

The Parish Community of

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Love God, Love others and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**



September 20, 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/saintkaterispartanj>**

**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.**

**Parish Center Hours: Tuesday - Wednesday 9am to 3PM.  
Thursday 9AM to 12:00PM.**

**Faith Formation Tuesday - Thursday 9AM to 2PM.**

# It's Never Too Late



**“Going out about five o’clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’” Matthew 20:6-7**

This passage reveals the fifth time in one day that the owner of the vineyard went out and hired more workers. Each time he found people idle and hired them on the spot, sending them to the vineyard. We know the end of the story. Those who were hired late in the day, at five o’clock, were paid the same wage as those who worked all day long.

One lesson we can take from this parable is that God is exceptionally generous and it is never too late to turn to Him in our need. Too often, when it comes to our life of faith, we sit around “idle all day.” In other words, we can easily go through the motions of having a faith life but fail to actually embrace the daily work of building up our relationship with our Lord. It’s much easier to have an idle faith life than one which is active and transforming.

We should hear, in this passage, an invitation from Jesus to get to work, so to speak. One challenge that many face is that they have spent years living an idle faith and do not know how to change that. If that is you, this passage is for you. It reveals that God is merciful to the end. He never shies away from bestowing His riches on us no matter how long we have been away from Him and no matter how far we have fallen.

Reflect, today, upon the level of commitment with which you are living your faith. Be honest and reflect upon whether you are more idle or hard at work. If you are hard at work, be grateful and remain committed without hesitation. If you are idle, today is the day our Lord invites you to make a change. Make that change, get to work, and know that our Lord’s generosity is great.

Lord, help me to increase my commitment to living my life of faith. Allow me to hear Your gentle invitation to enter into Your Vineyard of grace. I thank You for Your generosity and seek to receive this freely given gift of Your mercy. Jesus, I trust in You. (Mycatholiclife)

## Active Military Prayer List

*Please pray for our Active Military:*

*Sean Schoch, Infantry Second Lieutenant, 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.

## † MASSES FOR THE WEEK †

**Monday, September 21: Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast**

8:15 AM People of the Parish

**Tuesday, September 22: Weekday**

8:15 AM Lillian Ryan

**Wednesday, September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

8:15 AM Special Intention

**Thursday, September 24: Weekday**

8:15 AM Leland Sember

**Friday, September 25: Weekday**

8:15 AM Brian Monaghan

**Saturday, September 26: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM Sandy Scaglione

**Sunday, September 27: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM Jacqueline Macaluso

9:30 AM David Perrelli, Steven Cagno

12:00 PM Special Int. for Larry and Marie Kelly on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

## New Mass times starting Sunday October 18th

**Saturday: 5 PM - Mass on the Grass (For as long as Mother Nature allows)**

**Sunday: 7:30 AM  
9:00AM (this is a change)  
Zoom and Facebook  
10:30 AM Children's Mass  
Sign up required thru FFormation  
12:00 Noon**

## Prayers for the Sick:

We pray for Kathy Hartwick, Carol Mohr, Graydon McVicker, Edward Wallace, MaryAnn Eifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Al Saveriano, Henry Schubert, Tom Booth, Patrick Dillsworth, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany Johnson.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13**

**Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21**

**Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6**

**Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9**

**Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22**

**Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45**

**Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32**



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:

[www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving](http://www.saintkateri.org/electronic-giving)

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 Sept.
Regular Collections		\$14,041
Week Ending 09/06/2020		
Regular Collection	8,001	
Maintenance	255	
Debt Reduction	155	
Week Ending 09/13/2020		
Regular Collection	6,040	
Maintenance	115	
Project Faith	160	
Budget Monthly Expenses (including Loan Payments)		\$50,000
Month Net Income/(Expense) as of 09/13/2020		(\$35,959)

## News About the Bishop's Annual Appeal...

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is getting a face lift. (Or more like a 'name lift!') The name of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been changed and will now be known as the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. So if you get a letter from Bishop Sweeney in the next week or so asking you to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – please know that this is the new name of the Annual Appeal. While the name has changed, the work of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will continue to focus on the important ministries that it always has and will continue to serve thousands of people throughout our Diocese.

## Faith Formation Corner...

### We have launched our SK Faith Formation Program for 2020-2021!

We expect to begin our program on Sunday, Oct. 4th, and therefore we will close our sign up on Friday, Oct. 2nd.

When you click on this link for SK Faith Formation Information, you will notice the following new aspects of our program as we journey through this unprecedented year together:

- **Online Registration by Family**
- **Reduced Tuition this year** - but please consider contributing to our SK Parish online giving program!
- **Mass-Centered Faith Lessons for the Family** (Grades K - 8)
- **Sacramental Preparation for Grades 1 - 2 and Grades 7- 8**
- **Children's Family Faith Formation Mass each Sunday** (and a slightly revised Mass schedule to allow for it)
- **Extensive Family Support** for your entire family's catechetical and spiritual faith journey

Many more specific details are available, on the registration form, and on our website-- [Starting this week.](#)

We are so blessed to be your Saint Kateri Parish Family and to minister to you.

God bless you and your families, and stay safe as you start this school year!

We know it can't be easy, and you are in our prayers.

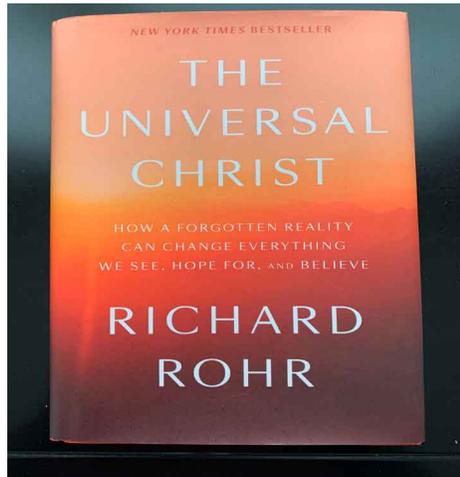
Cheryl Wallace  
Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate  
[cherylw@saintkateri.org](mailto:cherylw@saintkateri.org)

**Please continue to pray for our student receiving confirmation on September 28th.**



*Timothy Mulvaney, Anthony Pandiscia, Nicholas Castorina, Elizabeth Darmiento, Molly Englehardt, Madeline Evers, Samantha Getzandanner, Alexis Krauss, Jasmine Lutz, Colin Shagawat.*

**Wine & Divine  
Monday's  
7:30-8:30 pm  
October 5th**



Chapter 1  
Christ is not Jesus's Last Name  
No food or wine but still divine!  
All adults with face masks are welcome.



Saint Kateri Knights of Columbus  
Council #13677  
Columbian Squires Circle #5177

### **Fundraiser for Hurricane Laura Victims**

On Saturday, September 26 & Sunday, September 27, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting cash donations at each mass in support of the victims of Hurricane Laura. A collection bucket will be in the church lobby all weekend to place your donations in. If you are unable to attend church that weekend, you can follow this link & donate electronically: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/disaster-relief.html> Thank you for your support!

### **Saint Kateri Squire Circle Fall Flower Sale**

Due to the Covid-19 crisis and with social distancing guidelines, the traditional in-person flower sale is still not possible at this time. However, through the gracious partnership of our flower supplier C & C Growers, you can purchase a variety of mums, cabbage and kale, fall baskets, and pumpkins at their beautiful greenhouse location.

**Just visit C&C Growers from September 1st through October 1st and receive 10% off your purchase! You MUST present this flyer to receive your discount.**

The owners of C&C Caroline and Chris will also donate a portion of the purchases back to the Saint Kateri Squires to assist in our ongoing work to help many charities in our area.

**C & C Growers is located at 156 Hampton House Road (Rt. 206) in Newton (Just north of the Mercedes dealership).**

**They are open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm  
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS. Please purchase that special fall item to brighten your home and garden!**

Please contact Nick Cutrone, Squires Chief Youth Counselor at [cutronekofc@gmail.com](mailto:cutronekofc@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Supported our Squires circle!**

**Stop in and check out the 2+ acres of greenhouse and outside growing space.**

C & C Growers  
973-960-2591  
Website: [candcgrowers.com](http://candcgrowers.com)  
Email: [c growers@yahoo.com](mailto:c growers@yahoo.com)  
156 Hampton House Road (Rt. 206)  
Newton, NJ 07860

### **October will be Respect Life Month**

The words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "We are not some casual meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope Francis said, "Love for one another must be constant in our lives. We are called to safeguard the elderly, assist the sick, welcome unborn children and ultimately life is always to be protected and loved from conception to its natural end. THIS IS LOVE!."

## **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 Sweeney 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.



*Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry*  
*32 Main Street, Sparta NJ 07871*  
*862-266-0563*

St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Our Lady of the Lake  
Sparta United Methodist Church  
Sophia Inclusive Catholic Community

First Presbyterian Church of Sparta  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

**August 18, 2020**

**Dear Friends:**

**The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Needs your Help**

As you may have heard, with the Covid -19 pandemic, the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry will not be hosting our annual dinner fundraiser as in years past. This has become an anticipated event that many of you have participated in and we are truly thankful for your past support.

Clearly we cannot have an organized dinner this year, but the Food Pantry needs your support more than ever. We have stepped up our efforts to help feed more people in a very challenging and difficult environment.

In addition, because of Covid 19 restrictions, the Kiwanis Club of Sparta has not been able to hold monthly food and donation collections at Stop and Shop.

Let us share a few numbers to give you a better perspective as to what is going on and why we need your help:

- Over the last four months of this pandemic we have fed 22,747 people and do not anticipate the need to lessen during the next several months. This is a thirteen (13.4) fold increase over 2019. Included in this number are 8,310 children (9.5 times the 2019 count).
- In 2019, the annual fundraising dinner contributed \$20,189, and Kiwanis cash collections in conjunction with Stop & Shop contributed \$14,750 in support of the food pantry. The dinner will not be held, and Kiwanis collections will be reduced to approximately 25% of the 2019 amount.

We are very proud of having the ability to continue our mission throughout the last several months. This would not have been possible without the tireless help of many. Also, the generosity that you have provided in supporting our annual dinner is being used to support this exponential growth and has allowed us to continue our mission of helping families and people in providing essential food to those in need. We should all be proud of this.

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry has always been run 100% by volunteers and operates only through donation support. Please rest assured that 100% of funds collected will be used for food and essential needs for those we serve.

Everyone agrees with the importance of providing help – and in particular, food to those in need. Let us not allow our neighbors to go hungry!

This need is immediate right now but, in addition, the holidays are right around the corner and the need will grow bigger.

Although the fundraising dinner cannot be held this year, we are asking that you make a monetary donation to help make up the money generated by this dinner.

**Any amount that you can offer will be greatly appreciated:**

**\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more if you can (all donations are tax deductible- tax id 22-1861289)**

All donations can be sent to:

**The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry 32 Main St., Sparta, NJ 07871**

Thank you and we look forward to our 2021 fundraising dinner, but for now, please stay safe, keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours.

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry Board ( Phone-862-266-0563)

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
Matthew 25:40*

