The Catholic Community of
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
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Parish School
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Mrs. Tosha Grimmer, Principal

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2216 Rosa Road
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Mrs. Kristine Rooney
Pastoral Care/Adult Faith Formation
Mrs. Patricia Ford
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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.

Eucharist
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

Sacraments
Penance & Reconciliation (Confessions):
Rosa Road: Saturday - 3:30PM or by Appointment
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.
Let's support our parish and Fr. Bob!
The Daily Gazette's Best of the Best People's Choice Awards is happening now through August 23rd at 1pm. Let's nominate Saint Kateri Tekakwitha for the best place to worship in the area. Go to dailygazette.com/bestof and choose a group, choose a category. Type the name of the person, place or business. Click nominate and complete registration form. There is a $500 prize for both nominations and voting. For further information go to: dailygazette.com/bestof

COVID-19 Travel Advisory:
If you have recently returned to NYS from one of the states listed as a quarantine state, & 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.

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 St. Church & 11:30am at Rosa Rd. 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 as you enter church & 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.

RCDAM Diocesan Appeal for 2020-2021
The diocese has restructured how they conduct the annual Bishop’s Appeal, and it will now be known as The Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet received a mailing from the diocese, you should be receiving one shortly. Similar to a parish's Offertory collection, this is the diocese's main way to raise the funds needed to run diocesan programs throughout the year. Although, at some point, the parish will be talking about the appeal and the many worthy programs it supports, all pledges and donations will now go directly to the diocesan Stewardship & Development Office. This is a change from the traditional method of asking parishioners to fill out a pledge envelope at the parish during mass. Please be as generous in supporting the good works of the diocese as your family's financial circumstances allow.
If you have any questions about how this new system will work, just give us a call at the parish office.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
We will continue our summer, weekly Google Meet Book Group on Wednesdays at 12:30pm using Mary DeTurris Poust’s book, Walking Together: Discovering the Catholic Tradition of Spiritual Friendship. We are meeting in person as well in the Parish Office classrooms. If you would like to join in, we are up to Chapter 8&9. The link is on our Google calendar at https://www.stkateriparish.org/.

Praying the Psalms: We will reflect on our favorite Psalms and those heard on Sunday throughout August on Thursdays 2pm. You can access using the Google calendar on our website at https://www.stkateriparish.org/, or we are also meeting in person (up to 7) in the Parish Office classrooms.

Our Faith & 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. Come play with us!

We will meet for quiet contemplation on Wednesday, August 5th 9:00am. You can access using the Google calendar on our website at https://www.stkateriparish.org/; there is a way to join by computer or phone. You can also join us in person in the Parish Office classrooms. Song, prayer & a meditation suggestion will focus us on the joy, humor & lighter side of our spiritual life. Even if you have never done this before, please come & sit with the Lord.

Would you like to be Catholic? We have a summer RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Group meeting through Google Meet on certain Wednesdays this summer at 6:30pm. The next one is August 5th, with the link on our Google calendar at https://www.stkateriparish.org/. Call Kris Rooney in the Parish Office to find out more.
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Groundskeeper Help Needed at Rosa Road
If you have some free time to pull weeds along the parking lot side of the church and on the patio in front of the lower door, we could use your help. With our maintenance staff busy keeping our churches clean and disinfected, any volunteer help with our Rosa Rd. grounds keeping would be very much appreciated. Please contact Larry Grimmer if you might be able to serve in this way.

Office Help Needed
Beginning in September, we will be in need of volunteer office help weekday mornings 9:00AM - 12:00PM. If you are able to serve for those hours at least one day per week to answer the phone and the door at the Rosa Rd. parish offices, please contact Larry Grimmer.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fr. Bob is available to hear confessions on Saturdays at 3:30PM in the Rosa Rd. Parish Center. Or, you may also call the parish office to make an appointment. To ensure everyone’s health and safety, masks are required and physical distancing is practiced.

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!

Mass Intentions
Masses held at Rosa Road Church marked - RR
Masses held at Union Street Church marked - US

SAT  8/1  Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm RR  (Live via St. Kateri Facebook)
Amy Lindemann by: Family

SUN  8/2
9:30am US  Bede McGuinness by: Ferradino Family
11:30am RR  Michelino Micco by: Family
Martin MacCormick by: Richard & Irene DeDononico
Jeanette Banker and David Castle by: Schmidt Family
Angelina Camerota by: Family

TUE  8/4  St. John Vianney
9:00am US  Escairnita Lacandola by: Family
Marion Locke by: Family
Amy Lindemann by: Family

FRI  8/7  St. Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs and St. Cajetan
9:00am RR  Rocco Caschera and Paul Beyer by: Karen & Bill Johnson
Edwin Natividad by: Family

SAT  8/8  Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm RR  (Live via St. Kateri Facebook)
Carlos Andres by: Andres Family
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Chamberland by: Family
Pasqualina Rossi by: Family
Amy Lindemann by: Family

SUN  8/9
9:30am US  Rudy Quirini by: Wife, Mary Ellen
Gisela Jakubowski by: Mike Jakubowski
Gregory DeLuke by: Paul & Carol Wolfe
Hugo Lijeron by: JJ and Family

11:30am RR  Michelino Micco, Luigi Micco, Gennaro Micco, by: Family
Daniel Miglucci by: Family
Filomena Micco, Ersilia Micco by: Family
Alfonso DiMeo by: Family

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
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
The following are phone extensions & emails for the staff:

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Parish School: 518-382-8225
Principal, Tosha Grimmer principal@stkaterischool.org

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School is open!
We will be offering in-person, 5-days per week educational programs for children ages 3 through 5th grade.
Check out our website, www.stkaterischool.org, to see how we joyfully nurture knowledge & faith. Contact Mary Staudinger to make an appointment and schedule a tour: mstaudinger@stkaterischool.org.

Kateri Kids Summer Care Program will run through Friday, August 21 at our parish school.
We are still accepting registrations!
Registration forms are available on the school website: www.stkaterischool.org under Admissions/ Kateri Kids tab.
For additional information, please call Jenny Kraus at: 518-382-8225, ext. 225.

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.

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

The Social Justice Ministry invites you ...
Please join us (via Zoom) on August 10 at 7:00 PM for an important discussion of Ibram X. Kendi’s groundbreaking work, “How to Be an Antiracist”.
Albany Law School Professor Sarah Rogerson will review the book which the NY Times has called “… the most courageous book to date on the problem of race in the Western mind, …”.
Details for accessing the Zoom call are on the parish calendar for August 10.
“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, 
nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor 
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be 
able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 
Lord.” It is no surprise why this reading from St. Paul’s letter 
to the Romans is such a popular choice for funerals. This 
brilliant message of Christian hope and love is most 
encouraging in our own times as well! St. Paul eloquently 
communicates the fundamental truth that Jesus Christ 
reigns supreme over everything, even death itself. There is 
no pain, sorrow or darkness that can compete with the 
overwhelming love of Christ. Jesus Christ is Lord! We 
Christians are called to announce this truth into every nook 
and cranny of our lives and society at large. There is 
absolutely nothing that God does not want to restore and 
transform in Christ Jesus. We get to be His coworkers in 
this great mission!

In Isaiah, God invites us to His heavenly banquet: “Heed 
me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. 
Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.” This 
invitation to participate in the divine life of God is available 
to all, especially those who hunger and thirst for it. Though 
this heavenly banquet is, indeed, eternal, we must join 
while still here on earth! We need only recognize our 
poverty, our own inability to provide what we need to be 
truly fulfilled, fed and made holy. Only God can do this. This 
humility toward His life-giving grace allows us to conform 
ourselves to Him.

As we read in the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, the 
banquet that we are called to is none other than Jesus 
Christ Himself. Because Jesus loves us too much to give 
Himself to us only figuratively or metaphorically, He gives 
Himself to us without reserve in His Precious Body and 
Blood in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, likewise, 
enables us to give ourselves without reserve to one 
another. THIS is the true Bread from Heaven that enables 
us to live with Christian faith, hope and love, to become 
great saints and to help others do likewise! May Our Lady, 
the Mother of the Eucharist, help us to more zealously 
ador, reverence and appreciate Her Divine Son in this 
greatest of Sacraments!

Nathaniel Resila
O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick, who
at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in
Cana of Galilee,
we may
return to joy
and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary
during the coronavirus pandemic
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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