“Lord, save me!”
Matthew 14:30

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Mission Statement
We are an Evangelizing
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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.
COVID-19 Travel Advisory:
If you have recently returned to NYS from any state 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.

We have gathered together safely since June and have received many compliments regarding St. Kateri Tekakwitha masses for which we are very grateful! The registration process has allowed us to seat as many people as possible while also satisfying the needs of those who require special accommodations. In order to continue this great work & minimize the chance of denying anyone a reservation, we ask that you please register only those you know will be able to attend mass. Of course we understand that sometimes life gets in the way of making & keeping plans, so if you need to change or cancel your mass registration, please email Michelle at: mschulmerich@stkateriparish.org.

**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.

**Visitors to the parish offices, parish meetings, or masses are asked to perform a self-screen before coming to any parish facility.**

Anyone that has tested positive in the last 14 days, or who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home. Thank you.

**During this difficult COVID-19 period, the number of Offertory donors is down 27% from a year ago.**
Please consider making your Offertory contributions by mailing your envelopes or dropping them in the Rosa Rd. office mail slot, or by going to our online giving portal on our website at www.stkateriparish.org. On the website, you can make one-time payments or set up recurring weekly or monthly payments by automatic bank transfer or by credit or debit card. Please be as generous as your family's financial circumstances allow.

**RCDA 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 at our last chapter. The link is on our Google calendar: https://www.stkateriparish.org/.

**Praying the Psalms:** We will reflect on our favorite Psalms & those heard Sundays during August on Thursdays at 2pm. You access using the Google calendar on our website: https://www.stkateriparish.org/, or we also meet in person (up to 7) in the Parish Office classrooms.

**Our Faith & Play Group** is meeting outside in good weather behind the Rosa Rd. Parish Center on Thursdays at 9:30am, socially distanced. Parents discuss parenting and matters of faith while children play. Come play with us!
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Let's support our parish and Fr. Bob!*

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**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.

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**Mass Intentions**

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

**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

**TUE 8/11**

9:00am US  Elizabeth Bair by: Family
Paul & Frances Lyons by: Elaine Bair
Gregory DeLuke by: Moon Family
Vincent Vanina by: Assini Family

**FRI 8/14**

9:00am RR  Amy Lindemann by: Family
Ursula Forth by: Family
William Beaulieu by: Denise Murphy McGraw
Catherine & Cynthia Bouton

**SAT 8/15 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm RR  (*Live via St. Kateri Facebook*)
Frank & Erma Mazzotti by: Fran & Dave Rakvica
Lucila Andres by: Family
Bede McGuinness by: Jim
Bertha Mastracchio by: Joseph Emerick

**SUN 8/16**

9:30am US  Jasper Biondo by: Family
Bede McGuinness by: Skrebutenas Family
Vincent Vanina by: Schultheis Family
Peter McPartlon by: Denise Murphy McGraw

11:30am RR  James Mahar by: Ron & Carol Szczepanski
Stuart Crenshaw by: Mary Jane Beaulieu
Dominick Eannello by Wife, Michelle
Amy Lindemann by: Family

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Monday-Friday
9am-12pm - by appointment
12pm-4pm (3pm on Fridays) - no appointment needed

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For the mass schedule - Press 3

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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 28 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.

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.

When was THE moment? People, understandably, often want to know precisely when I heard the call to become a priest. Perhaps those of you who were called to the vocation of marriage and the family have received similar questions: When did you know you were called to marriage? When did you know which person was “the one”? Though some of you might be able to provide THE moment when your vocation became apparent—like Saint Paul being struck blind—I dare say that many of us hear the voice of God beckoning us much like the Prophet Elijah. In this way, we might speak of not simply one moment, but of many: God often speaks to us in the quiet, unheralded moments of our lives. Even for those of us who have been blessed with a specific miraculous act of God in our lives—just look at any of the miraculous healings discovered in a person’s canonization process—we still have to steadfastly adhere our lives to Christ. This is just as true in those moments when God’s voice comes to us like a radio baseball commentator—loud and clear—as it is when it seems much more muted.

Saint Paul laments to the Romans how many of his fellow Israelites did not accept Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Savior. Paul is especially sorrowful because he and his fellow Jews were the inheritors of the great Covenant with God, the heirs to the great Patriarchs and Prophets and God’s chosen nation. They were sent to prepare the world for the Messiah but, as Paul painfully acknowledges, many wound up rejecting the One whom God had called them to announce to the world. Though they had been given much in the way of extraordinary “God-moments,” many sadly did not recognize Him when it mattered most. Similarly, Saint Peter certainly had his great “come on down, you’re on The Price is Right!” God-moment in Saint Matthew’s Gospel when he walked on water. No sooner does he experience this extraordinary moment of grace, though, than he loses his faith and falls into the sea! Though Jesus rescues him, He also rebukes Peter with the famous “O ye of little faith, why did you doubt?” line. If we do not actively seek to live our lives totally and completely conformed to Christ and His love in the ordinary, quiet moments of our lives, we will likely not know what to do when the grander moments come along! God wants to speak to and through us each moment, no matter how big or small, so that we can consistently choose Christ in the moments that matter most! May our Blessed Mother help us to courageously and joyfully receive her Divine Son always and everywhere, that we might become great saints and help others do likewise!

Nathaniel Resila
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.

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: worksfromercsdy.org or call: 518-347-0871.

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