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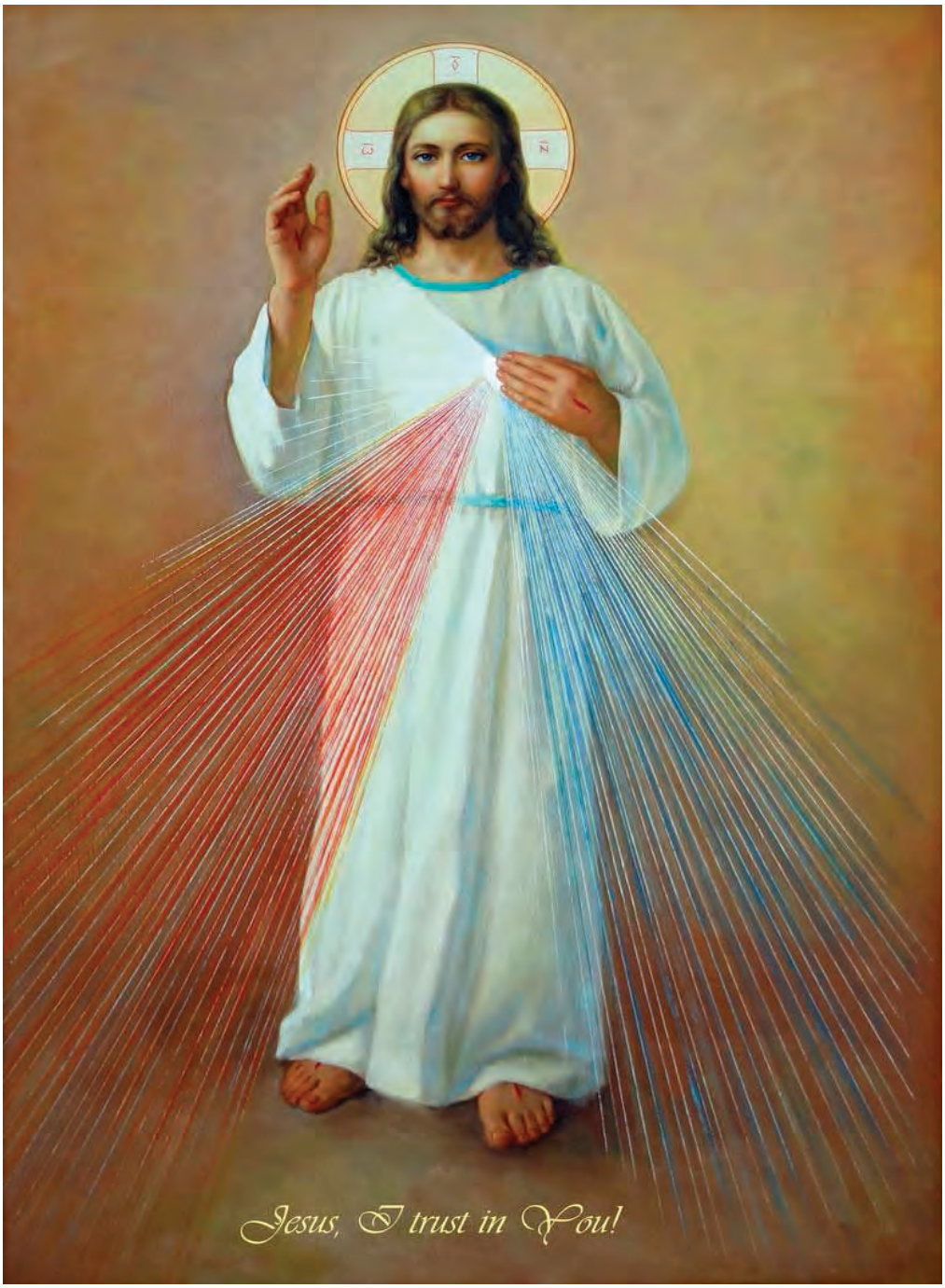
APRIL 24 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, & 6:00 PM
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Holyday: Vigil 7:30 PM
Holy Day - 8:15 AM and 12:00 PM
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Spanish Mass at 7 PM every 1st and 4th Monday of the month
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Our live streaming of Mass and Zoom Mass will continue during weekend Masses at 9:30 AM

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Held every Wednesday from
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
(Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM / Novena to our Mother Perpetual Help at 3:45 PM)
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Every First Friday of the month from
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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https://www.facebook.com/groups/ saintkaterispartanj

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:
Mon. – Thurs.: 9 AM to 3 PM
Office: 973 -729 -1682
Email: office@saintkateri.org
Website: www.saintkateri.org

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HRS:
Tues. – Thurs.: 9 AM To 3 PM,
and by appointment.
All Offices are closed for Lunch, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated every 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. 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)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23, 5:00 pm	John Gallagher
Sunday, April 24, 2022	
8:00 am	Barbara A. Poch
9:30 am	Vergelita Gonzales
11:30 am	Lillian Carley
6:00 pm	Louise Lamonaca
Mon. April 25, 8:15 am	Andrew Edward Kuhn
Tues. April 26, 8:15 am	Dr. Gene Francis Napoliello
Wed. April 27, 8:15 am	Marie W. Kuhn
Thu. April 28, 8:15 am	Sal Schippers
Fri. April 29, 8:15 am	Jim Schmidt
Sat. April 30, 5:00 pm	Mary Maziarski
Sunday, May 1, 2022	
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Mieczyslaw Olko
11:30 am	Brian Monaghan, Ann Monaghan & Therese Donnelly
6:00 pm	Special Intention for the Bieganousky Family

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST
PARISH PRAYER

O Christ, present
in The Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar,
we come before You on this year dedicated
to Your presence under the appearance
of bread and wine.
May we who approach Your holy altar
always come before You
with contrite hearts and renewed spirits,
so that we may truly renew
the face of the earth.
Be with us during this Holy Year
in the Diocese of Paterson
as we give special praise to You, the
"Source and summit" of our Catholic faith.
May Your Sacred Heart,
in The Most Blessed Sacrament,
be praised, adored, and loved
with grateful affection, at every moment,
in all the tabernacles of the world,
even to the end of time.
Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK.

We Pray For: Chuck Doyle, Tom Sartain, Taylor Donnelly, Robert VanHoene, Kathy Hartwick, Brian Naccarelli, Bill McCrossan, Carol Mohr, Mary Ann Wifler, Christopher Robak, Margie Frazier, Patrick Dilsworth, Chris Auger, Brittany Johnson, Melissa Hoey Kelly, Michael Cordero, Margaret Brennan, Barbara Medina, Connie Kasilag

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.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

REFLECTION

True power pardons

In the Nicene Creed, we say that Jesus is *seated* at the right hand of the Father. When a judge walks into a courtroom, the bailiff announces, "All rise," and the judge sits in judgment. In his see city, a bishop rests in his *cathedra*, and in his palace, a king reigns from his throne. A president signs legislation while seated at his desk. The chair is a locus of power. The power that emanates from such seats of authority judges, condemns, and sentences. Today's feast reminds us, though, that authority also exercises power by granting mercy. When a judge pronounces innocence, the sentence is no less binding than one of guilt. The absolved exits the court into a new day, ready to begin again. And when the priest's voice whispers through the screen, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," guilt evaporates into thin air. The purest and truest expression of power is the granting of mercy.

Mercy is a superabundance of justice, not an exception to it. When faced with a wound to the common good, those responsible for repairing the damage do not have two contrary options: justice or mercy. Justice and mercy are not mutually exclusive. Mercy is a form of justice. Mercy does not ignore the tears to the fabric of the common good slashed by crime and sin. Rightful authority notes the torn fabric, weighs the personal responsibility of the accused, and distributes justice precisely by granting mercy. Mercy does not turn a blind eye to justice, but fulfills its obligations to justice by going beyond them. After all, one cannot be absolved of having done nothing. Similarly, where there is no guilt there is no need of mercy. When justice calls out, two words echo back off the hard walls: "condemnation" and "mercy." Mercy runs parallel to, and beyond, the path of condemnation. This is the mercy we celebrate today, the mercy whose greatest practitioner is God Himself. Because He is the seat of all authority, God is also the seat of all mercy.

God plays many roles in the life of the Christian—Creator, Savior, Sanctifier, and Judge. Our Creed teaches us that God the Son, seated at the Father's right hand, "will come in glory to judge the living and the dead," both at the particular and at the final judgment. At that moment, it will serve us nothing to state, in excusing our sins, that "God understands." Of course God understands. To state "God understands" is just another way to say that God is omniscient and all powerful. "God understands" implies that because God knows the powerful temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, that He could not possibly judge man harshly. Yet "God understands" is a lazy manner of exculpating sinful behavior. When nose to nose with God one second after death, the repentant Christian should plead, instead, "Lord, have mercy." Faced with the scandalous behavior of a friend or relative, the response should again be "Lord, have mercy." Appealing to God's mercy will melt His heart. Appealing to His knowledge will not.

The private revelations of Jesus Christ to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and intense mystic who died in 1938, are the source of the profound spirituality of today's feast. Sister Faustina was a kind of Saint Catherine of Siena of the twentieth century. She lived a regimen of fasting, meditation, liturgical prayer, and close community life that would have crushed a less resilient soul. But Faustina persevered, amidst debilitating illnesses, sisterly jealousy, and respectful but questioning superiors. Her diaries are replete with the starkest of language from the mouth of Christ, showing that moral clarity precedes the call for mercy. Sister Faustina faithfully recorded Christ's manly commands in her diary. One of these commands expressly desired that the Divine Mercy be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. In an age old pattern familiar to an ancient Church, Saint Faustina's private revelations were challenged, filtered for theological truth, sifted for spiritual depth, and granted universal approbation by the only Christian religion which even claims to grant such. In the soundest proof of their authenticity, the profound simplicity of the Divine Mercy revelations and of their related devotions were intuitively grasped and adopted by the Catholic faithful the world over.

Pope Saint John Paul II first inserted today's feast into the Roman calendar on April 30, 2000, the canonization day of Saint Faustina. Saint Pope John Paul II was also canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2014. And so the Church's third millennium was launched with a new devotion that quickly eclipsed many older ones, a new piety rooted in the most ancient truths, a fresh appeal to a side of God that had not been fully understood in prior ages. Divine Mercy is the new face of God for the third millennium, a postmodern Sacred Heart. This is the God who leans in and waits with bated breath for us to whisper through the screen, "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned." This is the God who at the end of time, whether our own time or all time, waits to hear from our lips those few prized words "Lord, have mercy." Having heard that, He need not hear anything more. And having received that, we need not receive anything more.

Divine Mercy, do not hold our sins against us. Be a merciful Father who judges us in the fullness of Your power, punishing when needed, but granting mercy when we need it more, most especially when we are too saturated with pride to request it.

Saint Kateri Happenings

Ministry Spotlight

Wedding Ministry

Our Mission is to provide a warm and welcoming presence to the bridal party and guests by guiding and assisting them during the rehearsal and wedding ceremony.

We help the wedding couple by:

- Opening and closing the church for the ceremony.
- Attend the rehearsal to help instruct the bride and groom.
- Help bride and bridal party with last minute details.
- Set up chairs, candles, etc. and dismantle when ceremony is over.
- Provide any assistance to guests to ensure a comfortable and unforgettable ceremony.

Please consider joining us!

For more information, please contact Laura Luba at 973-876-5219 or Laurajune@rocketmail.com

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 23 & 24	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Choir / Cantor	Ushers
Sat. 5:00 PM	Patricia Kane / Ed Madzy	Pam Madzy	Marc G. Dalio	
Sun. 8:00 AM	Bob Bodo / Louise Viegas	Joanne Miceli	Marc G. Dalio	Mark, Martin & Tommy
9:30 AM	Kim McFadden / Paul McFadden	Joe Deluca	Adult Choir	Mike D.
11:30 AM	Cathy McCrossan / **	Dorothy Armstrong	Marc. G. Dalio	John, Fred, Jim
6:00 pm	Samantha LeValley/Susan Weaver	Richard Freiberger	Youth Choir / Taryn Pry	

April 30 & May 1	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Choir / Cantor	Ushers
Sat. 8:00 PM	Bob Cangemi / Pam Madzy	Tom Gibbons	Marc G. Dalio	
Sun. 8:00 AM	Margaret Lewis / Ed Tirpack	Laura Tirpack	Marc G. Dalio	Mark, Martin & Tommy
9:30 AM	Mary Fahsbender	Bob Medina	Adult Choir	Mike D.
11:30 AM	Cathy McCrossan/Rebecca Panzer	**	Marc G. Dalio	John, Fred, Jim
6:00 pm	Susan Weaver / **	Lorraine Insley	Youth Choir	NO MASS

Evidence of the Resurrection: A Lawyer's Analysis
Wednesday, April 27
7 - 8pm

Would the evidence of Jesus' resurrection from the dead stand up in a court of law? This in-person event features Christian Clark, a Harvard Law School graduate, who will investigate the biblical account of the resurrection with a lawyer's critical eye.

To register online visit
https://insidethewalls.org/evidence

Squires Circle New Member Ceremony
May 1st

All young men ages 10-17 are encouraged to join our award-winning Columbian Squires circle on Sunday, May 1st at 3 p.m.

Mandatory dress code is shirt, tie, pants, and shoes. Jackets are optional but not mandatory. This is a spiritual event, and the expectation is to dress properly for this new member ceremony.

NOTE: parents, please contact Chief Counselor Nick Cutrone at 917-513-8624 to pre-register your son. It is important that all new Squires and family members are pre-registered to get a correct headcount for the family reception that will follow the ceremonial. We look forward to welcoming our newest Squires!
New Squire candidates should arrive at 2:45 p.m. for sign-in.

May Crowning

Join us on Mother's Day, May 8th at 9:30 Mass as we honor Mary, mother of Christ, and crown her "Queen of May"

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 June. If you would like to join

Faith Formation Corner

Get excited for Vacation Bible School

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 PM in the Community Room

Proceeds to Benefit Wounded Veterans
$15 per Adult / $12 Age 12 & under
No Charge for Wounded Veterans
Dine In or Take Out
Ticket Sales in the Lobby after all Masses

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May God bless you and your loved ones.

	Month of April
Regular Collections	**$**
Week Ending 4/03/2022	
Regular Collection	$ 7,507
Maintenance Collection	$ 874
Week Ending 4/10/2022	
Regular Collection	$
Maintenance Collection	$
Week Ending 4/17/2022	
Regular Collection	$
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	$

**Weeks Ending 4/10 and 4/17 not available at time of publishing.

Next Week's second collection is for:
Parish Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Parish Ministries/Contact Person

Abortion Alternative: 1st Way Hotline: 800-848-5683
Adopt a Family: Mary Beth Dowd
Adoration Society: Jim Brocato
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SUN. 4/24	MON. 4/25	TUES. 4/26	WED. 4/27	THRS. 4/28	FRI. 4/29	SAT. 4/30
8 AM Mass	8:15 AM Mass	8:15 AM Mass	8:15 AM Mass	8:15 AM Mass	8:15 AM Mass	
9:30 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass 12:30 Feast of Divine Mercy	6:15 PM Webelos		2-4 PM Adoration	9:00 AM Bereavement Support Group		4:00 PM Confession
	7:00 PM Spanish Mass				6:00 PM Pack Mtg	5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM 7:30 Saint Kateri Connections	7:00 PM VBS Planning Mtg 7:30 PM Wine & Divine	7:00 Social Events Committee Mtg				6:00 PM Wounded Veterans Spaghetti Dinner

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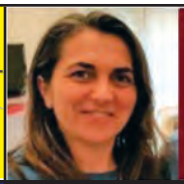
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