

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter

READINGS: Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 1.3-9
 Psalm: 118 Gospel: John 20.19-31

Saturday, April 22 - 4:00 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Mass

Offered for: Hilda Caldwell – Memorial Mass
 Requested by the St. Kateri Circle
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip, Morgan
 Lectors: St. Kateri Circle Members

Sunday, April 23 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Mae Tarbell – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
 Lectors: Erin Cole and Lisa Tarbell

Tuesday, April 25 - 6:00 pm

Offered for: Emily Allen – 4th Anniversary (April 16)
 Requested by the Family

Wednesday, April 26 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Wilfred Bova – 1st Anniversary
 From the funeral collection

Thursday, April 27 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Hubert Rourke – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Friday, April 28 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Sandra J. Terrance – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Saturday, April 29 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Alex Arquette – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Cheyenne, Keon and Summer
 Lectors: Jamie Bay and Caroline Peters

Saturday, April 29 – 6:30 pm

Tri-District Elders

Offered for: Ian Seymour – 6th Anniversary
 Requested by the Family
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Sunday, April 30 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Irene Loran – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Dr. John and Ginnie
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
 Lectors: Rose-Alma McDonald and Irving Papineau

 Please welcome our newest Church community member
 as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday,
 April 23rd – Stephen Daniel Thomas Jr., and all the
 blessings to his parents, Godparents and family.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY OF
 DIVINE MERCY--APRIL 23, 2017**

Divine Mercy Sunday is a tremendous feast established sixteen years ago by Saint Pope John Paul II, but requested by Jesus Himself when he appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska. He told her: I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners....On that day I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. . . Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Divine Mercy." Jesus asked that we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily in reparation for all the sins of the world. On this Mercy Sunday, there are several special opportunities to beg God's Mercy.

1. CORNWALL - St. Columban's Church. Fourth Street. There will be an HOUR OF MERCY on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 P.M. with special guests from the JPII Centre of Divine Mercy.

2. OGDENSBURG - St. Mary's Cathedral. There will be a day of Divine Mercy beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:00 A.M. Mass with Adoration and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction between 1:30 and 3:00 PM. At 3:00 P.M. Bishop Terry LaValley will offer a HEALING MASS for all souls, especially those who have been wounded in any way by the Church.

3. MALONE - Notre Dame Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:00 A.M. Mass until 3:00 P.M. when the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be heard from 12 Noon until 2:50 P.M.

*Jesus has promised great graces to all sinners
 who approach Him on this Divine Mercy Sunday.*

BE NOT AFRAID! FAITH in Jesus is the answer to fear. Deep down we are all afraid: afraid of suffering, or of dying; afraid of God's judgment, afraid of the unknown, of weakness, or of our lives slipping out of our control or of not being understood and loved. We sin because we fear. We bully because we are cowards. FAITH in Jesus casts out darkness. God has shone His light into our world and it is stronger than darkness.

That Light is Jesus Christ.

**WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF
 ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA – April 17**

On April 17, 1680, God called St. Kateri Tekakwitha home to Himself! Born of a Christian Algonquin mother and a Mohawk father in 1656 at Auriesville, , Kateri lost her parents and brother in a terrible smallpox epidemic in 1660. She herself was disfigured by smallpox and suffered a weakening of her eyesight. When Father James de Lamberville, S.J. came to St. Peter's Mission at Caughnawaga (Fonda) Kateri expressed her desire for Baptism. Having followed the rule for catechumens for six months, she was baptized on Easter Sunday, 1676. Although Kateri suffered ridicule from some who detested Christians, her unfailing gentleness, her wholesome humility, her innate kindness and good humor won over all who knew her. She went to St. Francis Xavier Mission on the St. Lawrence, Kahnawake, where she could live her faith without fear. Every morning she attended Mass at four o'clock and again at seven o'clock. She had an intense personal love of Jesus, of the Blessed Mother, and of her neighbor. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was the great delight of her life. On Christmas, 1677, she received her First Holy Communion. After that her holiness grew by leaps and bounds! Although she hoped to found a convent of Mohawk nuns, her spiritual director advised her to pronounce a private vow of virginity and to consecrate herself to the Blessed Mother whom she dearly loved. At the beginning of 1680, Kateri's health began to weaken. On Tuesday of Holy Week, she received Holy Viaticum and on the next day, shortly after three o'clock, as she whispered, "Jesus, Mary" Our Lord came to take her home. Immediately her face became resplendent with glory. Everyone realized that a saint had been in their midst. She had practiced Love and all Christian virtues to a heroic degree. As our very own Mohawk saint, we should call on her aid with the greatest confidence. She will help us to live a holy life in union with God

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
 NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

April 23 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S GOSPEL PRESENTS a very dramatic, story, describing astonishing events. The resurrected Jesus somehow passes through locked doors and appears before his disciples. Later, Thomas the doubter, is invited to put his fingers right into the mortal wounds in Jesus' body to see for himself that the figure standing before them is truly their friend and teacher, who had been killed before their eyes just a few days earlier. These extraordinary moments offer important teachings, not just to the disciples, but to us, too. But the most powerful teaching moment is also the quietest. Jesus' followers are hiding in terror, their hopes crushed, their spirits defeated, afraid for their very lives. All seems lost. Then Jesus is somehow among them and says these simple words: "Peace be with you." Instantly their fear and dread are gone and in their place – joy. Peace, inner peace, is the first gift the resurrected Jesus offers his disciples. Nourished by the peace of the Lord, this group of ordinary people will soon change the world. And we, also ordinary women and men, also full of anxieties and disappointments, confused about the present and uncertain about the future, are offered the same gift. Right here, today, Jesus is saying to us, too, "Peace be with you." We need only to open our hearts to receive it.
Patrick Gallagher. Toronto. ON.

Dear St. Kateri Tekakwitha, obtain healing and comfort for all who suffer, especially those in our hospitals and nursing homes and those who are lonely and discouraged. Commend to the Mercy of Jesus, Orlo Ransom, Hilda Smoke, Nancy Phillips, Charlotte Lazore, Eric Seymour, Tommy Sunday, Esther Burnham, Francis Cree, Clyde Cree, Larry and Paulette Pyke, Hubert Jock, Isabel Rourke, April Benedict, Elizabeth Lazore and Naomi Lazore.
Eternal rest grant unto Ruth White, Francis Lazore, Dulsie Bradley, William Hermann, Rose Toth, and Garv Balaban (Father Belgarde's brother-in-law.) May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations to the individuals who answered the Call to Serve. Please pray for them as they persevere in their Call: "Sally Hamelin, Marianne Bero, Caroline Peters, Rose-Alma McDonald, Dawn Morey and Joe Sawatis." Volunteers will still be accepted – please provide your name and phone number to Father Jerome, or call the Rectory office. Next training session is scheduled for Sat., April 29th, at 10:30 am in the Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - On Monday, April 24th at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center, there will be a Faith Formation information session for adults who desire to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist/First Penance, and Confirmation). Refreshments will be provided.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH MASS

There will be regular Mass on the first Friday of the month at Sweetgrass Manor in Kanatakon, in the Commons Room, at 5:00 pm. The Mass is sponsored by the residents and everyone is welcome to attend.

A Dinner in honor of St. Kateri Tekakwitha will be held at St. Kateri Center following Mass on April 22nd. All are welcome.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on May 3 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center.

First Communion: next class is Apr. 27 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. **AMS school** next class is Tuesday, April 25, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

IN GRATITUDE: Niawenko:wa/Thank you to Julia Roundpoint and her family for the donation of Easter Flowers for the Church.

BAPTISM SEMINAR – the next session is scheduled for Tues., May 9 at 5:30 pm at the St. Kateri Center. Please pre-register and provide a copy of the child's Birth Certificate before attending.

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council	April 26	5:30 pm
Music/Choir Ministry	May 6	9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	May 7	12:30 pm
Knights of Columbus	(to be announced)	

JUNE 24-25, 2017 – Trip to St. Anne de Beaupre If you wish to attend, and travel by coach bus, please call Caroline Peters at 518-333-8549, by Friday, April 28th.

COLLECTIONS	CDN	US
Thurs., April 13	\$100.40	\$158.49
Fri., April 14 (Holy Land)	\$ 82.50	\$ 71.16
Sat., April 15	\$247.80	\$186.93
Sun., April 16 (6 am Mass)	\$304.75	\$426.98
(10 am Mass)	\$469.00	\$606.86
Easter Flowers Offerings	\$ 45.00	\$210.00