

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

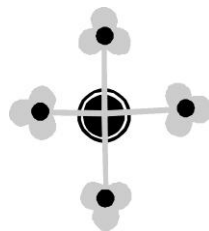
The teen group is a program for all the high school students in the parishes of St. Denis, St. Columba and Blessed Kateri. The program includes fun activities such as outings and trips, service activities for the parish and greater community, and opportunities to learn more about your faith.

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

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| 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 |

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday 9:00 am | September 5 Arnold Raudnael By Liz Raudnael |
| Tuesday 9:00 am | September 6 For All Parishioners |
| Wednesday 9:00 am | September 7 Nathan Wilkinson By the Cioppa Family |
| Thursday 9:00 am | September 8 Kay Farrelly |
| Friday 9:00 am | September 9 Bob & Judy Horton (L) By Norma Condon |
| Saturday 9:00 am 5:00 pm | September 10 Helen Brooks By Peter & Diane Meleshkewich |
| Sunday 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:15 pm 5:30 pm | September 11 Eileen Newhard By Susan & Michael Condon Frederick & Theresa Searles By Lillianne Lowery Michael Zeolla By the Turenchalk Family Simone Bizien By the Ramsay Family |

PETITION OF THE WEEK

We pray in a special way on this weekend for three particular groups. For all students and teachers returning to school this week, that this year may be one of spiritual, personal and academic growth. For all those addicted to alcohol and drugs, that they may find the courage to overcome their addiction on this recovery weekend. For all those who labor for us in so many ways, that they may find fulfillment in their work. For these needs, we pray to the Lord.

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

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| Monday 7:30 pm | September 5 Confessions Chapel |
| Tuesday 7:00 pm | September 6 Charismatic Healing Mass Chapel |
| Wednesday After 9 am Mass 2:30 pm | September 7 Confessions Chapel Blood Drive Church Meeting Room |
| Thursday 7:00 pm 7:00 pm | September 8 Bereavement Group Chapel RCIA Meeting Faith Formation Building: St. Paul Ultreya Faith Formation Building: St. Francis |
| Friday 6:45 pm | September 9 Discovering Christ Church Meeting Room |
| Saturday 4:00 pm | September 10 Confessions Chapel |
| Sunday After 9 &10:30 Mass After 5:30 Mass | September 11 Pancake Breakfast Church Meeting Room TLC Group Meeting Church Meeting Room |

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, 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: \$ 4,895.50
Last year's in-pew collection: \$ 7,618.00

SEPTEMBER 11, LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

| | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers |
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| 5:00 pm Sat Msgr. Desmond | Marie Smith | Beverly Austin, Anthony Cirone, Jim Werber | Connor Barone, Hannah Coffin, Olivia Gomez |
| 9:00 am F. Graebe | Ed Leahy | Sarah Filachek, Virginia Fisher, Betty Perrino, Stephen Ren, Christine Ryan | Brianna Akins, Christopher Whitton, Adam Wiley |
| 10:30 am Msgr. Desmond | John Reale, III | Cathy Anderson, Kathleen Jastrzembki, Jeanne Galantich, Patricia Mackey, Debbie Outman | Joseph Jastrzembki, Stephen Newhard, Julia Sheridan |
| 12:15 pm Fr. Graebe | Norman Dauerer | Judy Horton, Maryanne Johnson, Ruth Recchia | Angela Alessandro, Christopher Barnett, Victoria Scalise |
| 5:30 pm Msgr. Desmond | Bernie Zervas | Maura Lee-Byrne, Sally Mastreani | Courtney Meester, Annemarie Reale |

Marriage Banns

- III *Melissa Dvozeuja & Andrew Thomes*
- III *Roseanne Morse & Gennaro DeSimone*
- II *Stephanie Ceonzo & David Klepeis*
- I *Cynthia Franch & Brian Seko*

R.C.I.A.

The first formal meeting for all those interested in this year's RCIA Program is 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.

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.

FAMILY DAY – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

The Family Life/ Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese is joining many other and 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. 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.

R.C.I.A.

This week's topic will be: Introduction to members and Program. All are welcome. Our website is bit.ly/bktrcia.

FARWELL 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 Church Meeting Room.

TLC+ TEENS LOVING CHRIST+TLC

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

By now, all families who have registered their children in our program should have received letters containing information about class placement. All classes begin the week of September 12th with full ninety minute sessions beginning at the church. Parents are asked to stay for this first session. Catechists will be introduced and rooms will be assigned at that time.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed on Labor Day but will be open Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am-5 pm, this week for last minute registration. Current families should bring their blue forms. New families should first enroll as members of the parish and should bring their children's Baptismal Certificates and proof of prior religious education, where applicable. (Faith Formation begins in first grade.)

We still need a few more catechists! Please contact the office asap if you are willing to participate in this very fulfilling ministry. Come and "make a difference," in your life and in the lives of many children in our parish! Lots of support is provided!

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.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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.



The Heroes We'll Never Forget

Blessed Kateri Blood Drive

Wed. 9/7/2011 Hours 2:30-8:30

Call Ed Hogarty 221-0203 for appt.



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 York Blood Center
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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 this weekend, September 3-4th.

August 29, 2011 / New York, NY -- New York Blood Center (NYBC), serving more than 20 million people in New York City, Long Island, the Hudson Valley, and New Jersey, is following the emergency declarations of Mayor Bloomberg and other tri-state public officials with an emergency appeal for blood donors. The supply of several blood types, including O-negative ("universal donor") blood, which is normally maintained at the three-to-five-day inventory level, has dropped below the two-day minimum level.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church

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.

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.

RECOVERY SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 4TH

Today, the Church in New York is celebrating RECOVERY SUNDAY. We wish to affirm and pray for all those individuals and their families who are struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. Addictive illnesses are many; among them are addictions to alcohol, drugs, relationships and gambling. May we never fail to bring these brothers and sisters to the Lord!



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 this weekend,
Labor Day weekend
(Sunday Sept. 4th) after the 12:15 Mass!!!

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAN HELP PEOPLE APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS

Catholic Charities provides food stamps outreach and application assistance to **Dutchess residents**. Staff will help individuals determine if they are eligible, help fill out applications and assist in gathering supporting documentation to be submitted to their local food stamps office. Catholic Charities participates in the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) through a grant received by Hunger Solutions of NYS, USDA/FNS and NYSOTDA. Services are available in English and Spanish. For further information, please contact Mary L. Marshall or Elena Dalia at (845) 452-1400.

REPLACEMENT FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

Are you currently receiving food stamps? 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.

Fulfill the Law

