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1011 FIRST AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

September 2009  
Year for Priests

Dear Friends in the Lord:

It is with much joy that I write to you for the first time as Archbishop about our beloved seminary system where, since 1896, young men have come for academic and spiritual formation in preparation for service as priests of the archdiocese – and beyond.

Our seminary system, as you know, includes *Saint Joseph's Seminary*, our major seminary; *Saint John Neumann Residence and Hall* for those attending college or in need of post-college courses prior to entering the seminary; and the *Cathedral Preparatory Program* for high school students who are considering a vocation to the priesthood.

It was a little more than one year ago that Pope Benedict XVI visited Saint Joseph's Seminary, and our seminarians were excited then as were those seminarians who preceded them when Pope John Paul II visited in 1995. No other seminary in the United States has had the privilege of hosting two Successors of Saint Peter. What these two Pontiffs witnessed is what I have had the joy of seeing in my first few months as Archbishop – a seminary that is alive; loyal to the teachings of the Church and its Magisterium; solid in its academic training and formation programs; and committed to ensure that its future priests serve the People of God of the great Archdiocese with enthusiasm and compassion.

This month, our Seminary begins its 113<sup>th</sup> academic year. It also happens to be the *Year for the Priest*. As our Holy Father said, "The Church needs priests who help the faithful experience the merciful love of the Lord and who are convinced witnesses of that love." In my first few months as Archbishop, I have come to know, admire, and love the extraordinary priests who have served and are serving our parishes, schools, and charitable institutions. Permit me, therefore, to seek your assistance in providing for our seminary system as, together, we prepare our future priests for similar lifetimes of service to the Lord and His Church. Your support guarantees that the faithful to follow us will be equally blessed to have exemplary priests caring for their spiritual, pastoral, education, and charitable needs. Please be as generous as you can to this crucially important annual collection.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

## **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church**

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

This weekend we welcome seminarian, Rev. Mr. Thomas Roslak, who will speak about the critical need for vocations to the priesthood. We will take up our annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary. This is a very important collection for our seminary system and I thank you for your generosity.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

The big week has finally arrived! All classes begin this week and will last for the full 90 minutes. Students and their parents should report first to the church for a brief prayer service. The catechists will then escort their students over to the classrooms. For the final half-hour, the parents will walk to the Faith Formation Center, where they will hear from their children's catechists about plans for the upcoming year. See you soon!

Catechetical Sunday takes place at the 9am and 10:30am Masses next Sunday, September 20th. During these two Masses the catechists will be introduced, blessed and commissioned to undertake the wonderful ministry for which they have volunteered. Their names will appear in next week's bulletin.

### **D.U.C.K.S.**

We're gearing up for another great year with our Tri-Parish High School Teen Program. The first meeting will be **today**, Sunday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. This meeting will include an ice cream social, registration of new members, and discussion of the year's activities. Ninth Graders are especially welcome. Please attend and bring a friend or just come and make some new ones!

### **R.C.I.A.**

Our R.C.I.A. process 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 process, they should contact Msgr. Desmond immediately at 227-1710. We have begun our formal training sessions.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our Children's Liturgy during 9 o'clock mass begins September 27. Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for our young children to enhance the Liturgy of the Eucharist by providing age-appropriate gospel readings and related activities during part of the 9 o'clock mass. They leave mass after the entrance procession and rejoin their family after the general intercessions. All age-appropriate children are welcome and there is no registration required. The three groups are as follows:

Pre-Schoolers – ages 3&4 - *Heart Symbol*

Kindergarten & First Graders - *Dove Symbol*

## **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Second & Third Graders - *Cross Symbol*

### **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CRAFT FAIR**

The Altar Rosary Society Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7 at St. Columba School. Again we will feature a Treasure Chest Craft Table. If you have a NEW gift that you do not use, please donate it to the Treasure Chest Table. Please mark the item "Treasure Chest Table" and leave it in the basket in the narthex. Handcrafted items are also welcome. For more information please contact Ellie at 226-6646 or Diane at 227-6111.

### **ADOPT-A-NIGHT THANK YOU**

Our parish participated in the Adopt-A-Night program on August 29. Thank you to all the volunteers for making another evening of feeding the homeless a huge success. A special thank you goes to Brennan's Market on Route 82 for donating all of the bread. The next night we are scheduled is October 31. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Vivian LaColla at 223-5001.

### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Are you thirsty for more? Consider a rich new life in the Holy Spirit. On Saturday October 3, 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM, please join the Spirit Wind Charismatic Prayer Group in our daily chapel and meeting room for a day of music with the Voice of Praise Music Ministry, worship, fellowship, and exploration of holiness toward a deeper spirituality. A donation of \$20 includes coffee/tea, snacks, dinner, and seminar materials. Bring your own bag lunch. Please register no later than September 27 by completing a registration form available in the church narthex. For more information, please contact Pat or Joe at (845) 440-3519, or Julie or Dave at (845) 223-3658, or visit our link at [www.blessedkateriparish.com](http://www.blessedkateriparish.com).

### **MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS**

There will be a mandatory meeting for all lectors and all who wish to become lectors on Tuesday, September 22, at 7PM in the main meeting hall in the church. All who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to the parish office by September 20. Please call 227-1710.

### **ORGAN CONCERT**

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB**

This month's meeting of the Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 7pm at Blessed Kateri Church. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Joan at 223-3097.

PLEASE JOIN US AT 9 AM MASS EACH  
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.  
LaGrangeville, New York

**PARISH INCOME REPORT**

Last Week's Collection: \$8,941  
Last Year's Collection: \$10,641

**PETITION OF THE WEEK**

**We pray for all of our students, teachers, and catechists as we begin a new school year. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to always fulfill God's plan for each of them.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday September 14**  
9:00am For All Parishioners

**Tuesday September 15**  
9:00am Helen Duggan

**Wednesday September 16**  
9:00am Louise Palmeri  
By her family

**Thursday September 17**  
9:00am In thanksgiving for angels of prayers, cards, greetings and relics  
By Suzanne Power

**Friday September 18**  
9:00am Mary Elizabeth Smith  
By Suzanne Power

**Saturday September 19**  
9:00am Sophie Minkewicz  
By Richard & Joan Crowe  
5:00pm Dorothy Allison  
By Diane McCoach

**Sunday September 20**  
9:00am Paul Gauchi  
By The Family  
10:30am Theresa & Frederick Searles  
By Lillianne Lowery  
12:15pm Vera Funyak  
By Terri & Don Bissonette & Family  
5:30pm Anthony Simone  
By Jeanette Simone



**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 pork and beans, soup and tuna. Please leave your items in the church narthex. For those in need of assistance, the SVDP hotline number is 227-7863.

**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).

**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 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

**MARRIAGE BANNNS**

**III** Andrea Paesano  
& John Booth

**II** Christine Mahoney  
& Thomas Jordan

**II** Julie Ann Bruno  
& James Burton

**September 20th, 2009 Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>5:00pm Sat Msgr. Desmond</b>	Dave Anderson	Anne Anderson, Andrea Cirone, Anthony Cirone	Tianno Arnold, Christian Murphy, Ciaran Bruen
<b>9:00am Msgr. Desmond</b>	Frank Bergman	Pat Lyons, Sally Mastreani Margaret Ren, Stephen Ren Rosealice D'Avanzo,	Joseph Wiley, Alex Rodriguez, James Hagen
<b>10:30am Fr. Perez</b>	John McCormack	Keith McCartney, Ruth Recchia, Lorraine Travia, Betty Perino Rose Morse	Tabith Akins, Brittany Tobin, Brandon Tobin
<b>12:15 pm Msgr. Desmond</b>	Kelly McMann	Patricia Dunn, Rosemary Archer, Rita Rogers	Jacqueline Rooney, John Byrne, Damiano Alessandro
<b>5:30pm Sun Fr. Perez</b>		Lisa Davis, Maura Lee-Byrne	Angelina Reale, Zach Reale, Anne Marie Reale