



**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

*We warmly and enthusiastically welcome you as a member of the Saint Kateri Parish community.*

*We hope you will find a home among us and continue on your own faith.*

*We hope you will feel free to share your own gifts and talents to enrich our faith community and that you will find in Saint Kateri a true sense of Christian support and friendship.*

*May we all grow together in our love for Jesus Christ and our love for one another.*

*Be assured of our prayerful support and concern for you at all times.*



*For those who are attending Mass in person or visiting for private prayer, please be mindful that a mask must be worn in the Church at all times.*

*During Communion, please continue to wear your mask as you receive the Holy Eucharist and then step aside and lift your mask momentarily to consume the Body of Christ.*

*We must continue to be vigilant and protect our community and fellow parishioners.*

*Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines.*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 7, 2021**

**WELCOME:**

New parishioners are asked to register by calling or visiting the parish office or by speaking to one of the parish staff. You can also visit our website and register.

**WHY A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**

The precepts of the Church explained that: we need to belong to a parish (your parish is the Church in the City where you are domiciled) and to contribute to its support. Everyone should do this (Canon 107).

To identify yourself with a worshipping community of faith. Salvation comes to us by God in community. Religion is not meant to be individualistic. Membership in a parish community is the norm. To allow the priest of the parish to know you so that Letters of Recommendation can be given when needed. (Sponsorship/certificates)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism will be celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Please call eight weeks in advance of the date of baptism or email: [jennnd@saintkateri.org](mailto:jennnd@saintkateri.org).

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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every first Friday of the month from 2:00pm. Ending with evening prayer, prayer novena to St. Kateri and benediction at 7:00pm.

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THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son, in you Mary placed her trust; with Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, Mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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With his announcement of a Year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis has invited us to



commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pius IX's proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of Catholic Church. He offers us this year, in our parishes, our Diocese of Paterson and the universal Church, to draw closer to the one who loved Jesus "with a Father's heart."



Nothing will be refused St. Joseph, neither by Our Lady nor by his glorious Son.  
*St. Francis De Sales*

**1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Exodus 20:1-17:** Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25:** Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

**Gospel: John 2:13-25:** Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.



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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 cannot 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 Month of February**

**Regular Collections \$36,423**

**Week Ending 02/07/2021**

Regular Collection	12,686
Maintenance	455
Snow Removal	140

**Week Ending 02/14/2021**

Regular Collection	10,364
Project Faith	102
Snow Removal	160

**Week Ending 02/21/2021**

Regular Collection	5,969
Project Faith	181
Snow Removal	420

**Week Ending 02/28/2021**

Regular Collection	7,404
Maintenance	815
Snow Removal	93

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



Please consider making a donation to benefit the people in the Philippines, devastated by the multiple typhoons that have struck their country. See the table set up by the vestibule and for \$10 per FACE MASK, we hope to send some relief to those who continue to suffer greatly. Thank you. **RENEW COMMITTEE**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>March 6, 5:00 pm</b>	<b>+Frank X. Sirica, Sr.</b>
<b>March 7, Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 nn	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> + Albert Heidenwolf + Anthony Cannistra People of the Parish +Susan Jane Siersma
<b>March 8, 8:15 am</b>	<b>+Glori anne Clark +Judy Brocato</b>
<b>March 9, 8:15 am</b>	<b>Special Intention Suba Family + Anna Tasco</b>
<b>March 10, 8:15 am</b>	<b>+Maureen Moreau</b>
<b>March 11, 8:15 am</b>	<b>+Robert J. Duffy</b>
<b>March 12, 8:15 am</b>	<b>+Susan Vasco</b>
<b>March 13, 8:15 am</b>	<b>+Teresita Gonzales</b>
<b>March 14, Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 nn	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> +Jean Hart +Joyce Lake +Donna Cicala Special Intention Suba Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK**



We pray for: Patricia and Tom Sartain, Taylor Donnelly, Robert VanHoene, Kathy Hartwick, Rob McGurrian, Brian Naccarelli, Bill McCrossan, Carol Mohr, Graydon McVicker, Edward Wallace, MaryAnn Eifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Patrick Dillsworth, Chris Auger, Margaret Brennan, Brittany Johnson, Michael Cordero.

**ACTIVE MILITARY LIST**



Please pray for our Active Military: Sean Schoch, Infantry Second Lieutenant, SSgt Daniel Joseph (DJ) 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 loved one's name added to the prayer list for the military, please call the parish center, 873-729-1682.

**Welcome Home to Healing**



– "Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience Confession is a wonderful closer to our Lord.

the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw Confessions will be held Every Monday during Lent, starting **February 22** through **March 22**, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. with social distancing and face coverings.

# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



## Squires Circle "Drop Off" Canned Food and Clothing Drive, Sunday, March 14th

-The Saint Kateri Squires Circle will be holding a canned food and clothing drive to benefit the Sparta Food Pantry and the Samaritan Inn on Sunday, March 14th. The Covid-19 pandemic has placed a tremendous demand on both agencies. The Squires are asking for your support to help those in need by purchasing canned food items such as vegetables, soups, fruits, etc. and clothing items including socks, sweats, thermals, gloves, etc. You may also make a monetary donation which will be split between both the Sparta Food Pantry and the Samaritan Inn.

-The Squires will have a table in the parking lot and after all masses on Sunday, March 14th. When you are exiting mass, please drive up to the Squires table where you can drop off your donations in a socially distant and safe manner.

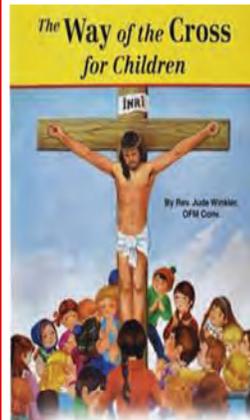
If you have any questions please contact Squires Chief Counselor Nick Cutrone at [cutronekofc@gmail.com](mailto:cutronekofc@gmail.com)



Did you celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020?

If you were married in 1970, the Diocese

of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th 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, April 25th, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register with your parish office is Thursday, April 8th, 2021. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration is processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



Children's Stations of the Cross, led by Deacon Bruce on Fridays: March 12 & March 26, 4:30 -5:15pm (this event will also be Live streamed / recorded on our Saint Kateri Faith Formation Facebook Page)



**Parish Stations of the Cross** - The Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday at 7:00 pm. with social distancing and face coverings.



## REFLECTION



### THIRD WEEK OF LENT

## THE HOLY WRATH OF GOD

*He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:15-16*

**Jesus** made quite a scene. He directly engaged those who were turning the Temple into a marketplace. Those selling animals for sacrifice were doing so as a way of trying to make a profit off of the sacred practices of the Jewish faith. They were not there to serve the will of God; rather, they were there to serve themselves. And this brought forth the holy wrath of our Lord.

It's important to point out that Jesus' wrath was not the result of Him losing His temper. It was not the result of His out of control emotions pouring forth in extreme anger. No, Jesus was fully in control of Himself and exercised His wrath as a result of a powerful passion of love. In this case, His perfect love was manifested through the passion of anger.

**A**nger is normally understood as a sin and it is sinful when it's the result of one losing control. But it's important to note that the passion of anger, in and of itself, is not sinful. A passion is a powerful drive which manifests itself in various ways. The key question to ask is, "What is driving that passion?"

In Jesus' case, it was hatred for sin and love for the sinner that drove Him to this holy wrath. By turning over the tables and driving people out of the Temple with a whip, Jesus made it clear that He loved His Father, whose house they were in, and He loved the people enough to passionately rebuke the sin that they were committing. The ultimate goal of His action was their conversion.

**J**esus hates the sin in your life with the same perfect passion. At times we need a holy rebuke to set us on the correct path. Do not be afraid to let the Lord offer this form of rebuke to you this Lent.

Reflect, today, upon those parts of your life that Jesus wants to cleanse. Allow Him to speak directly and firmly to you so that you will be driven to repentance. The Lord loves you with a perfect love and desires that all sin in your life be cleansed.

*Lord, I know that I am a sinner who is in need of Your mercy and, at times, in need of Your holy wrath.*

*Help me to humbly receive Your rebukes of love and to allow You to drive all sin from my life.*

*Have mercy on me, dear Lord. Please have mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**St. Kateri Knights of Columbus Council #13677**

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Take Out Only - Saturday, March 20, 2021**

**\$25 Person – Must Be Pre-Paid ; Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots & Bread  
Pick Up Time 5:30PM – 7:00 PM**

**Place Order By Making Check Out To St Kateri Knights of Columbus  
And Mail it to the Knights At The Parish Address of 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, NJ 07871.**

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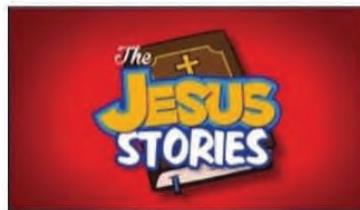
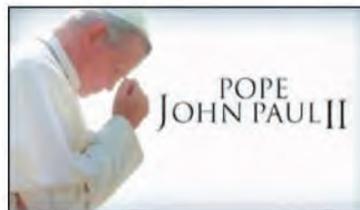
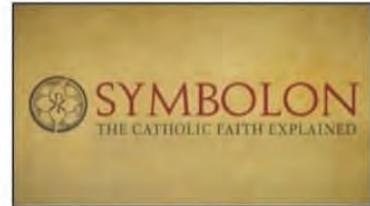
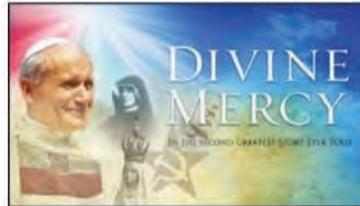
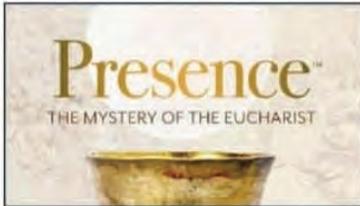
**Deadline To Order is Sunday, March 14**

**Any Questions, Contact Greg Risco @ 908-619-1263**

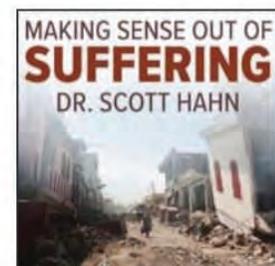
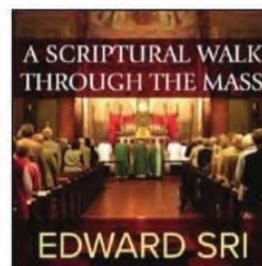
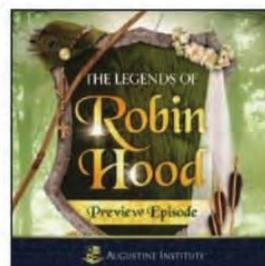
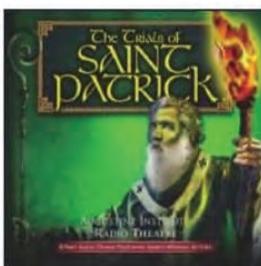
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**Saint Kateri Parish Lenten Mission - FORGIVEN -**  
**Mondays: March 8th, 15th, 22nd -- from 6 pm - 7pm**  
(before Monday Confessions) in the church & live-streamed/recorded via our Parish Facebook

Deacon Bruce will be leading these 3 Lenten Parish Mission sessions at Saint Kateri Church on the following Monday nights (Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 22) from 6pm -7pm, prior to Monday Confessions. These 3 sessions can be watched online at your own pace, by signing up through FORMED, our Saint Kateri Faith-based streaming service.

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