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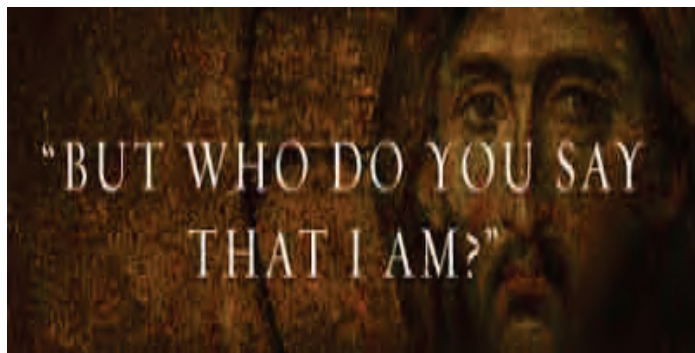
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary



August 23 2020

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass at 8:15 AM. Adoration held every Wednesday from 2-4PM. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3PM. First Friday of the month from 2 - 8 PM.

**Saturday at 5:00PM - Mass on the Grass - Bring a lawn chair
Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12 Noon.**

Our live streaming of Mass and Zoom Mass will continue during weekend Masses at 9:30am.

Confessions: Every Saturday from 4:00pm. – 4:45pm.

Please call the office or email Fr. Vidal for an appointment. Wear facemask and observe social distancing.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintkaterispartan>

We will continue to keep you updated through our website, E-mails, Flocknotes and Facebook.

To join Flocknotes (text message app) text "stkateri" to 84576.

OFFICE HOURS - We are all working from home at this time.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2020

"Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you son of John...'"

We are no different, because we are disciples of the Lord. He asks us the same question, but I wonder if we answer as did Peter, or as the other disciples responded.

There are countless ways we use to describe someone. We can speak of size, talent, profession, family. All might be true. But it's more important to know the person, rather than know about the person.

Peter's response is quite clear and to the point. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. We have accepted His invitation to consider what reply is most fitting for me to describe Jesus. We echo Peter's response, He is not just the Savior of all humankind, but my personal Savior as well. If that is true for me, Jesus affirms me as He did Peter and entrusts to me my responsibility in the church, missionary discipleship.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."



† MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

Monday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:15 AM Maria Gajewski

Tuesday, August 25: Weekday; St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:15 AM Marie DePalma

Wednesday, August 26: Weekday

8:15 AM Grace DeBitteto

Thursday, August 27: Saint Monica

8:15 AM James Joseph McVicker

Friday, August 28: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Special Intention

Saturday, August 29: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Joe Lorentz

Sunday, August 30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Gloria LaTorre

9:30 AM Santo Scaglione

12:00 PM Barbara Lewis



Prayers for the Sick:

We pray for Kathy Hartwick, Carol Mohr, Monica Murphy, Graydon McVicker, Edward Wallace, MaryAnn Eifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Tom Booth, Patrick Dillsworth, Chris

Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany Johnson.

To be added to the confidential prayer list contact Sue Weaver, Prayer Team: prayerteam@saintkateri.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Mon: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Tues: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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, First 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 love ones name added to the prayer list for the military, please call the parish center. 973-729-1682.

We are grateful to all those who have signed up for Electronic Giving and those who continue to mail in or drop off weekly donations.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. You are a valued member of our church family.

Thank you for all the notes we receive in with your offerings that carry messages of kindness and hope.

Your Sunday offering

Even though our church is quiet, facility utilities do not go away. Needs of our community, ministry, and families still remain as well. We can not meet such needs without your help. As we are not able to serve in large groups or in person, our gifts of prayer and treasure are ever so important, even crucial to get us through this difficult time.

If you haven't already, please consider setting up a recurring gift online. It takes two simple steps and the rest is seamless, automatic, and very flexible. Please visit our donation page at:

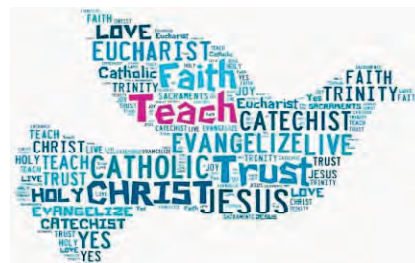
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You can also continue to mail your gifts and envelopes to the parish at: 427 stanhope Rd, Sparta, NJ 07871

May God bless you and your loved ones.

	Weekly	Mo. of Aug.
Regular Collections		\$14,222
Week Ending 08/02/2020		
Regular Collection	5,066	
Maintenance	625	
Debt Reduction	25	
Week Ending 08/09/2020		
Regular Collection	9,156	
Maintenance	250	
Project Faith	165	
Week Ending 08/16/20		
Not available at time of printing.		
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$62,500
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 08/09/2020		(\$48,278)

Faith Formation Corner...



Congratulations to all of our SK families celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation this summer!!!

Please keep all of our families in your prayers!

We are so excited to connect with all of our Faith Formation Families for this new year.

Stay tuned for upcoming emails and website information on SK Faith Formation!!



Be a good steward

When it comes to Christian stewardship, there's an awful lot we are supposed to take care of—the whole world to be exact! Pope Francis said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!" The key to stewardship is remembering that it's not ownership—your talents, your treasure, all of creation were bestowed on you. Show your gratitude to God by using them responsibly and sharing them with others lovingly and generously.

Readings: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22 (419).
"Sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

The 6PM Mass will not be held during the summer months. We invite you to attend the 5PM Mass on Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM or 12:00 pm Mass on Sunday.

Live streaming Mass will be held on Facebook and Zoom at 9:30 AM Sunday.
Zoom Meeting ID: 895 3912 3642
Password: 770614. Visit our website www.saintkateri.org



News from the Diocese...

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeny will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 8th, 2020 at 3:30pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 1st, 2020. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Due to safety concerns and physical distancing requirements, the Mass will be limited to Silver Anniversary (25 years) Jubilarians only.

You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

The Gold Anniversary Mass has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021. Registration will be at a later date.

Part Time Data Entry Position

The Diocese of Paterson Development Office (Clifton) is seeking a part-time data entry applicant for seasonal employment. Hours are flexible and not to exceed 30 hours per week. Responsibilities include accurate data entry of campaign pledges and payments and other pertinent donor information into donor database. Computer skills and advanced typing skills are a plus. Any interested parties should contact the Development Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. 218 for further details.

Of Possible Interest...

International Overdose Awareness Day

08.31.20 6-8 pm

The Newton Green

The Sussex County Recovery Community welcomes the public to a walk through memorial to honor loved ones lost to overdose. This event will be in compliance with NJ's COVID 19 guidelines.



You are invited to send pictures of loved ones to be included in the memorial. For more information and to submit photos, call or email: 973-940-2966
abigail@centerforprevention.org

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Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to **Matthew**, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's **faith** was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who **do** you say that I am"? Peter **responded** "You are the **Messiah**, The **Christ**, The **Son** of the Living **God**".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told **Peter** he was the **rock** upon which He would **build** His **church**. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the **formation** of the church and the **key**, The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

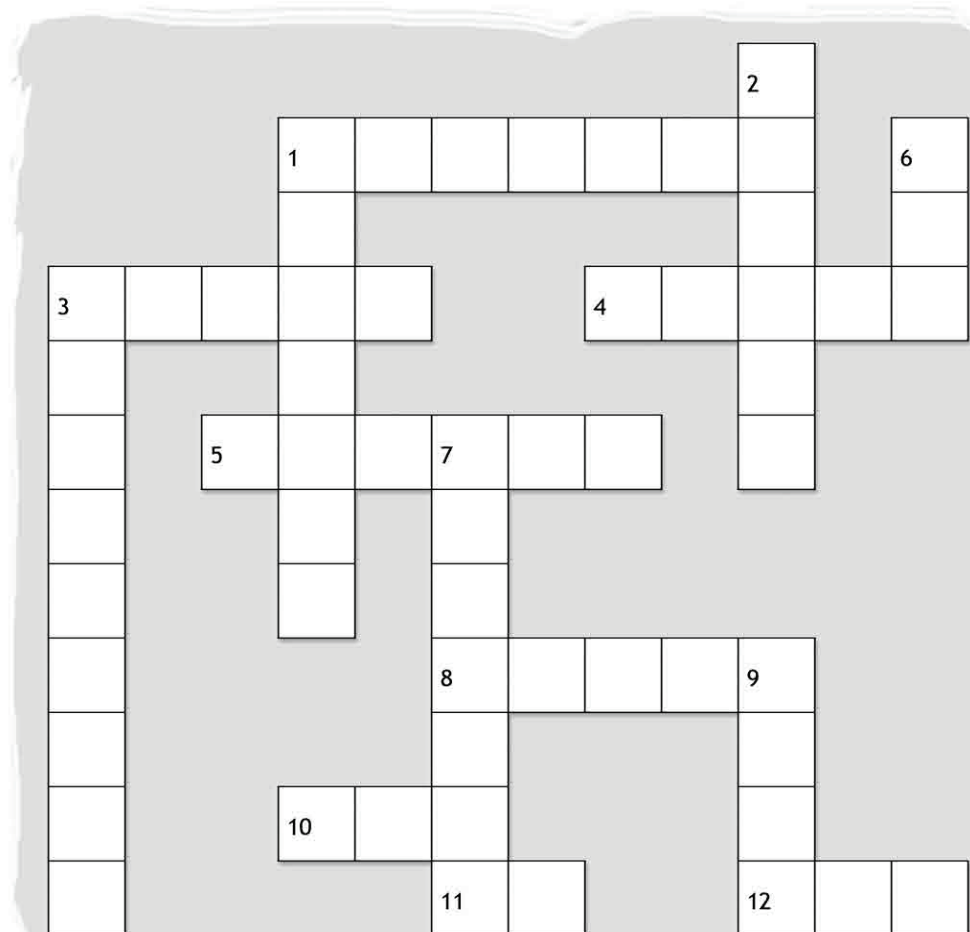


ACROSS

- 1] The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ____ was solid as a rock
- 4] To construct
- 5] A place we go to worship
- 8] The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10] Jesus is The ____ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ____ you say that I AM".
- 12] What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ____.
- 2] Jesus is The Messiah, or ____.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- 6] Our Father, The Almighty
- 7] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will
build my church.



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