

NOTICES

12/25/2019

CHRISTMAS HOLY MASS INTENTIONS December 24 and 25, 2018

12/24 5 PM	For Pope Francis and Bishop Salvatore Matano
12/25 9 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12/25 11:15 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>

CURRENT NOTICES

CHRISTMAS: A TIME for HOME-COMING

Once again the Church, our *alma Mater* (loving Mother), invites us to welcome our Infant King into our hearts. She also calls in welcome to her absent and distant sons and daughters to “come home” to the family of God, the household of faith gathering in the House of the Lord.

Catholic returnees need to remember the Church’s traditional rules on the reception of Holy Communion. Practicing Catholics who are *spiritually prepared* (i.e. not conscious of mortal sin on their souls) may approach the altar rail to make a *worthy* Communion. If one has been away from Masses of Obligation (due to one’s own fault) or if there is another reason for being ill-prepared, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is necessary *before* the reception of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. We should always approach this awesome Eucharistic Mystery with souls *empty* of grave sin and *full* of great love. As in the awesome Incarnational Mystery of the Word-made-flesh in the stable of Bethlehem, here holy fear and deep love co-mingle.

AS WE BRING THIS YEAR TO A CLOSE

...why not consider making a tax-deductible end-of-year donation to the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Latin Mass Community? Checks can be addressed to **SKT-LMC**. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

...to the **January 1** Holyday of Obligation:

English Mass will be **9 AM**

Latin Mass at **11:15 AM**

PRAYING FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE....

Chris Martino, Army Special Forces
Larry Oldenburg, Army Ft. Bragg, NC
David Rodriguez, US Air Force
Robert Bohner, USMC
Christopher Butler, USMC
Steven Sawdey, U.S. Army
Jason and Joanna Patterson, U.S. Navy

May the Lord protect them as they protect us. May they be blessed for the selfless acts they perform for their country and for the world. May Our Blessed Mother watch over them and may their Guardian Angels shield them from all that would harm their souls and bodies. (If you would like to submit names of military personnel to pray for, simply write their names on a slip of paper and place it in the regular collection basket.)

PRAYING FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM

Judy Burns has volunteered to coordinate the SKT-LMC bulletin listing of sick and infirm members, relatives, and friends. The list will be there so that we might *pray* for them. Please note that **NO** health information will be printed in this bulletin. Judy will coordinate the names: long-term? Short-term? When to take off list? *etc.* To put names on the list, contact **Judy Burns** at (cell) **585-738-5156 OR** (e-mail) **burnsie320@yahoo.com**.

PRAYER LIST

Rocco DeLuca	Peter Calviera	Craig Crutcher
Eleanor Maguire-Diamond	Susan Esary	Jimmy Spano
Sharon Mooney	Mary Sanders	Christopher Boehm
Joanna Ilievski	Ardi Wazelle	Hank Petrucci
Anne Marie Hetzer	Evelyn Caro	Carolyn Tschecthi
Patrick Bleier	Jim O'Leary	Dr. Tom & Jeanne Sweeney
Rose Marie Veltre	Evelyn Wolter	Bonnie Snelgrove
Jamie Slade	Robert Cascino	Gene Cherkis
Mary Echaniz McMahon	John Rieman	Anthony Leavy
Mary Ann Egan	Joan Marie Gray	Kaitlyn Schulz
Bernie Verhagen	Peter and Connie Karekos	Bill Schlueter
Helene Stevens	Patrick Grisdale	Adriana Hoppe
Cindi Burke	George A III	Dennis O'Connor
John H	Jim Curran	Ron Blaessig
Judy Shanahan	Michael Miller	Shirley Carroll
Martha VanSavage	Mary Ann Harper	Judy Sargeant
Elizabeth Alisankus	Mary Jo Maurer	Karen Adams
Anthony Vaiana	June Patella	Mary Taliento
Kathryn Arilotta	Don Burns	Kayte Citron
Veronica Czerniak	Grace Hubbel	Doug Smith
Sheila McShane	Virginia Yaeger	Pat Grant
Jennifer Geck	Thelma Gray	

May the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies help and heal them, through His Divine Mercy.

ONGOING NOTICES

IF YOU HAVE FOUND A SPIRITUAL HOME...

...in our Latin Mass Community here at St. Thomas', please consider registering with us. Use the census forms found in brown envelopes on the literature racks in the church vestibules. Place completed forms in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

GIVING GUIDELINES AND DONOR RESOURCES

Your donations pay the bills to keep the LMC financially healthy. Your generosity is necessary and vital to our mission to teach, preach, and bring souls to Christ. Thank you! All gifts are tax deductible according to law. Help us keep track of your giving:

1) Please consider using tithe.ly for automatic electronic payments using a credit or debit card, or direct debit to your bank account. This is the preferred method of giving because it is accurate, dependable, and reduces volunteer workloads. See our website for the signup link. (When registering, choose "online giving.")

2) If you give via check (payable to SKT-LMC) or cash, it is important that you use your pre-printed envelopes. If you forget your envelope or are an unregistered guest, please use a blue envelope, provided on the usher tables, and include your name, address, and phone number. (When registering, choose "envelopes.")

3) You may want to set up online banking to send paper checks on the cycle of your choice to: SKT-LMC at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester NY 14617-1802. Please include the word "donation" and your parishioner number, if known, in the memo or note section. (When registering, choose "bank.")

4) Anonymous cash donations or loose checks can be put into the collection basket; however, despite our volunteers' best efforts, loose checks may not be properly matched to parishioner accounts or recorded for year-end statements.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Tricia Laufer ([tricialaufer @ gmail.com](mailto:tricialaufer@gmail.com)) or Ken Roush (see Contacts on the back cover).

VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Do you have experience in retail, accounting, or other business? Have you always been a wiz at balancing a checkbook? If so, please consider becoming a volunteer collection counter. Counters serve every few weeks after Mass to count the collection and complete the paperwork required for accurate donation tracking and accounting. Your gift of time will help the SKT-LMC conduct professional business operations that are vital to our community's growth. To find out more or sign up to shadow experienced counters contact Tricia Laufer ([tricialaufer @ gmail.com](mailto:tricialaufer@gmail.com)) or Ken Roush (see Contacts page).

KEEP YOUR CONTACT AND PERSONAL INFO UPDATED

When you register as a parishioner of the SKT-LMC by completing a Census Form (available in all Church foyers or on our website) your information and preferences are entered into the diocesan database and linked with our Community. If for any reason your contact or family information changes, complete the top two lines of a Census Form along with the changes, and drop it in the collection basket. If you use envelopes, your next batch of envelopes (mailed four times per year) will bear any changed information. If you want to retain your registration at another parish but would like to be included in our mailings, event notices, or other communications, simply complete the top two lines of a Census Form and conspicuously write "INFO ONLY" somewhere on the form, and drop it in the collection basket.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The building maintenance and repair initiative is off to a good start. A significant number of projects and needed repairs have been identified. We need your talents, skills, thoughts and ideas. Support at ALL levels is needed to organize the best approaches to accomplish the repair tasks. Are you a skilled craftsman, a handyman, an organizer, or a willing assistant? We need you! We have started several projects and have tons more to accomplish. Please consider sharing your time, talents, and ideas. We are also in need of licensed tradesmen, e.g. plumbers, electricians, carpenters, masons, who are willing to volunteer some of their time. If you can share your talents and give a little time, you can make a big difference in our community here at St. Thomas the Apostle. Please contact Lou Gabello at 756-6375 to help us to forward. Thank you!

PERSONAL USE OF ST. THOMAS FACILITY

Sometime requests are made to use portions of the St. Thomas the Apostle church, parish center or grounds for personal meetings, parties or gatherings. Unfortunately Diocese of Rochester and St. Kateri Tekakwitha policies do not allow our parish facilities to be used for any of this type of use. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.skt-lmc.org to see this and all previous notices as well as upcoming events.

A MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE

...takes place **every Monday** at **10 AM** in the St. Thomas the Apostle Adoration Chapel. In addition to every Monday at 10 a.m., there will be an evening opportunity to pray for priests: **Tuesday at 7 PM**, in the Adoration Chapel. Please consider joining in this much needed prayer time for our priests.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Each Sunday throughout the year, SKT-LMC collects donations of non-perishable food items for local food cupboards, for the purpose of alleviating hunger caused by poverty in our area. The need is very real, even though we may not "see" it close-up. Donations may be placed in the green baskets in each of the church vestibules.

FACILITIES ACCESS PERSON

Do you need to access the church or parish center for an important reason? Who to call? **Lou Gabello** has agreed to be "the one to call." His contact information will be printed regularly in this bulletin on the **SKT-LMC CONTACTS** page (near the back of bulletin).

RELIGIOUS PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS

Each entrance-way to the church now has a number of religious pamphlets and booklets in the book racks. These items are being supplied, thanks to a generous donation by one of our members. Please feel free to take any material that is of interest. *Please note that nothing should be placed on the book racks or on the bulletin boards without first obtaining permission from Father Bonsignore.*

REQUEST AND SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

To request and schedule intentions for both of our Masses, contact Lou and Marcy at lgmail@rochester.rr.com or **585-756-6375** or **585-739-3832-cell**, to reserve a date **before paying for a Mass**. The stipend check *must be made out in the exact amount* of **\$10** per Mass and made payable to **SAINT KATERI Parish (not SKT-LMC)**. Please use the Mass Intention envelopes located in the **literature racks** at all entrances to the Church. Drop your envelope in the collection basket or mail it our Parish Center address. (not to St. Kateri Parish) at SKT-LMC @St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4536 St. Paul Blvd. Rochester, NY 14617

VOTIVE SANCTUARY CANDLES

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn in the Lady Chapel (in the Church), and the Adoration Chapel (in the Parish Center). Would you like to have a dedicated candle burn in memory of a loved one **OR** for a special intention? To schedule a dedicated candle intention call **(585) 388-7734**. Donations for 7 day Church Tabernacle and Adoration Chapel lamps are \$10.00 each. Donations for the 3 day hanging lamps in the Lady Chapel are \$5.00 each. Envelopes for candle donations are available at all church entrances in the literature racks. Checks should be made payable to SKT-LMC. Place envelopes in the collection basket.

BEQUESTS

TO REMEMBER THE SKT-LMC IN YOUR WILL, the following phraseology should be used to direct a monetary bequest (2 options):

- 1) *I give and bequest the sum of \$_____ to St. Kateri Tekakwitha -Latin Mass Community for its general purposes (or for a specific named program_____). **OR***
- 2) *I give and bequest ___% of the remainder of my estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and family bequests have been paid, to St. Kateri Tekakwitha-Latin Mass Community for its general purposes (or for a specific named program_____).*

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

WHEN YOU COME TO CHURCH, please turn OFF all cell phones, hand-held electronic devices, pagers, watch alarms, etc., and anything else that can disrupt our sacred time with God. It *is* possible for messaging and texting to *wait* until later!

DRESS CODE: Please remember to dress appropriately for divine worship: *neatly* and *modestly*. Holy Mass is not an occasion when we "dress down" or appear "super-casual"! **REVERENCE** for God and **RESPECT** for neighbor should determine what we wear. Think about it. Thank you for your cooperation.

THERE ARE (AT LEAST) THREE REASONS to maintain a prayerful, quiet atmosphere in the church proper before and after services: (1) **RESPECT** for the House of God, (2) **REVERENCE** for the Blessed Sacrament, and (3) **REGARD** for those who want to pray in peace. The guiding principle should be **DEVOTION NOT COMMOTION**. Please carry on your friendly conversations in the church vestibules (with inside doors closed), outside, or at the coffee hours. Reverence and friendliness can and should co-exist—in their proper settings!!

SPEAKING OF CHURCH ETIQUETTE...

...We should make a determined effort to be *on time* for Mass, and we should make the little sacrifice to stay until Mass is over (that is, when the priest-celebrant leaves the sanctuary). When it becomes necessary to conduct children to the bathroom, please do not travel through the church during the CONSECRATION of the Mass. This will involve only a few moments of delay.

ADDENDUM TO HOLY COMMUNION GUIDELINES

Catholic couples in **cohabitation** (living together without the Sacrament of Matrimony) or in **irregular marriages** (without the blessing of Christ's Sacrament) are advised not to receive Holy Communion. These brothers and sisters of ours are of deep pastoral concern to the Church. Hopefully they will soon take steps to rectify their situation.



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GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR FREQUENT USE

THE “SALVE REGINA”

HAIL, HOLY, QUEEN, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears. Turn then,
most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us.
And after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed Fruit of thy womb, JESUS.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

THE SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER (POPE LEO XIII)

SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of
the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and
all the evil spirits who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH (BY ST. FRANCIS DE SALES)

to provide a solution to the school building dilemma:

GLORIOUS SAINT JOSEPH, spouse of Mary,
grant, we beseech thee, thy paternal protection,
through the Heart of Jesus Christ.
O thou Saint whose infinite power is extended
to all our needs, rendering for us possible that
which is impossible, look upon the concerns of thy
children with thy fatherly countenance.
In the troubles and sorrows that afflict us,
we have confident recourse to thee.
Deign to take under thy loving protection
this important and difficult endeavor, the cause of
our worries, and dispose its success to the
glory of God and to the benefit of His faithful servants. AMEN.

COME NOT NIGH HITHER, PUT OFF THE SHOES FROM THY FEET: FOR THE PLACE WHEREON THOU STANDEST IS HOLY GROUND. (Ex 3: 5)



INVENTIT GERMINASSE VIRGAM AARON IN DOMO LEVI... Num 17: 8



SOLVE CALCIAMENTUM DE PEDIBUS TUIS: LOCUS... Ex 3: 5



HE RETURNED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, AND FOUND THAT THE ROD OF AARON FOR THE HOUSE OF LEVI, WAS BUDDED. (Num 17: 8)