



The Parish Community of

# Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871

**Welcome! Bienvenidos!**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2017**

## Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
Pastor

Fr. Wilder Alexander Londono  
In Residence  
Director of Migrant Ministry  
Diocese of Paterson

Fr. Ben Williams  
Weekend Assistant

Deacons and their Ministries

Drew Calandriello  
Sick and Migrant Ministries

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Retreats  
Adult Enrichment

Glen Murphy  
Sick and Migrant Ministries

Faith Formation  
Cathy Conlee, MAT  
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Youth Minister  
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Music Director  
Marc G. Dalio

Office Manager  
Jeanne Hoskin

Jennifer Dottinger  
Administrative Assistant

Cathy Pivowar  
Trustee

Robert Medina  
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](http://www.saintkateri.org); [office@saintkateri.org](mailto:office@saintkateri.org)

Find us on  Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta](http://www.facebook.com/saintkaterisparta) for all of the latest news and happenings at Saint Kateri!

**Religious Education - Grades 1-8 - 973-729-0489**

Open: Monday through Thursday - 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
Cathy Conlee: [skre@saintkateri.org](mailto:skre@saintkateri.org);

Regina Saveriano: [reginas@saintkateri.org](mailto:reginas@saintkateri.org)

**Youth Ministry - 973-729-4722 - Open: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.**  
Phyllis Phillips - [skym@saintkateri.org](mailto:skym@saintkateri.org)

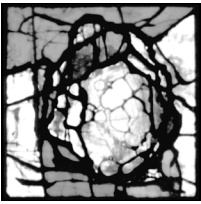
**The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County**

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)

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Merry Christmas! God is a newborn baby among us. In the definitive Act of Love, God has assumed our nature and the warmth of this Presence shakes the whole world, compelling us to share this news with everyone. The once 'troubling' greeting from the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary her perplexing, inconvenient and even scandalous pregnancy has come to fruition in the Word made Flesh. 'Wow' is the understatement. As the gas station attendant wished me 'happy holidays' yesterday in all his young, hard-working and kind good will, I thought about the 'holiday.' What is the holiday? Why is it happy? Why was he offering me this salutation? I gave the young man a small token for his efforts, which included cleaning the windshield (I'm a real big tipper. It's how I roll) I pondered that it was not 'happy holidays' which caused John the Baptist to leap in his mother's womb. It was not 'happy kwanzaa' that set Mary 'out in haste' to greet her cousin Elizabeth. It was not the 'winter solstice' that caused Gabriel to visit Mary. And 'happy holidays' did not drive Herod to kill baby boys in his fear that one of them could be the Christ. No, in all of these instances it was the Incarnation, the great reckoning between God and man, and between us all. On December 13, 2017, The New York Times reported a survey citing that only 55 percent of people think of Christmas as a religious holiday. Thus the question is begged again: what does the holiday mark? My friend at the gas station was being kind, wishing no ill-will; he bears no responsibility for the muffling of Christmas. But the initiatives to separate Christmas from Christianity numb us to our identity. Don't just 'click the like button' on Christmas. Instead go out in haste to proclaim that the Truth about God is the Truth about humanity. Cry out in a loud voice that today the Savior is born. God has come because He loves you! Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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 31, 2017 will be for Debt Reduction.**

# Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 25: Christmas - Solemnity - \* Holy Day of Obligation \***

9:00 AM Duncan, Smith and Corley Family  
11:00 AM Ruth Coppock

**Tuesday, December 26: Saint Stephen, first martyr - Feast**

8:15 AM Steven Cagno

**Wednesday, December 27: Saint John, apostle and evangelist - Feast**

8:15 AM James Knapp

**Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, martyrs - Feast**

8:15 AM Bob Holdsworth

**Friday, December 29: Friday of Christmas Week; Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr**

8:15 AM Joan Nigrelli

**Saturday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 PM Lorrie Montoto

**Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM Laura Anne Buro

9:30 AM Bill Connolly  
Lee Sember

11:30AM Peter Platt  
Kathleen A. Finn

6:00 PM MASS Will Not Be Celebrated

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Tuesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

### Wednesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Thursday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

### Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

### Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

	Weekly	Month of December
Regular Collections		\$38,471
Week Ending 12/03/17	\$10,506	
Week Ending 12/10/17	\$15,690	
Week Ending 12/17/17	\$12,275	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 12/17/17		(\$24,029)

**Electronic Giving** is available on our website at [www.saintkateri.org](http://www.saintkateri.org) under the information tab. A consistent, reliable means of giving your gift to Saint Kateri Parish.



## Parish News



### We Can't Do It Alone!

We need help taking care of our church plants.

All they need is a little water once or twice a week.

Contact Candala Roslan

973-271-7624 or the Parish Office

### 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal In Giving, We Receive

As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand names tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today.

May God bless you for your generosity!

### Of Possible Interest:

#### Become a Hospice Volunteer

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org).

#### Where Do We See Jesus? By Franciscan Media

We might find it easier to imagine the first coming of Jesus as an infant at Nazareth than his coming to us each and every day. We know through faith his presence in the Eucharist. We may have glimmers of awareness of a divine presence with us as we move through our daily routines. As we recall the event of his birth, we might pray for the grace to see his face more frequently. The Gospels give us some clues where to look: in the poor, the homeless, the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, the oppressed. And once we see him there, how can we not do whatever we can to serve him there? This is the grace for which we pray when we say, "Come, Lord Jesus."

—from The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis by Diane M. Houdek



The **Bereavement Ministry** invites all who have experienced the loss of a loved one to join our support group for prayerful reflection and sharing. The goal of these gatherings is to provide hope and healing to those who are grieving. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of every month starting on January 2nd and continuing through August 2018 from 7 to 8:30p.m. For further information or to register please call Laura Entwistle at 973-726-8978.

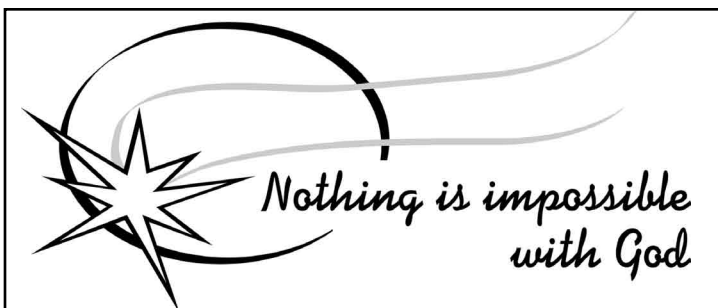
#### Parish Survey

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)**

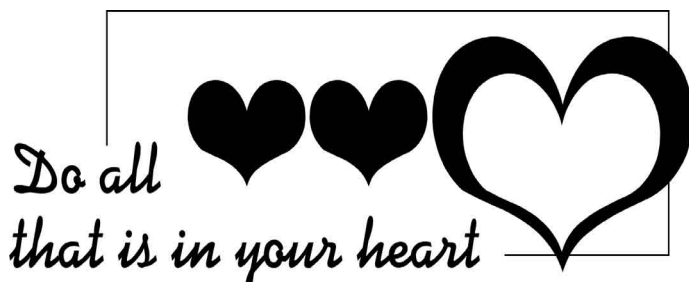
Once again, we thank you and look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings. God bless you.



# Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Faith Formation (religious education) is offered for grades K-5 on Sunday mornings, gr. 1-5 on Mon or Wed, and gr. 6-8 on Wed p.m. or Sun late afternoons.

- We are currently on **winter break** until January 21, 22 & 24. Many thanks to all of our catechists and safety monitors who made our fall session a great faith experience for our children!
- **Volunteers** are still welcome to join our ministry! **Safety monitors** are needed Wednesdays 4:30-6pm & Sundays 4-6pm and **substitute teachers** are always needed on Mondays & Wednesdays 4:30-6pm & Sundays 4-6pm (bi-monthly).
- **Mandatory catechist training sessions** will be held either January 14th, 10:30am OR January 17th, 7pm. All catechists must attend ONE session, please.
- **Liturgy of the Word** with children is now being offered at the 9:30am Mass. Any school-aged children, kindergarten thru 3rd grade, are welcome to join us any Sunday, now through June 2018 (with the exception of holiday weekends).



## Parish Events Calendar

**Sunday, December 24, 2017:** 8:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass; 9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass; 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass on Lower Level; 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 7:30 PM Spanish Mass; 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass; 12:00AM Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25, 2017:** 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass; 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017:** 7:00 PM Friends of Bill W

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017:** 4:00 PM McCormack Commitment Ceremony

**Thursday, December 28, 2017:** 6:30 PM Connections; 7:00 PM RCIA

**Saturday, December 30, 2017:** 9:00 AM Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**Sunday, December 31, 2017:** 6 PM MASS will not be celebrated

**Monday, January 1, 2018:** 8:15 AM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary ; 12:00 PM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mass, 7:00 PM Spanish Mass

## Parish Ministries/Contact Persons:

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

**Adopt a Family**  
Mary Beth Dowd 973-945-3355

**Adoration Society**  
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

**Adult Enrichment:**  
Deacon Chuck Mathias  
973-786-6811

**Altar Care:**  
Bernadette Bizzarro 973-726-0849

**Altar Servers:**  
Jerry Scanlan 973-770-0987

**Art & Environment (Church):** Paige Fitzpatrick 973-219-5204  
**(Plant Care)**  
Candala Roslan 973-271-7624  
**(Art Committee)**

**Baptism Preparation:**  
(Please call Parish Center first)

**Bell Choir:**  
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

**Bereavement Ministry:**  
Laura Entwistle 973-726-8978;  
Grace Davis 973-697-3853

**Blood Drive**  
Mary Stanek 973-770-0429

**Cub Scouts Pack #295**  
Todd Muth - jtoddmuth@yahoo.com  
Cell: 862-266-2390

**Cursillo**  
John Belvidere 973-729-6462

**Ecumenical Prayer Service Knoll View**  
Steve and Martha Wille  
973-729-7668

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Pat Kane: 973-726-0197

**Evangelization**

**Everybody Shops**  
Paige Fitzpatrick 973-219-5204  
skeveryoneshops@gmail.com

**Family Promise of SC**  
Patrick Dunn 201-835-0571

**Feed the Working Poor**  
Janet and Stephen Goodwin  
973-729-0446

**Focolare Movement (The Work of Mary)**  
Jim & Mary Jane Milway  
973-726-6224

**Food Pantry - SEC**  
Valerie Macchio 973-729-6197x15  
secfpl2013@gmail.com

**Inter Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue:** Jim & Mary Jane Milway 973-726-6224

**Knights of Columbus**  
Jim Brocato 973-729-6485

**Squires Circle**  
Nick Cutrone  
973-786-6844  
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Nancy Scanlan 973-262-4404  
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**Lectors:**  
Vince Bell - 973-525-7499  
vince.bell@aon.com

**Liturgy Committee:**  
Mary Jo Mathias 973-786-6811

**Liturgy of the Word with Children:**

**Manna House:**  
Michael Smith 973-534-3811  
boltrep9@gmail.com

**Migrant Ministries:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789  
**Hispanic Network Hotline:** 1- 877-724-5112

**Ministry to the Sick:**  
Dea. Drew Calandriello  
908-813-1535  
Dea. Glen Murphy 973-449-6095

**Music Director:**  
Marc G. Dalio 973-534-5399  
marcd@saintkateri.org

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Sandy Cangemi 973-726-3549

**Prayer Team**  
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**Public Relations**  
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skre@saintkateri.org  
Regina Saveriano  
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**Respect Life**  
Joe DeLuca 973-726-7392

**RAINBOWS - Children's Grief Support Group:**  
Dale Walsh 973-729-7833

**RCIA:**  
Ed & Pam Madzy 973-726-0789

Scholar Rosa-Eileen Vandenberg  
stkaterischolarosa.com

**Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life:**  
973-729-1682

**Vocations Committee:**  
973-729-1682

**Welcomers (Ushers):**  
Cathy Brauer - cathy401@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry (grades 9-12):**  
Phyllis Phillips - 973-729-4722  
skym@saintkateri.org

**Youth Contemporary Choir Ensemble:**  
Art Suriano 201-841-1090

## *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*

### *4<sup>th</sup> 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, 7:30 PM Spanish Mass Lower Level,*

*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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM*