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

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.

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

Mrs. Kristine Rooney
Pastoral Care/Adult Faith Formation
Mrs. Patricia Ford
Bookkeeper
Mr. Kim Kaiser
Maintenance

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:18

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.

2020 Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Strengthening the Church at Home
This week we have 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.

RIOF pledge reminders are delayed due to a change in format.
If you participated in the campaign, please know that the diocese is expediting the pledge reminders as quickly as possible. Most important-pledge reminders are not required in order for donors to make a payment on their pledge. Payment Options are:
1. Personal Check made payable to Re-Igniting Our Faith with parish name & town in memo line. Address envelope to: RIOF, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.
2. Online: donors can make their gift online via credit card at: https://re-ignitingourfaith.org/donate/ where they can make a one-time payment or set up a recurring payment.
3. Recurring Payments via the donor’s bank – setting up a bill-pay process with their bank through their checking account, the check goes from the bank to the diocese through the level of frequency determined by the donor. Thank you!
**Mass Intention Scheduling:**
If you would like to schedule a mass intention for a specific date, please call the office. Mass donations are $15.00. Please know that mass intentions, especially on the weekend, fill up quickly. Also, when a funeral is scheduled, the intentions from that day are rescheduled. So, for the best possibility of obtaining a date, call us as early as possible. Thank you for understanding.

**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.

**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:847-529-7517 to see where to find us each Thursday 9:30am.

**Praying the Psalms:**
We will share our personal psalm this Thursday at 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.

**The Scripture Group** will return to reflecting on the Sunday readings in September.

**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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**Mass Intentions**

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

**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

**TUE  8/25  St. Louis, S. Joseph Calasanz**
9:00am US  Colleen Lamper-LaBlanc
- Marion Locke by: Estate
- Amy Lindemann by: Family

**FRI  8/28  St. Augustine**
9:00am RR  Wanda Mitchell by: Peter & Liz Coffey
- Amy Lindemann by: Family
- Tom Castner by: Carl & Pam Garkowski

**SAT  8/29  Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:30pm RR  *(Live via St. Kateri Facebook)*
- Blessings for: Irving Feldman by: Kathy Peterson
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Chamberland & Pasqualina Rossi by: Family
- Irene Van Kamerik by: Haase Family & Laura Michelson
- John Cummings by: Family
- Dr. Leonard Combi by: Rose DiCerbo

**SUN  8/30**
9:30am US  Frank Mogavero by: Peter McManus
- Mae Mallott by: Terry Cardinal
- George Pena by: Donna DeFlorio
- Dan DeCotis, Carmella & Alfonso DeCotis by: Family

11:30am RR  Blessings for: Anyaegbunam Family
- Gregory DeLuke by: Lisa & Jeff Ostermann
- Edward Witkowicz by: Schultheis Family
- Trudy VanHattum by: Laurene & Chuck Arsenault
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.

We are proud to announce that
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School is opening!

We still have spots available in all age groups, and we are pleased to offer flexible part-time enrollment for 3 and 4-year-olds. Select the days of the week and AM or PM to match your schedule.

Check out our website, www.stkaterischool.org to see how we joyfully nurture knowledge and faith.

Make an appointment to schedule a tour call: 518-382-8225.

Works of Mercy Initiative Cookbook Fundraiser
Submit Your Favorite Recipe Now!

During this time when most of us are spending more time at home & perhaps more time in the kitchen, we will begin working on a project we have considered for some time. Inspired by conversations with family & friends about recipe swaps and the successes & failures we have in the kitchen, we are collecting recipes for our upcoming Cookbook Fundraiser. Recipes may include main dishes, appetizers, side dishes & desserts.

Send your recipes to: worksofmercyschdy@live.com or mail to: Works of Mercy Initiative, c/o St. Luke’s Church, 1241 State St., Schenectady, NY 12304.

Please include your name, parish & phone number. Please submit recipes by October 1st.
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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.

For more information please call, 518-372-4969

Niskayuna Senior Center Events Upcoming Events:
9/1 - Boxed lunch provided by Centers Health Care; you must pre-register; Titanic trivia
9/3 - Birthday celebration w cupcakes; Frank Sinatra Day
9/8 - Baptist Health Blood Pressure Screening; Star Trek TV premiere; 1p collage hour w Brookdale
9/10 - The Carol Burnett Show trivia
9/15 - Agatha Christie Trivia; Alz Assoc. - research updates & discussion
9/17 - Boxed lunch provided by Sch’dy Cty Sr & Long Term Care - discussion; you must pre-register
9/22 - Rosh Hashana discussion
9/24 - Bullwinkle & Rocky Day - trivia
9/29 - Yom Kippur discussion

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