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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.

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Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”
Matthew 16:24
Dearest parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish,
It is with great joy that I announce to you that, by the grace of God, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will ordain me, along with 12 other men, to the Diaconate & 1 man to the Priesthood in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. You have been an integral part of my vocational journey toward the Priesthood through your invaluable prayers, support, encouragement & Christian charity. For this you have my deep & abiding gratitude. It is with this in mind & heart, that I hope you can virtually attend the Ordination & spiritually join us during this most happy occasion from the Diocese of Albany on Sat., September 5th at 10AM.
The livestream link is: http://www.albanyvocations.org/events.php?id=34. Additional information can be found at: http://www.albanyvocations.org/events.php?id=34.
Thank you for helping me continue to say “yes” to God!
Yours in the Peace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Nathaniel J. Resila

Fall 2020 Confirmation Update!
The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Fall 2020 will be Fri., November 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Due to the current guidelines for social distancing, we are unable to accommodate the candidates, sponsors and immediate family members in the Union Street church. More information will be sent to families as it becomes available.

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.

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.

Children are bussed to our school where we joyfully nurture them with small group activities, snack, & outdoor/gym time.
Please contact Jenny Kraus to register your child: jkraus@stkaterischool.org or 518-382-8225 x225

We have gathered together safely since June and have received many compliments regarding St. Kateri Tekakwitha masses, thank you! The registration process allows us to seat as many people as possible including those with special accommodations. In order to continue this & 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 know that at times life gets in the way of 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 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.

Mass Intention Scheduling:
If you would like to schedule a mass intention for a specific date, please call the office. Suggested 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.

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**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: kafe@stkateriparish.org or text Kel Szydagis at 847-529-7517 to see where we are Thursday at 9:30am.

**Would you like to take time with the Sunday readings and apply them to your daily life?** Our Scripture Group is hybrid in that we are meeting in person and online. Up to 11 people can meet in the Parish Office classroom, or you can join us online (https://meet.google.com/tvs-spso-gcy) or by phone (1-336-949-8065 PIN: 529 005 840#) Thursdays at 2pm. We would love to share with you.

**We will meet for quiet contemplation** on Wednesday, September 2nd 9:00am. This group is also hybrid in that we are meeting in person and online. Up to 11 people can meet in the Parish Office classroom, or you can join us online (https://meet.google.com/dzvRhbssRmzh) or by phone (1-636-431-4888 PIN: 788 298 464#). Song, prayer and a meditation suggestion will guide us as we consider the question Jesus poses, "Who do you say that I am?".

**The Women of St. Kateri is BACK!** We are a group of women of all ages who are discussing the lives of the women in Luke's Gospel. It is faith-filled, insightful & fun! This is a hybrid group that meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm; this month it is September 2nd. We will be looking at the Persistent Widow (Luke 18: 1-8). Up to 11 people can meet in the Parish Office classroom, or you can join us online (https://meet.google.com/wtc-xcnm-zan) or by phone (1-336-949-8109 PIN: 649 204 784#). If you are new & would like to come, great! Please contact Kris Rooney at 518-370-3136 X-239 or kafe@stkateriparish.org for details first.

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Whether you are baptized or not, or missing 1st Communion or Confirmation as an adult, St. Kateri can help you in any step of the process.** We are here to support you in any part of your faith journey, and it can be in person or online depending on your comfort level. To get started, contact Kris Rooney at the parish office.

**Are you caring for someone who is dealing with Alzheimer's Disease or other form of dementia?** We have a monthly support group through the guidance of the Alzheimer's Association. Unfortunately this group is on hiatus because of the coronavirus restrictions, but we are still emailing monthly & making individual phone calls to those who would like a listening ear. If this is of interest, please call Kris Rooney in the parish office.

**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 8/29** 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

**TUE 9/1**
9:00am US Bede McGuinness by: Family
Amy Lindemann by: Family
Gregory DeLuke by: McMurray Family
Michael J, Favata by: Regina Favata

**THUR 9/3** St. Gregory the Great
6:00pm RR Crispina Natividad by: Family

**FRI 9/4**
9:00am RR Fr. Giorgio Ferrara, PIME by: Sr. Parish Ministry
Bruno Aimi by: Wife, Clair
Amy Lindemann by: Family
Marion Locke by: Estate

**SAT 9/5** Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm RR *(Live via St. Kateri Facebook)*
Mary Nace by: Nace Family
Anne E. & George H. Fields by: Family
Richard T. Cusco by: Rose Marie Cusco
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Chamberland & Pasqualina Rossi by: Family

**SUN 9/6**
9:30am US Blessings for Sandra Kaminski by: Appreciative Friends
Dario Shirley Bernabucci by: Bell Family
Marion Locke by: Estate
Salvatore Longo by: Sue & Herb Pagano
J. David Burke by: Scotti Family

11:30am RR Amy Lindemann by: Family
Gregory DeLuke by: Pat & Tom Brady
Suzanne Berti, Albert Tomassini and Ida Tomassini by: Elsie Berti

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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

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Season of Creation
Starts September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, ending on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This is a time for worldwide celebration in prayer and action to protect our common home.
As followers of Christ from around the world, we share a common role as caretakers of God’s creation. We see that our well-being is interwoven with its well-being. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and our sisters and brothers who share it.
This year, the season’s theme is “Jubilee for the Earth”. We invite you to consider the integral relationship between the resources of the Earth & our ecological, economic, social & political ways of living. This particular year, the need for just & sustainable systems has been revealed by the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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 & the many worthy programs it supports, all pledges & donations will now go directly to the diocesan Stewardship & Development Office. This is a change from asking parishioners to fill out a pledge envelope during mass. Please be as generous in supporting the good works of the diocese as your family's financial circumstances allow.

RIOF pledge reminders delayed, due to a format change. 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. Address envelope to: RIOF, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.
2. Online donors can make their gift via credit card at: https://re-ignitingourfaith.org/donate/ then make a one-time payment or set up a recurring payment.
3. Recurring Payments via your bank – setting up a bill-pay process with your bank through a checking account. The check goes from the bank to the diocese using a level of frequency determined by the donor.
Thank you to our Sponsor:
Kennedy Optical
1675 Providence Avenue
518-377-2144

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.

CENSUS 2020:
Reminder from the Social Justice Ministry
Everybody counts, so let’s get everybody counted! Help spread the word & 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.” You can respond by phone, online, or mail. For more, go to: 2020census.gov.

PRAYER FOR RACIAL EQUITY
Holy Spirit, be our guide each day, as we journey through racial justice issues.
Direct our steps that we may advocate for the change needed to bring about true racial equity in our community and in our world.
Open our eyes, so that we may see.
Open our hearts that we may feel.
AMEN

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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