The Catholic Community of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Schenectady, NY 12309
Mrs. Tosha Grimmer, Principal

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Parish Church at Rosa Road: 2216 Rosa Road
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Mrs. Kristine Rooney
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They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

Mr. Lawrence Grimmer
Parish Manager
Mrs. Kimberly Conway
Music Ministry
Mrs. Lisa Kuban
Youth Ministry
Mrs. Michelle Schulmerich
Faith Formation, K-5

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.

Church at 1803 Union Street:
Sunday: 9:30am Pre-Registration Required Tuesday: 9:00am No registration needed

Church at 2216 Rosa Road:
Saturday: 4:30pm Facebook Live Stream with Communion in parking lot 5:30pm-5:45pm Sunday: 11:30am Pre-Registration Required Thursday: 6:00pm No registration needed 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.
The National Collection for the Catholic University of America Serving the Church & Nation Sept. 26 & 27th

Your gift to the 2nd collection will support the Catholic University of America students who go on to serve the nation & transform the world. Catholic University serves dioceses & parishes through innovative research initiatives & training programs, such as the Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration & Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please be generous.

Take a night off of cooking!
There will be a Giffy's BBQ fundraiser
on Tuesday, September 29th,
from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
to benefit NDBG and St. Kateri Parish School
at 1801 Union Street.
Price is $14.00 per person and includes:
chicken, baked potato, roll, coleslaw, dessert, and soda.
Yum! Pre-Sale Only. Purchase meals online at:
https://tinyurl.com/GiffyBBQ.

Ms. Ferraro's Second and Third Graders created Mask Selfies this week as a way to introduce themselves to their classmates. Each child created a picture of themselves wearing a mask on a folded piece of paper. When the fold was opened you could see the face behind the mask!

We are very excited to introduce Ms. Denise O'Connor as our Distance Learning Coordinator. Ms. O'Connor is teaching lessons to our K-5 students who are fully remote or on a hybrid schedule. We are using Google Classroom as out platform and are really excited to offer so many choices for our families.

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.

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 submitted by Wednesday at midnight.
• Maintain a 6 foot social distancing during the Communion line
• 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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
The St. Kateri Tekakwitha Social Justice Ministry invites all parishioners to watch a live Facebook panel of parishioners of color “Racial Justice and Solidarity: A Parish Conversation” Monday, Oct. 5 at 7:00pm. The panel would like to hear any questions on race relations from the parishioners. Such questions should be submitted by Sept. 27th by emailing: clairaimi@gmail.com. We want to make this a true conversation.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
The Faith & Play Group is meeting social-distantly at area parks. We are a group of parents who have a chance to share while the little ones play. All are welcome! Contact Kris Rooney in the parish office or text Kel Szydagis at (847)529-7517 to see where to find us.

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 at: (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.

REST IN PEACE
WE PRAY FOR
Sr. Jeanne Fielder, Raymond Cote and Richard Tentor, who have gone before us in faith.

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!
**The Parish Office Hours:**
Monday-Friday  
9am-12pm - by appointment  
12pm-4pm - no appointment needed  
**Phone:** 518-346-6137  
**For the mass schedule - Press 3**

The following are phone extensions & emails for the staff:

- **Father Bob** ext. 230 frbob@stkateriparish.org  
- **Deacon Tom** ext. 236 deacontom@stkateriparish.org  
- **Larry Grimmer** ext. 235 lgrimmer@stkateriparish.org  
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- **Kim Kaiser** kkaiser@stkateriparish.org  
- **Bulletin** bulletin@stkateriparish.org

**Parish School:** 518-382-8225  
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**Registration for the 2021 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry year is open!**
Please register on our website at: https://www.stkateriparish.org/ffsscheduleregistration.

The calendar is also available on our website.
Email Michelle (mschulmerich@stkateriparish.org) or Lisa (kubanl@stkateri.org) with any questions.

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**The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Fall 2020 will be Friday, November 20th at 6:30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 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.

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**Season of Creation**
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Discover more at: www.SeasonOfCreation.org.

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**Join us at our weekly Thursday night mass at 6:00pm in the Rosa Road Church.**
This mass is open to anyone who wishes to come (no registration required).

**Electronic Giving Helps the Parish:**
Please consider making your Offertory contributions through our convenient electronic giving options on our parish website. Automatic electronic donations by electronic funds transfer or by credit or debit card ensure that the parish receives your donation on a regular weekly or monthly basis, even when you are away or are unable to get to mass. This is very helpful in our efforts to meet all of our financial obligations in a timely manner. If you need help or would like more information, call Larry at the office, 518-346-3167, ext. 235.

**Diocesan Young Adult Holy Hour:**
There has been much interest from young adults across or diocese to meet in-person and what better way than in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist followed by Adoration.

**When:** Thursday, September 24th  
**Where:** Corpus Christi Church, Round Lake (Exit 10 of the Northway)  
**Address:** 2001 Route 9, Round Lake, NY 12151

Mass at 6 PM – for those interested in attending Corpus Christi’s regular weekday mass
Event starts at 7 PM; duration is approx. 1 hour
- Fr. Rick Lesser will provide a brief personal reflection on the Eucharist and Adoration  
- Adoration & Benediction will immediately follow  
- Worship Music will be a collaboration between staff from Corpus Christi and St. Pius X  
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered

Event will be held in-person at Corpus Christi & also streamed live via Facebook Live

All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed regarding contact tracing, physical distancing, & wearing face masks

**Food Pantry Deliveries**
We are resuming periodic deliveries from our churches to the SiCM and Villa Fusco food pantries.

Please remember that donations must be:
- non-perishable,  
- unbreakable (no glass!),  
- not expired,  
- not damaged  
- (no rusted cans or open packages),  
- and not bulk or super-sized (“family” size is OK).

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry.
Election News - Absentee Ballot Information

NYS launched an online portal where all registered voters can request an absentee ballot if they are worried about in-person voting due to COVID. No need to wait; visit: https://www.elections.ny.gov/ for more information, or you can call your County Board of Elections, (for Schenectady County call: 518-377-2469). Requested ballots will be mailed out beginning on September 18.

(please note that you must already be registered to vote at your current address. If you are not registered to vote, or to change a voter registration address, see the link above or call your County Board of Elections.)

New Yorkers have options in the way to cast their vote this election:

- voting by absentee ballot,
- vote early - in-person at Early Voting poll places from October 24 through November 1 (9 days)
- and vote in-person on Election Day, November 3rd

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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 St. Parish Center. Call David Dobkowski, Ph.D., 518-859-4015.

40 Days for Life Campaign is a community effort for 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach & peaceful prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood right of way, 1040 State St., from 7am-7pm. In the Spirit of Christ, we pray, educate & witness to our community in order to bring an end to abortion & provide hope & help for women in crisis pregnancies. The month of October is Respect Life Month, a time to stand up for life. Please consider joining the 22nd Schenectady 40 Days for Life between Sept. 23 to Nov. 1. Commit to peacefully praying for life at home, church, or at our vigil during the campaign. Invite family & friends to join in prayer. For information to sign up, please contact Sarah: sch40days@gmail.com, or Viviane: 518-384-0699 or www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady.

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