

**First Reading: I Kings 19:4-8**

Queen Jezebel had vowed to kill Elijah, who went into the desert and prayed for death. Instead he went to sleep and was awakened by an angel, who told him to eat the food God had given him. He ate and went back to sleep, but God's angel again woke him and told him to eat. Strengthened by the food, he got up and walked forty days and nights to the mountain of God.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

Paul appeals to the Ephesians to get rid of bitterness, anger, and malice. Instead they must be kind, compassionate, and forgiving just as God has been. We must be imitators of Christ, and love one another as he has loved us.

**Gospel: John 6:41-51**

The Jews were not convinced that Jesus was the bread that came down from heaven. But he again explains that he is the bread of life. He tells them that anyone who believes and eats this bread shall live forever. He explains that the bread he will give is his flesh, for the life of the world.

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**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

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

**“I am the bread that came down from heaven... I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”... “Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water... ‘Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you’... He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.”**

The gift of the Eucharist is the center of our catholic lives. The real presence of Christ in this sacrament gives meaning to our lives. Listening to the words of John's gospel and observing the dialogue from the book of Kings, we are reminded not just of the importance of this spiritual food, but that it is the source for all to gain eternal life.

In the gospel of John he repeats the revealing words of who God is, by saying “I am”. Today Jesus repeats it twice. If the Lord says “I am” to me, who do I say He is for me? Do I find in Him and the Eucharist strength for the journey? Am I nourished by His gift? Do I find a quiet, prayerful moment following liturgy to express my gratitude for His presence? These are not pious devotions but a statement of belief and gratitude that the Lord comes with a purpose and gives me the gift of this sacrament to lead and guide me.

Like Elijah, let us eat, drink, get up and continue our journey with the Lord, for the Lord and to the Lord.

## **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. Late registration for new and continuing students will take place in the Faith Formation Center (former church - white building) on Wednesday, August 26th, 10am-1pm and 5-7pm. New families should bring their children's Baptismal Certificates and records of prior religious education, if applicable.

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.

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

### **LATIN AMERICA AND HOME MISSION**

Each year, the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America is held in parishes across the country. The proceeds from this collection are sent to dioceses, parishes, communities of religious, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean to assist in the formation of priests, religious, missionaries, and catechists, and to help the poor, sick, and struggling. It also enables the Church to spread and strengthen the Faith to those who have not yet heard the Gospel message in this corner of the world.

At the same time, the Archdiocese of New York uses this week to collect for the Catholic Home Missions, another national collection, the proceeds of which assist parishes and dioceses in Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain States.

Please be as generous as your means will allow.

## **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. In this case, Catholics in the United States are not required to attend Mass. For additional information you can visit [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org).

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

### **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).

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nancy.rizzi@archny.org).

### **FRANCISCAN MISSION SERVICE THANKS OUR PARISHIONERS**

Thank you so much for your hospitality last weekend and your generous contributions to support one lay missionary this year at the Franciscan Mission Service.

Know that you all will be remembered in our community prayer and at the Eucharist each day at the Franciscan Mission Service.

It was a joy for me to be with you last weekend.

God's blessings! Peace and all good!

Sr. M. Jean Amore, SMIC

*Marriage Banns*

|| *Kristin Quinlan*  
 & *Matthew Schmidt*

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

St. Denis/St. Columba School will open for the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 dish detergent, laundry detergent, tuna, toilet paper and green beans. 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: \$8,011  
 Last Year's Collection: \$8,425

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

As families go on vacation, we pray in the words of St. Paul that they "Get rid of all bitterness, anger and harsh words. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving."

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday August 10**  
9:00am For All Parishioners
- Tuesday August 11**  
9:00am Marylou Odendahl  
by the Office of Faith Formation
- Wednesday August 12**  
9:00am Helen Duggan
- Thursday August 13**  
9:00am Nancy O'Hare  
by the O'Hare family
- Friday August 14**  
9:00am Peter Diggins  
by Anne Diggins
- Saturday August 15**  
9:00am Christine & John Brennan  
by the O'Hare family  
5:00pm William Otis  
by the Giewont family
- Sunday August 16**  
9:00am John Sanseverino  
by his family  
10:30am Theresa & Frederick Searles  
by Lillianne Lowery  
12:15pm Margaret Karolski  
by Jeanne Gittere  
5:30pm William P. Brill  
by Mrs. Tina Serpico

**PRAYERS ARE NEEDED**

Did you know that 20 million Americans struggle with addictive illnesses? Nine million children live in homes with one parent who has an addiction. Addictions to alcohol, drugs, gambling and relationships are among those that require both treatment and prayers. "Some healing takes more ...it takes prayer" Mark 9:28-29.

**Liturgical Ministers for August 16<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond</b>	Noe Ramon Illno	Cathy Anderson, Anne Anderson, Rose Morse	Hannah Coffin, Katherine Coffin, Richard Coffin
<b>9:00am Fr. Perez</b>	Ed Leahy	Betty Paraggio, Rosealice D'Avanzo, Sarah Filachek, Cheryl Gallina Carolyn Criscione	Vaughn Feighan, Adam Varano Amanda D'Angelo
<b>10:30am Fr. Perez</b>	Mary Ellen McCue	Maryanne Johnson, Debra Outman, Shirley Sullivan, Judy Van de Ven. Robert Young	John Byrne, Brad Fisher, Brian Kusior
<b>12:15 pm Fr. Perez</b>	Christine Mikulka	John McCormack, Rosemary Archer, Ruth Recchia,	Julia Sheridan, Joel Fredrickson Sean Sheridan
<b>5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez</b>	Bernie Zerfas	Keith McCartney, Tara Izzo Thomas Paulmann	Julianne and Timmy Desjardins, Taylor Hickey