The Catholic Community of
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Parish Church at Union Street:
1803 Union Street
Schenectady, NY 12309

Parish School
1801 Union Street
Schenectady, NY 12309
Mrs. Tosha Grimmer, Principal

Parish Church at Rosa Road:
2216 Rosa Road
Schenectady, NY 12309

Mr. Lawrence Grimmer
Parish Manager

Mrs. Kimberly Conway
Music Ministry

Ms. Deborah DeMarco
Receptionist

Mrs. Lisa Kuban
Youth Ministry

Mrs. Michelle Schulmerich
Faith Formation, K-5

Mission Statement
We are an Evangelizing
Roman Catholic Community
of Christ’s Disciples that
Welcomes All
Prays Joyfully
Grows in Faith
Proclaims God’s Kingdom
Acts Justly:
This is our Mission.

Mrs. Kristine Rooney
Pastoral Care/
Adult Faith Formation

Mrs. Patricia Ford
Bookkeeper

Mr. Kim Kaiser
Maintenance

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in
a field, which a
person finds and
hides again, and
out of joy goes
and sells all that
he has and buys it.”
Matthew 13:44

Church at 1803 Union Street:
Saturday: 4:30pm Facebook Live Stream with
Communion in parking lot 5:30pm-5:45pm
Sunday: 9:30am Pre-Registration Required
Tuesday: 9:00am No registration needed

Church at 2216 Rosa Road:
Sunday: 11:30am Pre-Registration Required
Friday: 9:00am No registration needed

Eucharist

Penance & Reconciliation (Confessions):
Union St: Saturdays - 3:30-4:00 PM, and Rosa Road: Friday- 9:30 - 10:00 AM

Infant Baptism: See the priest or deacon after any Mass to make arrangements. Parents who have not taken
a pre-baptism class, must attend one before the ceremony.

First Eucharist, First Reconciliation or Confirmation: Contact the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry extensions

Matrimony: contact office at least 8 months before the wedding (before the reception plans are made).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who want to be received into the Catholic Church.

*For all Sacraments, please call the parish office.
Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Our Faith and Play Group
is meeting outside in good weather
behind the Rosa Road Parish Center
on Thursdays at 9:30am,
socially distanced.
Parents discuss parenting
and matters of faith
while children play.

Sunday Mass Schedule
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish is happy to invite you to mass, we miss you. **Attendance at mass requires pre-registration via our website.** You can register online by completing the form on our website: stkateriparish.org or by calling the office: 518-346-6137.

We are now able to offer both
9:30am at Union Street Church
and 11:30am at Rosa Road Church.

**Please select one of the masses when you register.**

Registration for the following Sunday mass opens on Sunday at Noon until Wednesday night at 11:59pm. Although selection is random, we cannot guarantee that everyone who registers will be able to attend. **You will be notified on Friday either by email or phone if you are selected to join us for Sunday's mass.** But don't worry! Those who are not selected to attend will get priority seating for the following week's liturgy.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthy environment, here are some protocols for attending mass...

- Registration form completed prior to mass
- Maintain 6 foot social distancing when entering and exiting the church. Also maintain social distancing during the Communion line
- Your entire party must be present when you arrive at Church.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entering church and before Communion
- Wear a face mask or covering for the duration of mass
- Wait by your vehicle for the Final Blessing (which will be announced outside) after receiving Communion.

Our livestream Vigil mass at 4:30pm on our St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Facebook page will continue. Communion is available directly afterwards in the Rosa Rd. parking lot until 5:45pm! If you are unable to stand in line for Communion, wait by your vehicle, a Eucharistic Minister will bring it to you. This mass will continue to be available on our parish FB page/website after the livestream recording.

Have you ever been to the Holy Land?
Have you ever wanted to go?
Though our seminarian Nathaniel cannot bring you there in person (yet!), he will share some of the Holy Land with you. **Join us online: Wed., July 29th at 6:30pm** to share experiences on his recent Holy Land pilgrimage. Please go to the parish calendar at: https://stkateriparish.org/ (scroll down) & click on “Join Zoom Meeting” link under “Nathaniel and the Holy Land.” Or join at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86704751179?pwd=QlJrdGl4QmtCaTJRb1UxK05wT0V6UT09 or phone: 1-929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 867 0475 1179. Password: 067720. Hope to see you there!

COVID-19 Travel Advisory:
If you have recently returned to NYS from one of the states listed as a quarantine state, and are required by Executive Order 205, issued June 25, 2020, to remain quarantined, we invite you to join us for our FB Live mass on Saturday at 4:30pm.

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father-
Be A Witness Of Charity
Our second collection this week will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds of this collection benefit out brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Please be generous in supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

St. Kateri Parish School has openings in Nursery through Grade 5.
Come see how we joyfully nurture knowledge and faith. We are now conducting in-person tours. Check our website: www.stkaterschool.org, contact Mary at: mstaundinger@stkaterschool.org or 518-382-8225, x224.

St. Kateri School Summer Care Program has begun and will run through Friday, August 21.
Registration forms are available on the school website: www.stkaterschool.org under Admissions/ Kateri Kids tab.
For additional information, please call Jenny Kraus at: 518-382-8225, ext. 225.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9am-12pm - by appointment
12pm-4pm (3pm on Fridays) - no appointment needed
Phone: 518-346-6137

For the mass schedule - Press 3

Visitors to the parish offices, or to parish meetings, or to masses, are asked to perform a self-screen before coming to any parish facilities. Anyone that has tested positive in the last 14 days, or who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home.

Parish Picnic
Due to the current NYS COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have our Annual Parish Picnic on September 13 as originally planned. But rather than thinking of this as a cancellation, let's see it as a postponement. We will schedule some sort of celebration of our wonderful parish once we are again able to gather in large groups.

Good Neighbor Program Update
We know these times have and continue to pose many challenges for us all. We have missed our ministry of providing clothing to children in our community through our Good Neighbor Program and look forward to resuming this ministry. Due to the ongoing concern about the COVID-19 virus, we are working to resume operations with some changes that are necessary to help ensure everyone's safety. We appreciate all of the support this program has received over the years through your donations. If you have clothing to donate, we encourage you to explore other programs in our community, who may be able to accept them and use them to help those in need. We will update you as soon as we are able to resume accepting clothing donations. At this time we are only able to accept monetary donations. To make a monetary donation, please visit our website at: worksfomercyschdy.org or call us at: 518-347-0871.

Remember the Sick in your Prayers:

*Please note:
If someone on our prayer list is back to good health, please let the office know, so we can remove their name from the list. Thank you!

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“Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us to not permit fear to overshadow God’s goodness. As baptized children of God the Father in Jesus Christ, we are children of the light, not of darkness. Because the light that we are called to bear forth is none other than Jesus Christ Himself, nothing in this world can separate us from God’s love, unless we let it. Our Lord frequently tells us to not be afraid precisely because fear prevents us from fully and completely trusting in God’s goodness and truth. Though the healthy and reverent fear of the Lord is, indeed, a gift of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation, the fear that comes from an unhealthy fixation on the things of this world is not. Whether it has to do with health, finances, family, politics or the news, this kind of fear involves anxiety, despair and restlessness. This paralyzing fear prevents us from seeing and freely choosing the goodness, beauty and truth of God. Such fear makes us vulnerable to things and ideas that are not of God.

The fear of the Lord, though, instills a loving awe and respect for God and His laws. It sharpens our focus and heightens our awareness of God’s goodness and, therefore, helps us to grow in love of God. This desire for God’s goodness and truth is what leads King Solomon in I Kings to ask not for riches or power but for “an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” Here, Solomon seeks to do right by God and his subjects. True wisdom always seeks God. True wisdom realizes that God is always calling us to Himself. Whereas an attitude of fear prevents us from seeing and acting on this fact during times of difficulty and pain, Christ’s perfect love enables us to become holier and more courageous during these moments. As illustrated in Matthew’s Gospel, Christ and His Kingdom are, indeed, the pearl of great price! They are more valuable than all the riches on the face of the earth combined! May Our Blessed Mother help us to draw ever-nearer to her Son’s Sacred Heart, this “pearl of great price,” whose perfect love triumphs over darkness and fear.

Nathaniel Resila

Last Summer, after prayerful consideration, we informed you that our parish decided to look for a new Sister Parish with which to collaborate. We have been so blessed by these 17 years of working, praying & forming spiritual friendships with both Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Augustine’s. From recommendations made by our parishioners, after much discernment by our Sister Parish Committee Ministry & then approval by our Pastoral Council, let me introduce to you our new Sister Parish, Our Sacred Heart of Jesus located in Floridablanca, Philippines. The pastor is Rev. Emmanuel Contreras (Fr. Manny). The parish is 17 years old and is composed of 10 barrio chapels with 4 of them in the mountains. Three of the communities are mission areas about a one hour car ride from the parish church.

Daily Mass Schedule
We now have mass on Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Union Street Church, and Fridays at 9:00am in the Rosa Road Church. No pre-registration is needed for the daily mass.

Faith Formation (K-5) & Youth Ministry (6-12)

Attention Fall 2020 Confirmation Class!
Service date is this Wednesday, July 29 with the Regional Food Bank.
These will be on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm.

Vacation Bible School 2020 is happening!
Save the dates August 10-14.
Our team is working on the logistics for how we can have a safe and fun-filled program!
Updates will be on the website, Facebook & in the bulletin.

P.S. If you are already signed up, but don’t see the email, please check your spam folder.

Fr. Bob’s Friday Email:
Every Friday, Fr. Bob sends an email with a summary of the upcoming weekend’s readings and our Kateri Notes parish information.
If you would like to receive Father’s emails, please send Larry Grimmer a message at: lgrimmer@stkateriparish.org.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
Do you struggle with your emotions, trauma, relationships, loss, parenting, addiction or stress?

Individual, couples & family counseling are available by appointment to meet at the Union Street Parish Center.

Call David Dobkowski, Ph.D., phone: 518-859-4015.

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