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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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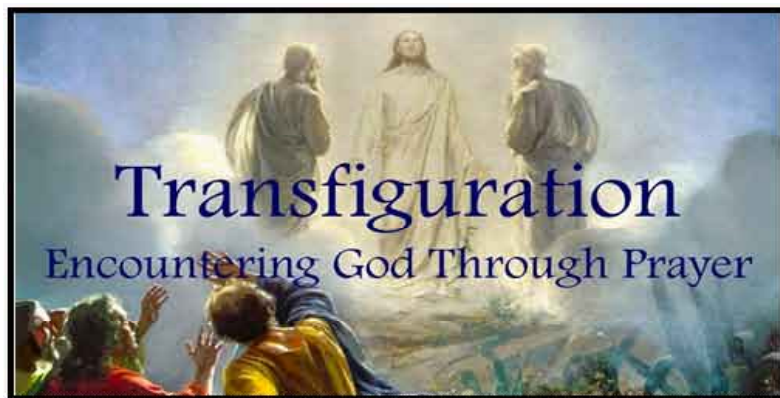
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MARCH 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Matt. 17:1-2)

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass Time

Monday – Friday 8:15am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 P.M. (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation

**7:30 PM (Vigil the day before)
8:15 AM & 12:00 NN**

**6:00 P.M. (except holiday
weekends including Super Bowl
Sunday, Father's Day, Mother's Day)**

Confession:

**Every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 pm
or by appointment (call the parish office)**

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am – 3:00 pm : Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:00 nn : Fridays (closed during summer)

Religious Edu. / Youth Min. 973 -729-0489

9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Tue. – Thurs. and by appointment

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020

How white is something that is "white as light?" On this the second week of Lent, we are given the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus' face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable.

Why did this happen? Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And to ponder further, why do we reflect upon this scene in the beginning of Lent?

Simply put, Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It's a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to reexamine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard. It can be depressing and can tempt us to depression, hopelessness and even despair. But the temptation to despair must be overcome. And it is not overcome by ignoring our sin, rather, it is overcome by turning our eyes to the power and glory of God.

The Transfiguration is an event given to these three Apostles to give them hope as they prepare to face the suffering and death of Jesus. They are given this glimpse of glory and hope as they prepare to see Jesus embrace their sins and endure the consequences.

If we face sin without hope, we are doomed. But if we face sin (our sin) with a remembrance of Who Jesus is and what He has done for us, then facing our sin will lead us not into despair but into victory and glory.

As the Apostles looked on and saw Jesus transfigured, they heard a voice from Heaven say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt. 17:5b). The Father spoke this of Jesus, but He also desires to speak it of each one of us. We need to see in the Transfiguration the end and goal of our lives. We need to know, with the deepest conviction that the Father desires to transform us into the whitest light, lifting all sin, and bestowing upon us the great dignity of being a true son or daughter of Him.

Reflect, today, upon your sin. But do so as you also reflect upon the transfigured and glorious nature of our divine Lord. He came to bestow this gift of holiness on each one of us. This is our calling. This is our dignity. This is who we must become, and the only way to do so is to allow God to cleanse us of every sin in our lives and to draw us into His glorious life of grace.

Fr. Vidal



Meet Trinh

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

March 2020	Weekly	Month of March
Regular Collections		\$9,850
Week Ending 03/01/2020		
Regular Collection	\$8,724	
Maintenance Collection	1,218	
Ash Wednesday	1,126	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 03/01/2020		(\$52,650)

The second collection on March 15th will be for Parish Maintenance.

If you would like to contribute electronically visit our safe and secure website at www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving.

We are thankful for all those parishioners who contribute to the financial support of the church and who take stewardship so seriously.

† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Teresita Gonzales

Tuesday, March 10: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Ronald Hart

Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Ottilia Charnogursky

Friday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Special Intention

Saturday, March 14: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Deacon Tony Chiocco

Sunday, March 15: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Ronald Hart

9:30 AM Bobby Hilinski

11:30 AM Joe Lorentz

6:00 PM David Perrelli



Prayers for the Sick: We pray for Susan Sawey, Anna Tasco, Deacon Drew Calandriello, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Liliana DiGangi, Tom Booth, Jason Duncan, Patrick Dillsworth, Brian Smith, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany Johnson, Karen Rendina.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thur: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Active Military Prayer List

Please pray for our Active Military:

Daniel Joseph (D.J.) Duguay, US Air Force; James Schoch, Infantry Second Lieutenant; Frank Cutrone, Second Lieutenant, US Army; LtCol Dan Murphy, US Marine Corps; LTJG Katherine Garza, US Navy; LTJG David Garza, US Navy; LCpl Josh Jackson US Marine Corps

May God keep them safe and protect them from all harm.

If you would like a loved one's name added to the prayer list for the military, please call the parish center. 973-729-1682.

Bishop Barron's Daily Lent Reflections can be found on the home page of our website: www.saintkateri.org

Faith Formation Corner

-Monday Lenten Confessions - Family Faith-
Please plan to bring your K-10 families to Monday night Confessions at least once during the weeks of Lent. **Lenten Mondays are: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30.**

-Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers - Family Faith-
Please plan to bring your K-10 families to Friday night Stations of the Cross at least once during the weeks of Lent. The Stations of the Cross are followed by Soup Suppers! Please let us know if you can offer to make a meatless soup! **Lenten Fridays are: Mar. 13, Mar. 20, Mar. 27, April 3.**

Thank You

Hello! My name is Juleanna Green. As many of you may remember, over the summer of 2019, I worked on my Girl Scout Gold Award at Saint Kateri. I worked with the Faith Formation Program to implement new safety procedures and materials. Through the project, I created ground plans of the classrooms for use during drills, I coordinated the purchase of new blackout shades for the window on each classroom door, and I researched each room's namesake and created a short biography of each, among other important safety steps in the parish.

Over the past few months, I have officially earned my Girl Scout Gold Award, and I am so grateful to the Saint Kateri community for helping me to earn this award. I would like to especially thank Ms. Cheryl Wallace for being my project advisor and for working closely with me on making this a success, as well as Father Vidal for being open to what I had to offer. I would also like to thank all of the parishioners who supported me by donating any items I needed, or by purchasing the craft items that supported the purchase of the items that did not get donated. Without the help of our entire community, this project would not have been the success that it was. Thank you all so much for all of your support!

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Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March starting with Girl Scout Sunday and includes the Girl Scouts' Birthday, March 12th. Girl Scout Week is a time when girls reflect on what it means to be a Girl Scout and all of the amazing things Girl Scouts can do to make the world a better place. Girl Scout Sunday can also be a time when girls explore their faith and other faiths, earn the "My Promise, My Faith" award and strengthen the connection between their faith and Girl Scouts.

Congratulations to all the girls who joined us last weekend to earn their "My Promise, My Faith" pin and had them blessed today by Fr. Vidal. We are proud of our Saint Kateri Girl Scouts!

Event Calendar

Sunday, March 8, 2020

12:30 PM Breakfast with Liam

Monday, March 9, 2020

7:00 PM Welcome Home to Healing

7:30 PM Wine & Divine

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:00 PM Friends of Bill W.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:00 PM Gospel Study

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study

Thurs, March 12, 2020

6:00 PM Wolf Den Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2020

9:00 AM Morning Book Club

10:30 AM Book Club

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Soup Supper

Saturday, March 14, 2020

2:00 PM First Communion Retreat

4:30 PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner / Set up

Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:00 PM Youth Group

SKY

Saint Kateri Youth Ministry
March/April



Jill Weiss
skym@saintkateri.org

Youth Group

Come hang out with friends and discuss God, eat some stuff and play games.

Sundays 7-8pm

3/1: Meet at Sparta Lanes for free bowling

3/8

3/15

3/29

Welcome Home to Healing

Confession is offered every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30pm.

Did you know that you can download an app that will help you with confession?

Check it Out!



Service Opportunities & Events

Stations and Soup Supper:

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3-

Arrive at 6:00pm for set up, stations begin at 6:30pm. Help with set up/cleanup & enjoy The Stations of the Cross.

3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/18-**Godspell**:

@ Our Lady of the Lake- Friday & Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm, Wednesday at 7pm. Come and enjoy this spiritual performance. Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$10.

3/21-Blood Drive @ Saint Kateri:

7:45-1:45- Serve breakfast. Please contact Jill to sign-up.

3/22-Easter Basket Filling:

4-6:00pm- Fill Easter baskets that will be donated to the food pantry. Please bring a bag of wrapped candy.

3/6, 4/3-Adoration:

3:00pm Choose an hour to spend with Jesus.

4/5-Palm Sunday:

Make and distribute palm crosses after 9:30 mass.

4/11-Easter Egg Hunt:

10-11:00am Assist in setting up eggs and snacks.

-Contact Jill Weiss to Sign Up-

Teen Stations of the Cross

Come be a part of this dramatic and modern portrayal.



4/5- 7:00-8:30pm: Rehearsal

4/10- 5:00pm: Rehearsal, 7:30pm: Showtime

You must be able to attend both dates

Help Wanted!

Youth Ministry is filling 150 Easter baskets on March 22nd. The baskets will be donated to the Sussex County Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please consider donating basket supplies:

- Unopened wrapped candy
- Small new stuffed animals
- Rolls of cellophane
- Jump Ropes
- Play-Doh
- Small games
- Easter Eggs
- Chalk

*No loose jellybeans please, otherwise I eat them all 😊



Of possible Interest...

Camp Auxilium Open House 2020

Saturday, March 21st (10 AM – 12 PM)

~Followed by Pizza with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt (12 – 1 PM)~

Sunday, April 19th (12 – 2 PM)

Sunday, May 17th (12 – 2 PM)

A Place Where Every Young Person Feels Loved

For more info: www.campauxilium.org or call (973) 383-2621



St. Patrick's Day Party March 14th

Entertainment and Sing Along

Bill McGowan and Dick Freiburger

Sign up in the Gathering Space

Saint Kateri/Our Lady of the Lake MEN'S CORNERSTONE VI March 27 & 28, 2020 "BE NOT AFRAID"

A Men's Cornerstone Retreat will be offered at Our Lady of the Lake parish during this upcoming Lenten Season, March 27 & 28, 2020!

This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid!" Father David and eight other presenters will be giving the talks over a 26-hour period beginning Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will also be made available. Please mark your calendar and register today by calling the parish office at 973-729-6107.

Lenten Activities

**Welcome Home to Healing
(Confession) every Monday in
March from 7PM to - 8:30PM.**

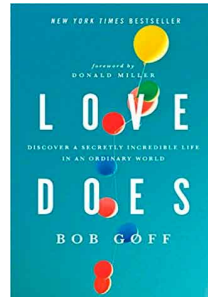
March 9, 16, 23, and 30.

A written guide about how to go to confession, the Act of Contrition, and Examination of Conscience, can be found at www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org or the home page of our website.

Lenten Soup Supper - Stations of the Cross
Every Friday through Lent* *Except Good Friday 6:30PM – 7:30PM at Saint Kateri Church and Gathering Space.

As we journey through Lent, let's invite others (friends, relatives, neighbors, acquaintances) to join us for **Stations of the Cross followed by a cup or two of homemade soup**, some crusty bread, and the warmth and fellowship of our SK faith community. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sign up at our display table in the Gathering Space to bring your favorite soup on a given Friday (we need 4-5 volunteers to make good size crockpots of meatless soup each Friday).



A WOMEN'S LENTEN BOOK GROUP

is being offered on Wednesdays during Lent from 7-8:30. We will use the book "Love Does" by Bob Goff (available on Amazon for \$10.95). It's a hilarious, whimsical book that makes living out our faith simple and real. For more information or to SIGN UP BEFORE 2/26/20 contact cathyconlee@gmail.com.



It's the simplest and most generous thing you can do for another human being. The next Blood Drive at St. Kateri Church is **Saturday, March 21st, 7:45am to 1:45pm.**

There is no substitute for your donation.

To schedule an appointment: Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS Sponsor Code 15978. *Walk-ins are always welcome.* Call Mary Stanek at 973-349-9191 for more information.

Thank you to donors and volunteers at our February Blood Drive. The 67 units collected made a difference to 201 patients and their families.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. Patrick F. Rice Memorial Trades Scholarship

Our Council continues to offer the Fr. Patrick F. Rice Scholarship to parishioners of the parish whose goal is not solely academic/collegial in nature.

To apply on line simply copy the link into your browser <https://saintkateri.org/k-of-c-trades-scholarship> Applications may be submitted on a continuing basis since trade school entry can occur throughout the year.

Ministry Scheduling for March 14th and March 15th

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	6:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Sandy Cangemi Ann Fowler Pamela Kulick Phyllis Holdsworth Mike Murphy Bill Holdsworth-Head	Linda Duncan Eileen Francis Mary Parker Jimmy Bizarro Louise Viegas Not Filled / Head	Jim Brocato Kim Mcfadden Paul McFadden Matthew Smetana Brenda Velez Nicole Smith Head	Cathy McCrossin Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled Not Filled John Piccotti Head	Paul Dottinger Aileen Parsons Lianna LeValley John Parsons Ed Tirpack Ginny Pivko Head
Lectors - First Second	Janet Murphy Bob Cangemi	Candala Roslan Not Filled	Vince Bell Michelle Orlando	Joey Piccotti Dorothy Armstrong	Nick Cutrone Samantha LeValley
Altar Server	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Owen Parreno Andy Parreno	Robert Smith Sophie Smith	Not Filled Not Filled	Not Filled Not Filled
Children Liturgy			Allen Gutowski / Heidi Byrne		

Subject to change. Please see Ministry Scheduler for possible changes in the scheduling.

Of Possible interest...

Saint Kateri Church is happy to announce that we will be hosting
Alstede's Community Supported Agriculture.
CSA!

Commit to clean eating and healthy living in 2020. Sign up now
to get a box full of fruits, vegetables, and herbs every week!

Visit alstedefarms.com, call 908-879-7189

or email trish@alstedefarms.com to sign up!

**All produce boxes will be delivered weekly to Saint Kateri on
Thursday mornings starting April 30th-November.**

Pay in full plan:

Full share \$1549 — *NOW \$1449*

Half share \$959 — *Now \$879*

Personal share \$799 — *Now \$719*

5-month payment plan:

Full share — 5 payments of \$304

Half share — 5 payments of \$184

Personal share — 5 payments of \$145

****NOW prices effective until first week of March****



North Star
Theater Company & Our Lady of
the Lake Church
present

GODSPELL

March 13, 14, 15 + 18
Friday & Saturday @ 8pm, Sunday @ 3pm
Wednesday @ 7pm

**GODSPELL TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE:
Go to www.northstar.booktix.com for tickets!**

Let's show our support ~~~ Members of the SK Choir are part of the production.