



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Member Churches

Sacred Heart ~ 17 Bridge Street ~ Kent

Saint Bernard ~ 52 New Street ~ Sharon

Saint Bridget ~ 7 River Road ~ Cornwall Bridge

Rev. Peter {Piotr} Buczek ~ Pastor

Parish Trustees

Mr. Gary Davis and Mr. Tom Bartram

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AND FRIDAY 9 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

TUESDAY 9 AM

SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM

SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

SUNDAY 8 AM

SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3- 3:30 PM at Saint Bridget Church
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin

Parish Secretary / Office Manager

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

Kathleen Lindenmayer & Gwynne Seufert

LITURGICAL MUSIC

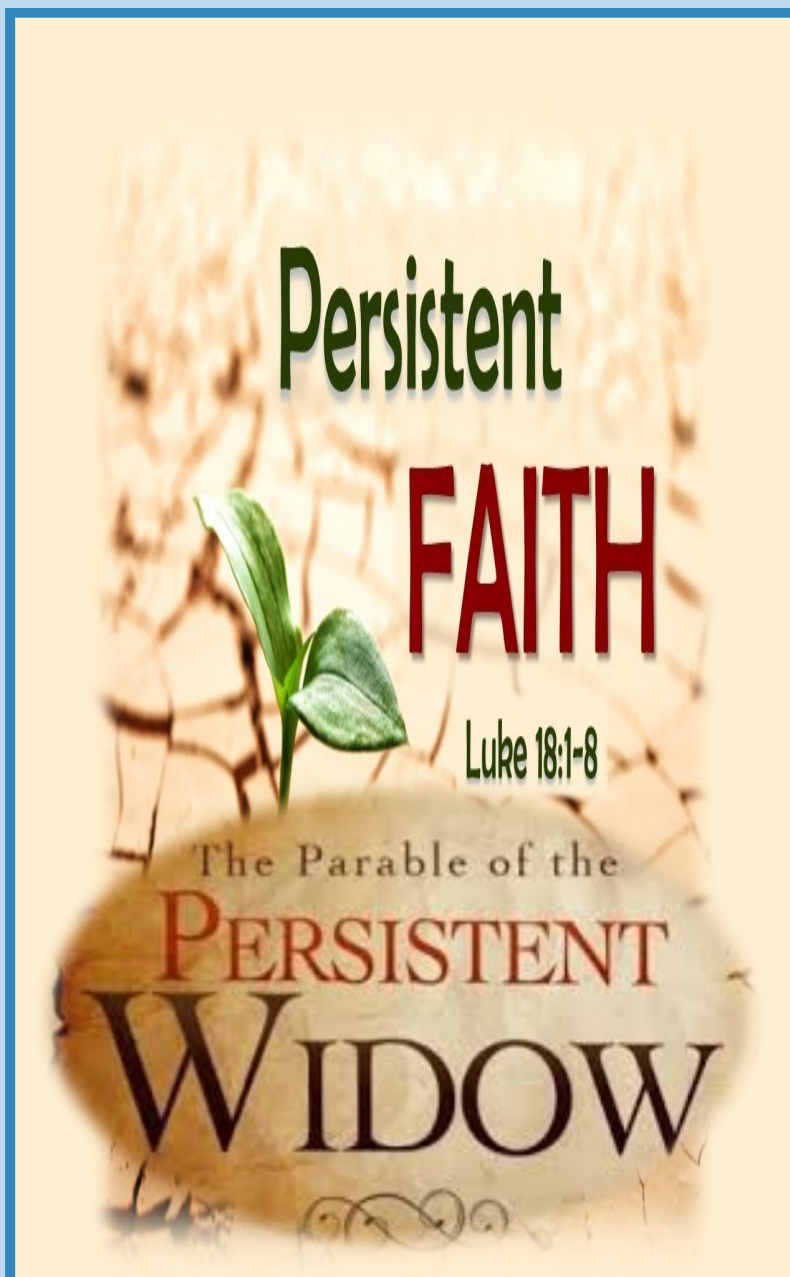
Deirdre Broderick, Donald Barnao
Rebecca Limoges

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



ALL WORSHIP SITES



SUNDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2025



Mass Schedule for this Week

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th & SUNDAY OCTOBER 19th

THE 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ SAINT BRIDGET

Mass is offered for Margaret Arnold
Requested by Cheryl Moretti

8 AM ~ SAINT BERNARD

Mass is offered for William Morrison
Requested by his daughter, Betty Morrison

10 AM ~ SACRED HEART

Mass is offered for the Chapman and Sheehy Families
Requested by Pat Kelsey

MONDAY OCTOBER 20th ~ 9 AM ~ SACRED HEART

Mass of Healing for Sister Regine Bruder
Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21st ~ 9AM ~ ST BERNARD

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th ~ 9 AM ~ SACRED HEART

Mass is offered for James Whalen
Requested by Fred Wiwie, Jr

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th & SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th

THE 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ SAINT BRIDGET

Mass is offered for Alica and Leo Rosati
Requested by Leigh Peet

8 AM ~ SAINT BERNARD

Mass is offered for Peggy McEnroe
Requested by Phillip & Mary O'Reilly

10 AM ~ SACRED HEART

Mass is offered for Tom Lennon
Requested by Will Gawel Jr.



The Rosary is prayed following each Monday Morning Mass at Sacred Heart. On Sunday Mornings, The Rosary is now also prayed beginning at 7:30 AM at Saint Bernard prior to 8 AM Mass. And beginning at 9:20 AM at Sacred Heart prior to 10 AM Mass.



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Fr. Piotr's Weekly Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the persistent widow. She is a woman who refuses to give up, continually asking the judge for justice. Though he is reluctant at first, her persistence finally wins him over. Jesus uses this story to remind us: we must always pray and never lose heart.

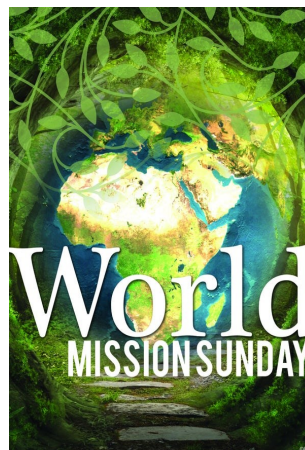
Life often challenges us with situations that seem unfair or overwhelming. Sometimes it can feel like God is silent or distant. But the Lord calls us to trust, to keep turning to Him in prayer, even when answers are delayed. Prayer is not only about asking for what we want; it is a way to draw closer to God, to strengthen our faith, and to align our hearts with His will.

Persistence in prayer requires patience, trust, and courage. Like the widow, we are invited to bring our needs, our worries, and our hopes before God without giving up. And Jesus assures us that God hears us. Though the world may seem unjust at times, God's justice and love are perfect and enduring.

As we reflect this week, let us ask ourselves: Do I pray with persistence, even when it is hard? Do I trust God's timing and His plan for me? May we, like the widow, approach God with faith that is unwavering, confident that He will respond in His own perfect way.

Let us encourage one another in prayer, lifting up our parish, our families, and all who are in need. And may we be persistent not only in asking God but also in living out justice, mercy, and love in our daily lives.

In Christ's,
Fr. Piotr



Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the world in prayer and generosity for the missions. The second collection today supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. This year's theme, 'Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,' reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness." Thank you for your prayers and for your generosity in being part of this global mission of bringing Christ to all corners of the world.

THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OUR OFFERTORY DONATIONS FOR THE 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
\$2,871.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,013.00.

We appreciate the generosity and steadfast commitment of all our parish families in supporting our parish.
May God bless all of you.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS TO SAINT KATERI PARISH



Requesting a Mass to be offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Weekend and Weekday Mass Intentions may be offered for both the living and those who are deceased.

Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass. Mass cards are always available to be sent to family members of those who the Mass is offered for.



The Sanctuary Lamp in every Catholic Church signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. This week at Saint Bernard Church The Sanctuary Lamp burns for The Glory of God and in loving memory of William Morrison Requested by Betty Morrison



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to Catholics whose physical, spiritual, or emotional health is seriously impaired by sickness or advanced age. It is a beautiful prayer and Sacrament and you need not wait until the hour of death to receive this. If you would like to be anointed, please call the parish office.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.



Confession is where we experience that idea so many Evangelicals refer to as "the personal relationship with Jesus." Yes, this is of course true of the Eucharist also, to no smaller degree, but there is something so personal and intimate about Reconciliation, whereas Mass is communal and public. In the confessional, it really is like stepping outside of time and confronting the immediacy of sorrow, speaking the truth of our sins out loud, and experiencing the flood of God's mercy and love. All that is palpable. Plus, the objective knowledge that we have been forgiven. It's awesome." Confessions are heard each Saturday afternoon at Saint Bridget from 3-3:30. Father Peter also hears confessions on most weekdays following the celebration of Mass. You may also call the parish office and schedule a time for the Sacrament.

OUR READINGS TODAY

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:8-13

Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose.

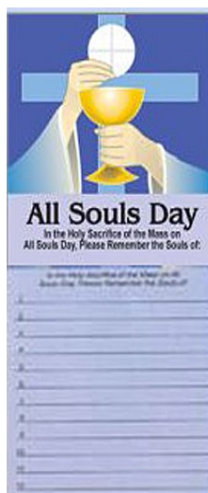
So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of His people.



Throughout the month of November, those who have gone before us blessed with the sign of our faith will be remembered at all Masses.

If you would like to include a loved one, family member, or friend, please write the names on the back of the ALL SOULS' ENVELOPE found at the entrance of each worship site.

Envelopes with your donations may be placed in any collection basket during the month of November. All envelopes received will rest on the altar during November as those intentions will be in our prayers at each Mass that is celebrated.



PRAYING IS CONTRASTED WITH DISCOURAGEMENT.

Don't lose heart. Don't despair. Don't give up. Don't quit. Don't grow weary. Don't lose hope. "Pray without ceasing," regardless of the adversary, obstacles, or circumstances.



One day a father of a wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night on the farm of a very poor family. On their way back to their home, father and son got into a conversation about all they had experienced while at the farm.

"What did you think of our trip to the farm," asked the father. "It was very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" continued his father. "Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?" "I saw that, while we have a dog at home, they have four dogs," the son replied. "We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, while they have a creek that has no end. We have electric lamps in the garden, and they have a sky full of stars. Our patio goes all the way to the wall around our property. They have the whole horizon."

When the little boy was finished, his father was speechless. "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we really are!"

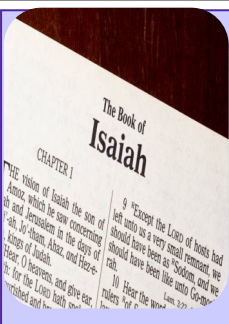
Nicodemus could not understand his poverty of soul until Jesus showed him how poor he really was. Nicodemus was a pillar of society and a religious leader but those things had little meaning. Nicodemus, Jesus said, you must be born again. The little boy saw what the father could not: the value of the farm. Poverty is in the eye of the beholder.

Its ironic that, often, it is the "unbeliever" who is the example of compassion and charity while many "Christians" seek vengeance and condemn those who have not "been saved" or who behave in ways they deem inappropriate. As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus and respond to others as He would. While it is easier to find the faults in others, our challenge is to discover the good in others and treat everyone with respect and compassion. The Lord is your keeper... He will keep you going out and your coming in.

-Psalm 121:5, 8

ADULT BIBLE STUDY REMINDER....

The group meets on the 1st and the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the hall at Saint Bridget Church. All are welcome to join in the study of the Book of Isaiah. Great discussion, though provoking learning and snacks



WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

MONDAY Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21,
TUESDAY 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9,
WEDNESDAY Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48,
THURSDAY Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53,
FRIDAY Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59,
SATURDAY Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

SOCKTOBER

AND A BIT MORE...

Throughout of October, we continue to Collect **NEW WOOL SOCKS** for men, women and children who are served by Father Joe Cavoto's Mission in New York. Donation boxes are in each church vestibule **ALSO** needed....sweatshirts...all sizes And gloves...all sizes!



Faith Formation CLASS TAKES PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM AT SACRED HEART FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 10 AM

Confirmation Class



CLASS WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY OCTOBER 19th AT SACRED HEART CHURCH BEGINNING AT 8:25 AM FOLLOWED BY 10 AM MASS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THE ST. MARY RECYCLE MISSION GROUP ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING:

Vestments including Chasubles, Stoles, Albs, etc. (even if they are soiled or tattered, as we have them professionally cleaned and/or restored if possible so they can be worn, we can also use them to make new vestments, rosary cases or missal covers, we accept any style, color, Vintage) - Crucifixes - Statues (any size, no outdoor concrete statues) - Rosaries (damaged ok) - Chalices - Altar Ware - Candle Sticks - Tabernacles - Relics - Monstrances - Altar Stones - Altar Books/Missals/Lectionaries - Holy Medals - Holy Cards - Linens - Paraments - Framed Religious Pictures - Used Musical Instruments (No Pianos or Organs) - Prayer books// Breviaries/Catholic Encyclopedias

PLEASE NO RELIGIOUS BOOKS/READING BOOKS/STORY BOOKS, HYMNALS, PAMPHLETS/MAGAZINES/DVD'S, VHS TAPES, CHRISTMAS ITEMS OR WAX CANDLES

COLLECTION BOXES ARE IN EACH VESTIBULE .. PICKUP DATE IS OCTOBER 27th. THANK YOU.... PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS

Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 18 - 24, 2025



The fourth archdiocesan Celebration of Our Lady of the Americas and All Nations began with the holy rosary being prayed. Father Alexander Avendano, rector of the Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford, leads the group outside St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



As the celebration moves indoors, each participating group processes into the church with a representative image of the Blessed Mother and the flag of their country with their national anthem playing the background. Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne blesses the images of Our Lady as they are presented to him.

PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

More than 800 people representing 12 countries came together for the fourth annual Mary of the Americas celebration in a display of faith, unity and cultural pride. There was prayer, there was pageantry and there was a festival of Latin American food.

The archdiocesan celebration for the Blessed Mother Mary of the Americas and all Nations was held at the Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Hartford on Oct. 4 and will be held here in years to come.

It began with an international rosary in English, Spanish and Brazilian, which was followed by Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin with Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne as the principal celebrant.

"It is wonderful for us to gather under the devotion of our Blessed Mother because she always points us toward her Son," the archbishop told the packed church. Father Alexander Avendano, rector of the shrine, gave the homily and petitions were presented for people of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The delegations wore colorful traditional dress of their countries. Before Mass, they processed into the shrine, singing their national anthems and waving flags of their native countries, while carrying images of the Blessed Mother, which they venerate under her different titles.

They sang and they clapped as their voices filled the shrine in a joyous display of pageantry.

HONORING THE BLESSED MOTHER OF THE AMERICAS AND ALL NATIONS

The delegation representing the United States of America entered as the Star Spangled Banner was sung and carried an image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

For Father Avendano, it was more than a cultural celebration; it was a demonstration of the compassion of "momma Mary," for Latinos far from their homes and their biological mothers who turn to the mother of Jesus for hope and consolation.

"Some are separated from their mothers and cannot return to see them, maybe because of immigration situations or because they have lost their mothers and cannot grieve properly or say goodbye," Father Avendano says. "So there is pain in the people's hearts, and this event lets them know that mama Mary assures them she is here for people, especially for suffering people and for orphaned people. Although they cannot see their natural mothers, their supernatural mother is here for them no matter what happens. This celebration is a message of compassion and companionship and love."

The priest, who comes from Colombia and was appointed rector of the shrine in August, says "mama Mary is the reason for my priesthood, the reason for my work, the reason for my existence."

She is everything and more, and Jesus is OK with that. On this day, we honor her, our cultures and our ancestors as well."

At the conclusion, he thanked Archbishop Coyne for celebrating Mass at the event. "We know you are here for us, and we appreciate that so much."

Among those represented were St. George Church in Bridgeport (Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe); St. Mary Church in New Britain (Chile – Our Lady of Mount Carmel); North American Martyrs Parish in East Hartford (El Salvador – Our Lady of Peace); St. Augustine Church in Hartford (Guatemala – Our Lady of the Rosary); and The Shrine of Maria Reina de la Paz in Hartford (Honduras – Our Lady of Suyapa) (Peru – Our Lady of Mercy) (Colombia – Our Lady of Chiquinquirá) (United States – Immaculate Conception) (Costa Rica – Our Lady of the Angels) (Dominican Republic – Our Lady of High Grace) (Puerto Rico – Our Lady of Divine Providence) (Cuba – Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre).

Mass was followed by a festival of food and displays of different cultures.

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

Catholic Committee on Scouting

The **Archdiocese of Hartford, Catholic Committee on Scouting** is recruiting new members. This Committee supports Catholic scouts in the Archdiocese as they learn more about their faith within the scouting programs (both Scouting USA and Girl Scouts - includes Campfire). The committee meets four times a year, creates a yearly Retreat for scouts, trains Religious Emblems Coordinators (REC), and hosts an Archdiocesan Award Ceremony each spring. If you are interested in learning more, or how you can use your gifts and talents in service to our shared mission, contact Jennifer McClintock at Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org.



Upcoming Catholic Scouting Events:

Catholic Religious Emblems Training - Saturday, November 15, 2025

This training is for all Scouts BSA Leaders who want to run a religious emblem program in their Troop/Pack. The training will review the following emblems: *Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius and Adult Awards*. We will be meeting at the Pastoral Center, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield in the 2nd floor conference room, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is required:



Catholic Scouting Retreat - Saturday, November 8, 2025

Join other scouts from around the Archdiocese to learn about the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford. We will learn about the Holy Door, what a Jubilee Year is, participate in a service project and more! Registration is required:



Questions? Contact:

Jennifer McClintock, Coordinator of Faith Formation Programs & Technology,
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OCT 24 4 - 7 PM \$5 FEE
OCT 25 9 AM - 2 PM

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Carolyn's Place

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Presented By Dr. Richard and Carol Gruszka

33rd Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | 3:30 PM

La Bella Vista
380 Farmwood Road Waterbury, CT

2025 Awardees
Bill O'Brien, Sr. Mary Richards, F.S.E.,
Terri Moriello & Kathy Durgy-Concepcion

5 Course Meal

Award Presentation

Silent Auction

Reservations Required
Respond by October 24, 2025
Reservations Available:
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Dinner

\$60

per person

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