

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

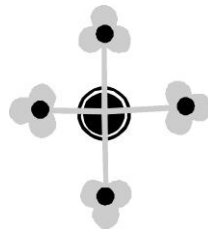
DIRECTORY OF COMMITTEES

- 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
- Nights 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
- Parish Activities bksocialcomm@yahoo.com
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Ed & Laura Leahy
- Prayer Network 223-5001 Vivian LaColla
- R.C.I.A./R.C.I.T. 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
- Right To Life 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
bktrcia@gmail.com
siestasix@frontiernet.net
- Single Parent Support Anne Whitton
mamie13383@aol.com
- Spiritual Life Marie Nazzaro
- St. Vincent de Paul 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- Sunday's Children's Liturgy 227-7863 Carol Grafer
- Support for Military Families 226-4053 Nancy Vaughn
- TLC Teen Group 635-3623 John & Ruth Recchia
- Teen Music Ministry 227-1710 Msgr. Desmond
- Ushers/Greeters 227-3643 Nina Ricci
- Vacation Bible School 677-6496 Anthony Cirone
- Young Adult Group/Underground No. 226-8987 Judy Horton
- 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.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 12
9:00 am For All Parishioners

Tuesday September 13
9:00 am Helen Duggan
By Maureen Jablecki

Wednesday September 14
9:00 am Christopher McCormack
By Bill & Pat O'Hare

Thursday September 15
9:00 am Bob Swartz
By his Family

Friday September 16
9:00 am

Saturday September 17
9:00 am Helen Brooks
By Bill & Norma Griffiths
5:00 pm Francis Conboy
By his Family

Sunday September 18
9:00 am Eileen Newhard
By Anne & Dave Anderson
10:30 am William & Adeline Pace
By Norma & Walter Kraus
12:15 pm Cosmo Giuliano
By Michele & Biagio Belmonte
5:30 pm Stanley Mark
By Darin Daly

PETITION OF THE WEEK

We pray in a special way on this weekend for those who died on 9-11 and all of their family and friends as they strive to live without them.

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,
Vincent Nichtern, Brendan Recchia,
William C. Smith, Jr., Hugh Sullivan, Jr.,
Matthew Walsh, Ian Mackay, Edward Raudnael**

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday September 12
7:30 pm Confessions
Chapel

Tuesday September 13
10:00 am Parent Child Connection
7:30 pm **Faith Formation Building: St. Ann**
Parish Council Meeting
Faith Formation Room: St. Paul
7:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
Chapel

Wednesday September 14
After 9 am Confessions
Chapel

Thursday September 15
7:00 pm Bereavement Group
Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA Meeting
Faith Formation Building: St. Paul

Friday September 16
6:45 pm Discovering Christ
Church Meeting Room

Saturday September 17
4:00 pm Confessions
Chapel

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 those who are ill:

*Ed Crivello, Walter DePaola, Denee DeVizio,
William Grafer, Sean Hanley, 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: \$ 10,836.50
Last year's in-pew collection: \$ 8,730.00

SEPTEMBER 18, LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 pm Sat Fr. Graebe	Norman Dauerer	Suzanne Power, Dennis Rosenfeld, Marie Smith	Connor Bruyn, Austin Lugo, Patrick McKinney
9:00 am Msgr. Desmond	Anne Whitton	Rosanne Desjardins, Diane Maddock, Betty Paraggio, Lorraine Travia, Robert Young	Tabitha Akins, John Byrne, Joseph Whitton
10:30 am Fr. Graebe	Michael Morrow	Cathy Anderson, David Borges, Julie Borges, Kathleen Jastrzembki, Shirley Sullivan	Stephen Jastrzembki, Lauren Kirchner, Angelina Reale
12:15 pm Msgr. Desmond	Noe Rae Ilano	Jeanne Galantich, Rose Morse, Debbie Scianimanico	Gianna Rodrigues, Amanda Silva, Robert Slevin
5:30 pm Fr. Graebe	Katie Klein	Maura Lee-Byrne, Margaret Paulmann	Zachary Reale, Alexandra Straley

Marriage Banns

- III Stephanie Ceonzo & David Klepeis*
- II Cynthia Franch & Brian Seko*
- I Christa Winklharrer & Louis Stempel*
- I Cristine Sullivan & Thomas Uhle*

R.C.I.A.

The next meeting for all those interested in this year's RCIA Program is this Thursday, September 15th 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.A.

This week's topic will be: Bible – Introduction, Canonicity and Inspiration. All are welcome. Our website is bit.ly/bktrcia.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The TLC will host a Pancake Breakfast today, 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.

FAMILY DAY – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

The Family Life/ Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese is joining many other secular organizations around the country in promoting '*Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children*' which is being celebrated this year on Monday, September 26th.

More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their siblings and parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, or use drugs. These children tend to do better in school and are more likely to be physically and emotionally healthy. To learn more, log on to www.CASAFamilyDay.org.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers on Thursday, September 22, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church. Because this meeting will update the servers on important matters, attendance is mandatory. If there is a scheduling conflict, please call the parish office as soon as possible. Anyone in grades six and up who is interested in becoming a server is welcome to attend. Thank you for your commitment to serve our Lord at Mass.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER RONALD PEREZ

Father Ronald Perez, now assigned to Saint Charles Parish in Staten Island, is returning to celebrate the 10:30am 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 Faith Formation Building, St. Paul Room.

TLC+ TEENS LOVING CHRIST+TLC

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

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes begin this week! Parents are asked to stay for the entire first class. We will begin with prayer in the church at the designated class time. After room assignments are given out and the catechists are introduced, the students will proceed over to their classrooms, while Msgr. Desmond and Mrs. Biasotti speak briefly with the parents. Parents will then proceed to their children's classrooms to hear from the catechists about the plans for the year and then pick up the Parent Handbooks as they leave.

Parents who have not yet registered their children for classes should definitely do so this week. Our office hours are now as follows:

- Monday: 10 am-8:30 pm
- Tuesday: 10 am-6:30 pm
- Wednesday: 10 am-8:00 pm
- Thursday: 1 pm-6:30 pm

New parishioners should first enroll in the parish (forms are available on our website) and bring Baptismal Certificates and proof of prior religious education, where applicable.

We look forward to learning about Jesus and His Church with all of our families, old and new, as we enter our 10th year of Faith Formation here at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Welcome and welcome back!

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20th, at 7 pm in the Church Meeting Room. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Joan at 223-3097.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

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: soups, cake & muffin mix, mustard, and bath tissues. 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.

FAITH FORMATION 8TH GRADE SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITIES

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 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.

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

The Parent Child Connection meeting/gathering will begin September 13th at 10:00 am in Faith Formation Building. The Parent – Child Connection provides a safe playgroup for young children. Please join us each Tuesday at 10 am in the Faith Formation Building. Contact Kristin DeGregorio at kbdegregorio@yahoo.com or 914-275-2637 with any questions.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group began 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CD'S AND BROCHURES

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Due to a conflict, the first Altar Rosary Society meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm at St. Denis. The Altar Rosary Society is a combination of parishioners from all three parishes (St. Denis, St. Columba and Blessed Kateri) and we meet the 2nd Monday every month at 7 pm. Please come join this wonderful ladies society. Call Betty Perrino at 454-1840 for more information.



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 began 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.

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.

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP DOLAN

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Without a doubt, one of the many blessings of this great archdiocese is its extraordinary seminary system: Saint Joseph's Seminary, our major theologate located in the Dunwoodie section of Yonkers; the Saint John Neumann Residence Seminary, a pre-seminary program now located in Douglaston, Queens, for those attending college or in need of courses prior to entering the major seminary; and the Cathedral Preparatory Program for high-school men considering a vocation to the priesthood. Fortunately, the People of God of the archdiocese have never ceased to be as supportive as they can be of their seminary system.

With this letter, I incite you to make a sacrificial offering to the annual seminary collection, which will be conducted in our parishes over the weekend of September 17 and 18. The cost of preparing future priests is daunting, and for this reason we count on your support. With it, we are able to continue our solid tradition of excellence in the formation and academic training of candidates for the priesthood.

Please know how very grateful I am for whatever you are able to do in assisting out seminarians in becoming your good, dedicated, and holy priests one day soon.

With prayerful best wishes, I am, Very truly yours in Christ, Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

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, Fraternaly in Christ, Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan.

REPLACEMENT FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

Have **you lost food due to recent flooding and/or power outages caused by Hurricane Irene?** If so, you may be eligible for replacement food stamp benefits for any food you lost. To find out if you are eligible, it is important to contact your local department of social services immediately. You can call, write to them, or stop by. For more information on replacement food stamp benefits, or for assistance with the process, please contact the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program at: **Catholic Charities Community Services (845) 452-1400 x4201**. (Prepared by a project of Hunger Solutions New York, USDA/FNS, and NYSOTDA) This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FEMA (FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE)

DECLARED FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

On Monday, August 29, 2011 FEMA included Dutchess County as one of the 10 counties in NY State as an emergency declaration as a result of Hurricane Irene. FEMA encourages all individuals who have damages or have had to evacuate because of a federally declared disaster to apply for disaster assistance. There are three ways to register for FEMA/state assistance:

- You may register online at www.disasterassistance.gov, or
- Call the toll-free registration number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). If you have a speech disability or hearing loss and use a TTY, call 1-800-462-7585 directly; if you used a 711 Video Relay Service (VRS) call 1-800-621-3362, or

Catholic Charities is available to assist you with your FEMA application and guide you through the process. Contact our office at: (845) 452-1400 x4905.

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 Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, visit www.mtalvernia.org or call 297-5706.

CREATE A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY FOR YOUR PARISH

If you are 75 years or older, you can take advantage of higher charitable gift annuity rates (from 6.5% to 9.8%) and receive secure fixed payments for your life, while providing for Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church. To learn more, please call the Office of Gift Planning at (646) 794-3317, or email them at giftplanning@archny.org.

