The Catholic Community of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Rev. Robert Longobucco, Pastor
Deacon Thomas Sharrow

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

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 and Acts Justly: This is our Mission.

Mrs. Kristine Rooney
Pastoral Care/Adult Faith Formation

Mrs. Patricia Ford
Bookkeeper

Mr. Kim Kaiser
Maintenance

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that hour. Matthew 15:28

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

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. 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.

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.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School is opening!
We will be offering in-person, 5-days per week educational programs for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Check out our website, www.stkaterschool.org, to see how we joyfully nurture knowledge & faith. Contact Mary Staudinger to make an appointment and schedule a tour: mstaudinger@stkaterschool.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.stkaterschool.org under Admissions/ Kateri Kids tab.
For additional information, please call Jenny Kraus at: 518-382-8225, ext. 225.
2020 Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
Strengthening the Church at Home  
Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

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 more info. go to: dailygazette.com/bestof

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care  
The Faith & Play Group is meeting social-distantly at area parks for the summer. Join our email list by contacting Kris Rooney at kafe@stkateriparish.org or text Kel Szydagis at 847-529-7517 to see where to find us each Thursday, 9:30am.

We will end our Book Group on Wednesday Aug. 19th at 12:30pm using Mary DeTurris Poust's book, Walking Together: Discovering the Catholic Tradition of Spiritual Friendship by speaking with the author. We are meeting online or by phone in the Parish Office classrooms. The link is on our Google calendar: 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 11) in the Parish Office classrooms.

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 8/15 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

TUE 8/18  
9:00am US Evelyn Lynch & Terry Lester by: daughter, Candi  
Kathryn Mannix by: Family  
Amy Lindemann by: Family  
Marion Locke by: Estate

FRI 8/21  
9:00am RR J. David Burke by: Scotti Family  
Catherine & Cynthia Bouton by: Estate  
Pietro & Fenisia Fazzone & Domenico  
Fazzone by: Lou & Antonietta

SAT 8/22 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30pm RR *(Live via St. Kateri Facebook)*  
John Nace by: Nace Family  
Vincent & Zelda Blandino by: Family  
John Sommers by: Kitty Sommers  
Frank Mogavero by: Marion Rizzo

SUN 8/23  
9:30am US Chad Rivera by: Family  
Michael Catrambone by: Family  
Robert J. Sise by: Family  
Robert & Mary Christoffel by: Family

11:30am RR Marge Assini by: Family  
Gregory DeLuke by: Sr. Parish Ministry  
Amy Lindemann by: Family  
Teresa Kennedy by: Family
**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.

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**CENSUS 2020:**

*Reminder from the Social Justice Ministry*

Everybody counts, so let’s get everybody counted! Help spread the word and explain the importance of the census to those who may be reluctant to participate.

“Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years.... The Census Bureau is challenging everyone to help ensure a complete and accurate count in 2020.”  (2020census.gov)

You can respond by phone, online, or by mail. See 2020census.gov for more information.

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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.
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.

Thank you to our Sponsor:
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