pantry is in need of: canned potato, cake & muffin mix, jello, and toothpaste. If you would like to volunteer or become a member, please call 227-7863. The next meeting will be September 14th at 7 pm in the Convent Meeting Room at St. Columba.

LIGHTHOUSE CD'S AND BROCHURES

These inspiring talks are available after Mass in the narthex. We now have ten new titles. For any questions, contact Dusty Maiolo at (845) 590-1601.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will begin September 8th at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Chapel. The group will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 pm for a total of eight sessions. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the "Journey", please e-mail bktbereavement@optonline.net or call Lorraine Travia at 221-2741 for additional information.



COME AND BE REFRESHED

DISCOVERING CHRIST FRIDAYS AT 6:45 PM FROM SEPTEMBER 9th TO OCTOBER 28th

Please join us in the Church Meeting Room for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is an eight week series that will begin Friday, September 9th.

This course is designed to revitalize your faith or to bring your family and friends back to a personal relationship with Jesus.

Please contact the Parish Office or Julie Borges at juliamajor1@gmail.com for more info or to sign up.

9 O'CLOCK CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers are needed to enable the 9 o'clock children's liturgy program to continue. Volunteering your time would mean about one Sunday a month, beginning September 25th. High school juniors and seniors are welcome. Please call Nancy Vaughn at 226-4053 for more information.

SEPTEMBER HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass, with the flow of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit", will be sponsored by *Spirit Wind Prayer Group* on Tuesday, September 6th. Praise and worship, in the main church, will be 7 pm; Mass at 7:30 pm; individual prayers for healing following Mass. For details, call Pat or Joe at 845-440-3519 or Dave or Julie at 845-223-3658.

DISCOVERING CHRIST-HOSPITALITY

We are having a meeting on August 31st in St. Nicholas of the Faith Formation Building at 6:30 pm. For any questions, please contact Dusty Maiolo at 845-590-1601.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE VICAR GENERAL**

Every day we are seeing more and more heartbreaking news about the drought and famine in Somalia and the eastern parts of Africa. We see millions of people being forced from their homes, leaving behind what meager possessions they had, and walking for days over rough terrain. There are parents whose little children have died, and children who have been orphaned. They are suffering from hunger, thirst, disease, and drought. It is a humanitarian crisis that cries out for help to Christians throughout the world. The Holy Father, on several occasions, has asked Catholics to respond generously to the desperate needs of our brothers and sisters in East Africa.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is already on the ground, providing as much aid as they can with current resources. CRS can use all the help we can offer in this tragic situation. Through CRS our generosity could literally feed thousands and provide them clean water, shelter, and other life-saving goods.

Please make your check payable to the Archdiocese of New York with a notation on the check, **Africa Drought Response**. We will forward the funds directly to Catholic Relief Services.

With assurance of my prayerful best wishes, I am, Fraternally in Christ, Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan.

**BLESSED KATERI
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during the month of August. Meetings will resume Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm in the St. Cecilia Meeting room of the Faith Formation Building and continue every other Tuesday thereafter. Donations of yarn and shawls are always accepted. For more information, call Vivian LaColla, 223-5001.

**RECOVERY SUNDAY –
SEPTEMBER 4TH**

Next weekend all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will once again celebrate RECOVERY SUNDAY. This is the 13th annual day of prayer for all those struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. Recovery Sunday was inaugurated in 1999 by Cardinal O'Connor and continues now under the leadership of Archbishop Dolan. Let us share with our brothers and sisters who struggle with this illness the message of hope... Please join us!! Mark your calendar!



Last Call!!!



Don't miss out on our exciting opportunity to win big \$\$\$ in our annual BKT Fundraising Raffle. If you haven't already, please return your raffle entries as soon as possible. Drawing to be held Labor Day weekend (Sunday Sept. 4th) after the 12:15 Mass!!!



The Heroes We'll Never Forget



All donors will receive a 9/11 Remembrance Pin!

Donors must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent), weigh 110 lbs or more, bring signature or picture I.D., and eat and drink before donating.

For more information, call 1(800) 933-BLOOD (2566) or go to www.nybloodcenter.org

New Jersey Blood Services
A Division of New York Blood Center

BKT BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive is scheduled to be held in the Church Meeting Room on Wednesday, September 7th from 2:30-8:30 pm. There will be sign-ups after Mass on August 27-28th and September 3-4th.

COME JOIN US ~ REMAIN IN HOPE!

For cancer patients, survivors, and their families, friends and the medical community: The 9th annual Healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, followed by a social will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 7 pm in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls. The communal rite of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the Mass, followed by a blessing with his relic. For directions to Mr. Alvernia Retreat Center, visit www.mtalvernia.org or call 297-5706.

**PRESENTATION ON THE NEW
TRANSLATION
OF THE ROMAN MISSAL**

On Monday, September 12th at 7:00 pm in the Church of Saint Columba, Hopewell Junction, Msgr. William Belford will lead a presentation on the new translation of the Roman Missal. The new translation will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27th. The evening will address the reason for the change in language used in worship, as well as answer any questions the faithful may have. All interested Catholics from throughout our area parishes are welcome to attend. The evening may be of particular interest to those who serve as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Choir members. Materials will be available, for a nominal donation, for further prayer and reflection on the new translation. For more information, please call St. Columba Rectory at 227-8380.