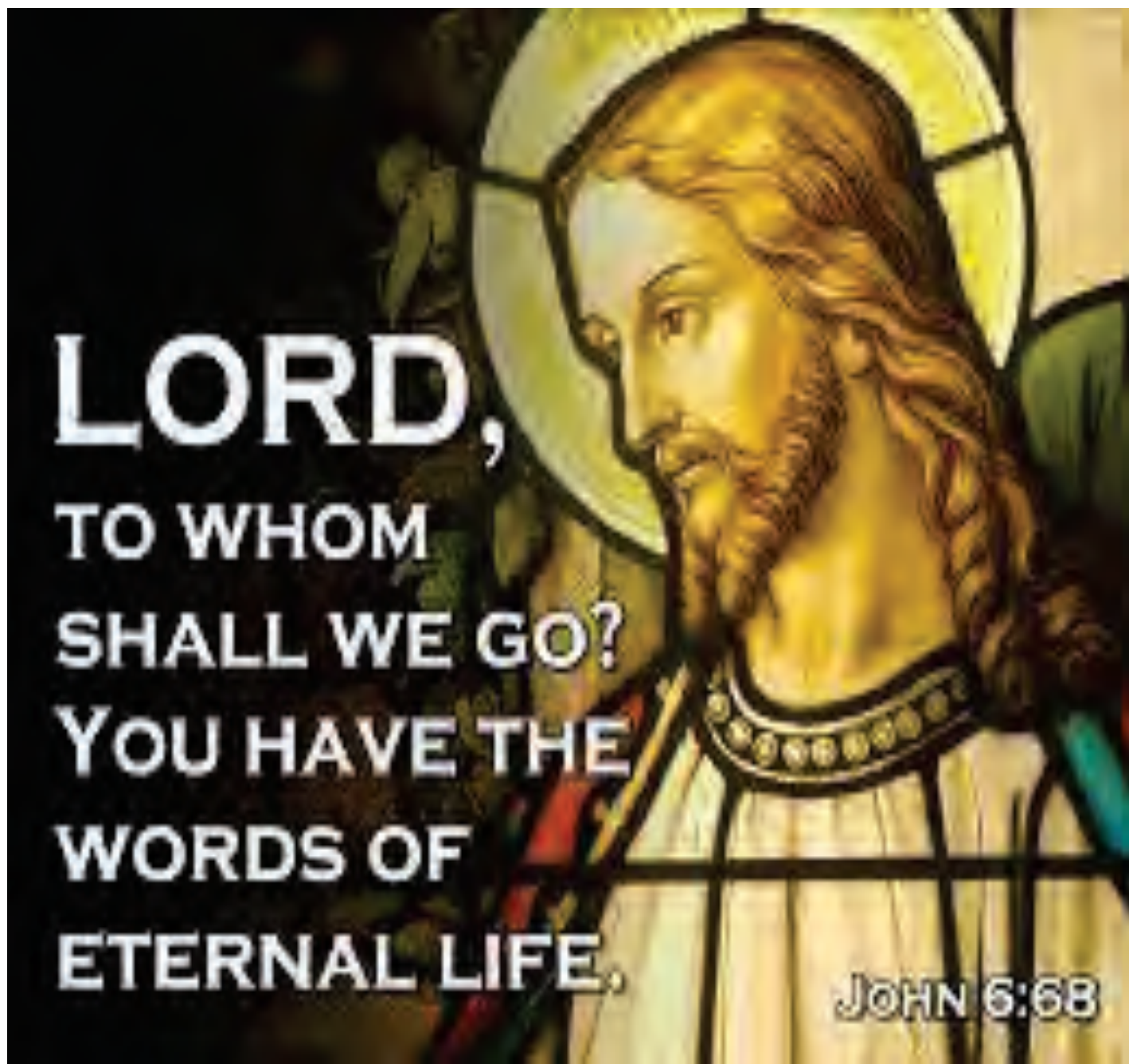




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AUGUST 22, 2021
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated every 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Please call eight weeks in advance of the date of baptism or email: jennd@saintkateri.org.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

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 explain 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. (Canon 107).

Everyone should do this in order to identify 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)



THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021
PRAYER TO SAINT 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 YOU 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass at 8:15 AM.
(Monday to Friday)

Saturday at 5:00PM

Sunday at 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, & 12 Noon.

Our live streaming of Mass and Zoom Mass will continue during weekend Masses at 9:00am.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Held every Wednesday from 2:00 – 4:00PM.

(Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM / Novena to our Mother Perpetual Help at 3:45PM

Every First Friday of the month from 2 - 6 PM.

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

We will continue to keep you updated through our website, E-mails, Flocknote and Facebook. To join Flocknote (text message app) text "stkateri" to 84576

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TUE. – WED. – 9AM. TO 3PM.
THUR. 9AM TO 12:00PM.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug. 21, 5:00pm	Santo Scaglione
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	Robert Dema
10:30 am	Leonard Cagno
12:00 nn	Alfredo Julao
Mon. Aug. 23, 8:15am	Cagney Moog
Tue. Aug. 24, 8:15am	Jennifer Landis
Wed. Aug. 25, 8:15 am	Frederiko jay Bulaglag
Thur. Aug. 26, 8:15am	Mary Jane Kelly
Fri. Aug. 27, 8:15am	Special Intention: Bob and Thule Bodo
Sat. Aug. 28, 5:00pm	Mary Desmond
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am	James Joseph McVicker
9:00 am	Janet Caltagirone
10:30 am	Tena Sullivan
12:00 nn	James Raymond Lahrman

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK

We pray for: Bella Pagnotta, Patricia and Tom Sartain, Norma Hart, Taylor Donnelly, Robert VanHoene, Kathy

Hartwick, Rob McGurrin, Brian Naccarelli, Bill McCrossan, Carol Mohr, Mary Ann Wifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Patrick Dilsworth, Chris Auger, Brittany Johnson, Michael Cordero, Margaret Brennan, Carmen Julao, Barbara Medina.

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; Lt Col 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.

To prepare for our Grand Reopening, please pick up your 'Welcome Home Packet' in the gathering space. Inside the packet, you will find a very meaningful Participation Activity designed to help our whole parish heal from the impacts of this past year. We ask that you bring your completed Activity to our Grand Reopening, the weekend of Sept. 11 & 12 at all Masses.





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 valued members of our church family. Even though our church is quiet, facility utilities do not go away. The needs of our community, ministry, and families still remain. 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 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 August

Regular Collections \$22,535

Week Ending 08/01/2021

Regular Collection	\$6,531.00
Maintenance	428.00

Week Ending 08/08/2021

Regular Collection	7,959.00
Project Faith	192.00

Week Ending 08/15/2021

Regular Collection	8,045.00
Assumption	450.00
Mission Cooperation Plan	185.00



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS OCTOBER 3, 2021

Mass is the center of Saint Kateri's Faith Formation.

However, if a family is still not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, Saint Kateri provides at least one live-streamed Mass each Sunday morning (9:00am) via Zoom and our Parish Facebook Page. See our website for details.

Faith Formation, including Sacramental Preparation

Family Sessions will take place after Mass each weekend (Saturday 5pm, and after two morning Masses on Sundays) in both church and the Community Room this year. Sacramental Preparation (First Communion and Confirmation) will involve specific family sessions and a supplemental home study program. The Schedule for the Year, Curriculum, and Online Registration can be viewed on our website as soon as it is available:

www.saintkateri.org/faith-formation



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August 28th – September 29th

Look for more details soon!



RCIA

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† Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith?

† Are you considering becoming Catholic?

† Are you a baptized Catholic seeking the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

† Are you a Catholic who wants to learn more about Catholic teachings or to enrich your faith?

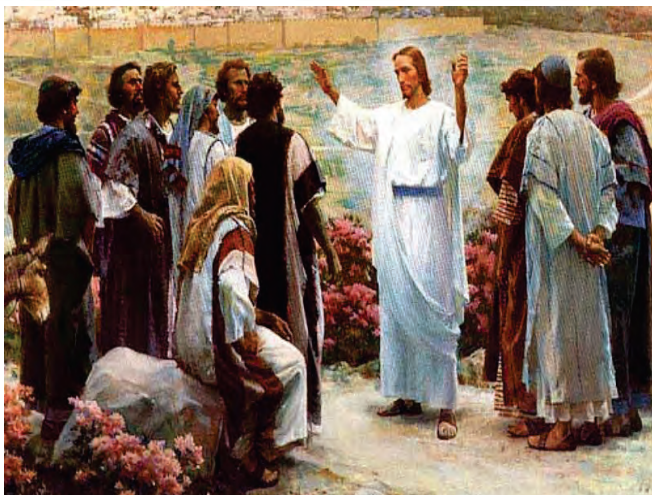
† Would you like to ask questions and receive answers in an informal and welcoming manner? And without making a commitment?

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Inquiry sessions begin
Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm
In the Blessed Miriam Demjanovich Room

For more information contact Deacon Bruce (bruceo@saintkateri.org)

REFLECTION



WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” [John 6:66-69](#)

AS a result of what? As a result of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist “many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had

given, but for some it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” ([John 6:53](#)). He goes on to say, “For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink” ([John 6:55](#)). From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught.

The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather, Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe.

Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. “Master, to whom shall we go?” In other words, Peter was saying, “Lord, even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected, be misunderstood...you are the best option.” Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best “option” to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground.

Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You.



Looking ahead to the weekend **AFTER LABOR DAY**, We will be going back to our previous Sunday Mass schedule: Daily Mass will stay the same, **M-F at 8:15** as well as Saturdays at **5 PM** Sundays will be at **8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 6 PM.**

We are very excited to invite you and your family back to MASS! **Please join us for our Grand RE-OPENING on the Weekend of September 11/12.** Stay tuned to the bulletin/website and announcements made at Mass for more details to come!

SAVE THE DATE!!! WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE PARISH PICNIC ON SUNDAY SEPT. 19th, following the 11:30 AM Mass. Details will be shared in the bulletin as our plans develop. It is truly our hope to bring friends and fellowship back together here at Saint Kateri

Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage - All people are welcome and encouraged to partake in the Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.

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Free Membership Extended - The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of

Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. The founder of the Knights, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020. To honor Father McGivney's dream of growing the Knights of Columbus, the Knights are offering FREE online membership now through the end of this year. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/join us and enter promo code MCGIVNEY2020. On Friday, August 27, our council will be hosting the Charity, Unity & Fraternity degree in the church which upon completion will make the new member a full-fledged 3rd degree Knight. New members sign in time is 7:00 PM. Degree start time is 7:30 PM. Kindly contact Grand Knight Greg Risco at 908-619-1263 with any questions and/or to confirm your attendance on November 20.

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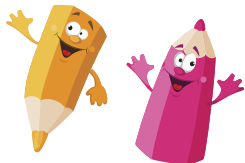
Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:60-69

Some of Jesus' followers found it difficult to understand His teachings and went back to their old lives. The Twelve had enough faith to believe Jesus was God's Holy One.

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Like those found in today's readings, we live the faith of Joshua, Simon Peter, the disciples and St. Paul as we serve the Lord.



Color, cut and hang where the family gathers.



As for me and
my household,
we will serve
the LORD.

JOSHUA 24: 15

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