

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Last week, I told you about Parish Council's request to General Synod to add St Kateri Tekakwitha to the Calendar of the Canadian Church at its meeting in 2016. Some of you might be wondering who St Kateri is. So, since I'm still on vacation, here's a summary from Wikipedia on this fairly-recently sainted Mohawk woman.

St Kateri Tekakwitha

Born: modern Auriesville, New York, 1656
Died: Kahnawake, 17 April 1680
Beatified: 22 June 1980 by Pope John Paul II
Canonised: 21 October 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI

St Kateri Tekakwitha (pronounced ['gaderi dega'gwita] in Mohawk), informally known as Lily of the Mohawks, is a Roman Catholic saint who was an Algonquin–Mohawk virgin and laywoman.

Tekakwitha is the name the girl was given by her nation. It translates to "She who bumps into things." Kateri is the Christian name the girl took at the time of her baptism. It was chosen in honour of St Catherine of Siena. Kateri Tekakwitha. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief, and Tagaskouita, a Roman Catholic Algonquin woman, who had been adopted into the nation after capture.

The Mohawk suffered a severe smallpox epidemic from 1661 to 1663. When Tekakwitha was around four years old, her baby brother and both her parents died of smallpox. She survived the disease, but was left with facial scars and impaired eyesight (hence her Mohawk name). She was adopted by her father's sister and her husband, a chief of the Turtle Clan, and lived at Caughnawaga. She was baptised on Easter Sunday 18 April 1676 and left soon after for Kahnawake due to persecution.

She settled for the remaining years of her life at the Jesuit mission village of Kahnawake. Tekakwitha took a devout vow of perpetual virginity. Upon her death at the age of 24, minutes after her death, witnesses say her scars vanished and she appeared radiant and beautiful. Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, as well as being shunned by her people for her religious conversion to Catholicism, she is the first Indigenous saint.

Father Chauchetière, a Jesuit priest in Kahnawake at the time Kateri was there, wrote about having been very impressed by her. Jesuits generally thought that Indigenous people needed Christian guidance to be set on the right path. Chauchetière acknowledged that close contact with and deeper knowledge of the Mohawk in Kahnawake changed some of his set notions about the people and about differences among human cultures. In his biography of Kateri, he stressed her "charity, industry, purity, and fortitude."

Abridged from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kateri_Tekakwitha

Although there is some tension resulting from traditional people around claiming this Mohawk woman who became an exemplary Christian as an ideal, we accept that, in the seventeenth century context, Kateri Tekakwitha was, as a Christian, a hero of our faith, and we hope that our request to General Synod to have her feast day recognised in the Canadian Calendar will be granted in 2016.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA

To be a Spirit-filled and life-giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 2 August 2015
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

9:30 a.m.

All Saints' Church, 1295 Ridge Rd

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Mission Statement

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Vacation—Brad is away until 5 Aug. Cathie and Doug will be responsible for worship the next two Sundays. Administrative queries can be addressed to Elsie in the office or to the wardens. Pastoral care will be provided by Cathie (396-2400).

Food Bank Donations—We gather non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month and donate them to the Food Bank. The Food Bank is experiencing a significant increase in the number of families it serves so this is a material way we can help our neighbours. The next Food Bank Sunday is 6 Sep.

Friendly Manor Visitors—Due to Brad's holidays, the July Friendly Manor visit will be rescheduled to Thu 6 Aug. We will go again on Thu 27 Aug.

Parish Picnic—our annual outdoor worship and picnic will be on Sun 16 Aug on the east side of All Saints' Churchyard. Please bring a potluck dish to share, a chair, and your feast basket with utensils, cups, plate etc.

Amsterdam Trip—Our visit to St Ann's will take place 18-20 Sep. A block of rooms has been set aside for us in nearby Johnstown at USD106 (approx. CAD135) per night. Please sign up on the sheet being circulated if you plan to attend. If you need a ride, there will be car pooling available: please check the box on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride.

Diocesan Budget Input—If you are interested in the development of the diocesan budget and/or would like some input into it, please visit the diocesan website for more information: <http://ontario.anglican.ca/wp/diocese-of-ontario-2016-budget-development/>. We all have a vested interest in the budget because it is funded for the most part by our assessment through Common Ministry and Mission.

Rectory Rental—The rectory is available for rental on a weekly basis as a cottage for tourists, fishermen, etc (and may be rented for shorter periods in the off season). Check out the website at cottagesincanada.com/bayofquinterectorycottage and please tell your friends who might need a place to stay!

The Mohawk Guild— The Mohawk Guild is a longstanding organization that is committed to the service of our community. The Guild meets at the Parish Hall (1295 Ridge Road) on the last Wed of the month at 7 p.m. Please join us in our efforts. For more information, please call Bev Hill (613-962-5183) or Shirley Maracle (613-962-6137).

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Anglican Communion

The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Diocese of Renk (Sudan)
The Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem

Diocese of Ontario

The Rt Rev'd Michael Oulton
Christ Church, Catarauqui
The Revd Blair Peever
The Rev Giuseppe Gagliano
The Rev Jack Beer

Companions

St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam, the Very Rev'd Neal Longe
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Rev'd Canon Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga

Mohawk Guild
Pray for the families of: Marg & Don Bonner; Brian Branchaud; Adam & Chantal Branchaud; Al & Linda Brant; Ann, Charles & Melissa Brant

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Psalms 130
John 6:35, 41-51

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus talks about satisfying individuals' hunger and thirst. Sorry Coke; sorry McDonald's — a faithful steward knows WHO can truly satisfy!

Financial Report

Weekly Need:	\$2,459
Last week's Offering:	<u>\$1,140</u>
Shortage	\$1,319

Based on the 2015 budget and the number of identifiable givers, the following is what is required of each giver in order to meet our needs:

Weekly: \$40 Monthly: \$173