



The Parish Community of

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.
Pastor

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In Residence
Director of Migrant Ministry
Diocese of Paterson

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Weekend Assistant

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Trustee

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Trustee

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Holyday: Vigil 7:30 PM; Holy Day - 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM
6:00 PM Mass will not be held on holiday weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration every first Friday of the month after the 8:15 AM
Mass ending with Benediction at 3:00 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Penance) - Saturdays: 4:00-4:30
PM (Reconciliation Chapel) By appointment at any other time. Communal
Celebrations are held during Advent.

Spanish Mass: 7:00 PM every 1st and 4th Mondays of the month; a hospi-
tality dinner to follow the mass on the 4th Monday of the Month.
Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before and after Mass.

Rosary Service

We pray the Rosary every Thursday after the 8:15 AM morning Mass. It is fol-
lowed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.

Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms will be celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass the first
Sunday of the month or Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please call at least 8 weeks in
advance of the date of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangement should be made one year in
advance of the marriage date.

Friends of Bill W: Meetings held Tuesdays 7- 9 PM in the Comm. Rm.

Parish Center - 973-729-1682 - Fax: 973-729-0702

Hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday.

Saint Kateri Web Site: www.saintkateri.org; office@saintkateri.org

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta for all of the latest news and happenings at Saint Kateri!

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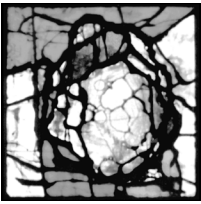
The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County

973-729-6125 Ext. 225

Rev. George A. Brown School (Pre-K to Gr. 4)

Pope John XXIII Middle School (Gr. 5 to 7)

Pope John XXIII High School (Gr. 8 to 12)



Blast from the Past(or)

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Happy Advent! This is the season in which the Church calls us to break free to watchfulness and preparatory vigil. For what? Well, you'd better sit down. Ready? We're waiting for the fulfillment of all desire and perfect freedom in the Child born of the Virgin as God-Incarnate. This is our tipping point. Because of the Incarnation, everyone is invaluable. Advent rocks us, reminding oft-lazy souls like me that we are not merely somebodies, but we are someone; you are not just an individual, but you are a person! Christianity is the strange and beautiful proclamation that Truth about God is the Truth about Humanity. Perhaps this is why millennia of people, from Mohammed to Marx, have rejected the Incarnation. And so we wait. Christ who is Born, Crucified and Risen will come again. And this shock of the Incarnation requires Advent preparation to be watchful, be alert. Last month there was a report that a young soldier from North Korea had reached his tipping point. He made a break for freedom. He wanted to escape his country and go to South Korea. The need to 'escape' from one's country is of course the definitive indictment against a tyrannical regime under which millions suffer as I write in comfort. But anyway, this young man risked everything to break free for the fulfillment of his every desire. Advent is our moment to break free. Seize it in preparation and watchfulness. The perfect freedom of which God is the author, awaits. Advent is the joyous destiny of all who are created human! Be willful this season....but also be willing, as in let it be done unto me according to Thy Word. Such is the true freedom of the Incarnation. God has risked Everything on you. In Advent, we make the break for the same.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Ted Choma, Fran Palmeri, Arlene Bartolomeo, Todd Duffy, Annie Dinan, Cindy Maniscalco, Michael Palumbo, Charmaine Marie Finck, Karen Rendina, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Terri Mohr, Doreen McGrotty, Eileen Benedetti, Tom Heller, Joan Shaw, Eileen Regis, Deacon Gerry Leary, Katie Hoffman, Betty Walker, Karen Lisicki, Todd Copen, Stephanie Agudelo, Patty Ingram, Joseph Benik, Jim Doran, Richard Kriete, Brittany Johnson, David Pope, Jen Barry, Tami Wacker, John Regan, Joseph McNally, Marc DiCianni, Gregory Fredericks, Al & Jackie Schneider, William Martin, Larry Price, Jr., Shawn Nemeck, Vincent Wilson.

The second envelope on December 10, 2017 will be for Parish Maintenance.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4: Monday of the First week of Advent; Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor

8:15 AM Laurie DiCianni

Tuesday, December 5: Tuesday of the First week of Advent

8:15 AM Edward Brennan

Wednesday, December 6: Wednesday of the First week of Advent; Saint Nicholas, bishop

8:15 AM Richard Flynn

Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor

8:15 AM Marie Hickey

7:30 PM Vigil Kay Brewer

Friday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary - Solemnity * Holy Day of Obligation *

8:15 AM John and Margaret King

12:00 PM Rev. Patrick F. Rice

Saturday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Lee Sember

Special Intention

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Laurie DiCianni

9:30 AM All Orlando

Mary Crapo

11:30 AM Nazare Garete

Joseph Beebe

6:00 PM Tom Hoey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

	Weekly	Month of November
Regular Collections		\$44,192
Week Ending 11/05/17	\$13,710	
Week Ending 11/12/17	\$8,931	
Week Ending 11/19/17	\$10,779	
Week Ending 11/26/17	\$10,773	

Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)	\$50,000
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Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 11/26/17	(\$5,808)
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Electronic Giving is available on our website at www.saintkateri.org under the information tab. A consistent, reliable means of giving your gift to Saint Kateri Parish.



Parish News

Advent of the Heart

Advent Series on the Meditations of Alfred Delp, Advent of the Heart continues

Mondays December 4, 11 & 18, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

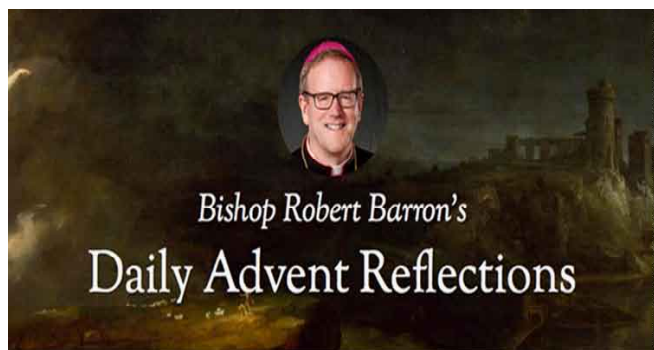
"All Life is Advent" - Fr. Alfred Delp

St Kateri Christmas Blood Drive ~ It's a gift that has no season...it's the gift of life.

Join us on Saturday, December 16th from 7:45 am to 1:30 pm.

Eligible blood donors are between the ages of 17 to 75 (or older with a doctor's written permission), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. Appointments can be scheduled online at www.tinyurl.com/StKateriBloodDrives. Call Mary Stanek at 973-770-0429 for more information. WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Many blessings ~ to the 75 donors and all our volunteers who made the November Drive a great success.



Visit www.saintkateri.org home page

Friends,

Welcome, as we begin our Advent journey toward Christmas!

Advent is the liturgical season of vigilance or, to put it more mundanely, of waiting. During the four weeks prior to Christmas, we light the candles of our Advent wreaths and put ourselves in the spiritual space of the Israelite people who, through many long centuries, waited for the coming of the Messiah ("How long, O Lord?").

Following them, disciples of the risen Jesus have been waiting in their own times. Paul, Augustine, Chrysostom, Agnes, Thomas Aquinas, Clare, Francis, and John Henry Newman have hence all been Advent people. In fact, the entire Bible ends on a note not so much of triumph and completion as longing and expectation: "Come, Lord Jesus."

During this season, let us join the great men and women of our Tradition, turning our eyes and hearts upward and praying, "I am waiting, I am waiting. Come, Lord Jesus."

I look forward to joining you on this journey!

Peace,
Bishop Robert Barron



Knights of Columbus

Squires and Knights Christmas Programs

Our Knights will be selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and Christmas cards. All net proceeds from the magnets and cards will benefit Knights of Columbus charities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you after mass.

Of Possible Interest:

Sparta Unico Foundation Pasta Dinner and Comedy Night

Saturday, December 16th @ 7PM

McKenna Hall

Net proceeds to benefit Melanie Russo

"A Local 14 Year Old With Rare Bone Cancer

Call 862-432-5141 for tickets

NJ CONSERVATORY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS PRESENTING HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Thirty years! NJ Conservatory first pre-sented Handel's 'Messiah' in December, 1987- and never missed a year. This year's special anniversary performance by the Conservatory's Symphonic Chorus accompanied by its Baroque Orchestra takes place at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 4:00PM. Edwin Foster, conducting, assisted by Associate Ford R. Foster, Concertmaster Holly Horne, featuring Julie

Parish Survey

Our committee is proud and so very thankful to report that 611 parishioners completed the Parish Survey in October. We are compiling the data, and we plan on rolling it out to the ministry heads in December. We also plan on sharing the results with you, the parishioners, in two Town Hall meetings in January.

PLEASE SAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

**Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30
(Community Room)**

**Sunday, January 21st at 12:30 (Community
Room)**

Once again, we thank you and look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings. God bless you.

Faith Formation News

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

begins this weekend and will continue at the 9:30am Mass through the entire school year. Many thanks to our new volunteers Sharon Wright, Anthony Lopez, Ellie Hartranft, Amy Gennaro and Elaine Alliegro- we are so very thankful for your ministry!

Our **Faith Formation GRATITUDE LIST** was posted in the church gathering space over Thanksgiving weekend. Our young people brought to prayer over 300 people and things that they were grateful for! Over the next few weeks **Jr. High Faith Formation** has their **ADVENT CHAIN on display** in the church gathering space. Each purple chain represents an act of kindness for others and the pink chains represents an act of self growth/improvement. We wish our parish a very blessed Advent season!



The Mitten Tree - After reading the "Mitten Tree" in our Faith Formation classes and learning about unselfish acts of kindness, some of our 1st and 2nd grade classes are collecting new hats, mittens and scarves to donate to the Sussex County Ecumenical Food Pantry for children in need. There will be a "mitten tree" set up downstairs in the community room for any donations. Please bring items in by 6pm Mass on Sunday, December 10th so we can bring them to the food pantry on the 11th for distribution.

Diocesan Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Paterson. A variety of music will be presented spanning many centuries and cultures. Come join together as we celebrate the "great mystery" of Christ's birth. God bless.

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, December 3, 2017: 8:00 AM Adopt a Family/Toy Drive; 8:00 AM Cross Sale Fundraiser; 9:30 AM Squires; 1:00 PM Logan Jaffe Baptism; 1:00 PM Brynn Habuda Baptism

Monday, December 4, 2017: 7:00 PM Spanish Mass; 7:00 PM Advent of the Heart

Tuesday, December 5, 2017: 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W

Wednesday, December 6, 2017: 7:00 PM Catholic Bible Study; 7:30 PM K of C Business Mtg

Thursday, December 7, 2017: 6:30 PM Connections; 6:30 PM 33 Days to Morning Glory; 7:00 PM RCIA; 7:30 PM Immaculate Conception. Vigil

Friday, December 8, 2017: 8:00 AM PC Closed; 8:15 AM Immaculate Conception Mass; 12:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass; 7:00 PM Pack 295 Meeting

Saturday, December 9, 2017: 8:00 AM Adopt a Family Return

Sunday, December 10, 2017: 8:00 AM Adopt a Family Return; 1:00 PM Rylee Cucinella Baptism; 1:00 PM Giovanna Dattoli Baptism; 7:00 PM Antioch Follow Up

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Vocations Committee:

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Welcomers (Ushers):

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Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):

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Youth Choir/Music

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Art Suriano 201-841-1090

Abortion Alternative: 1st Way Hotline: 800-848-5683

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Adoration Society

Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

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Altar Servers:

Jerry Scanlan 973-770-0987

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(Plant Care)

Candala Roslan 973-271-7624

(Art Committee)

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(Please call Parish Center first)

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Bereavement Ministry:

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John Belvidere 973-729-6462

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Advent/Christmas Schedule 2017



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 8:15 AM and Noon.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM

4th Sunday of Advent Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 8:00 and 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Upper and Lower Level

6:30 PM, 8:30 PM and Midnight

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 and 11:00 AM

New Year's Eve Masses

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

There is no 6 PM Mass on this day.

New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:15 AM and 12:00 Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 5th, 2018 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM