

The Catholic Community of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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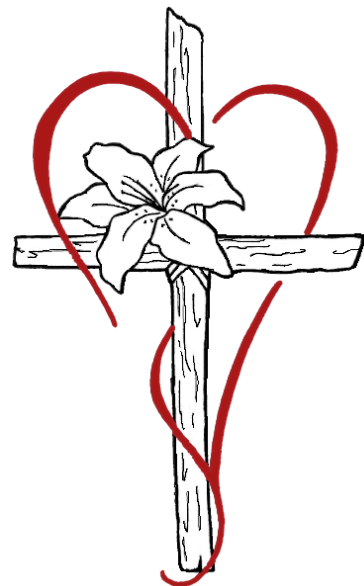
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Mission Statement

*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.*

Church at 1803 Union Street:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am

Eucharist

2216 Rosa Road:

Sunday: 11:30am

Thursday: 6:00pm

Friday: 9:00am

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Union St.: Saturday - 4pm Rosa Rd.: Friday - following 9am Mass or by Appointment

Infant Baptism: Contact Kimberly Munks in our parish office. 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 our office at least 8 months before the wedding and before the reception plans are made.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) for those who want to be received into the Catholic Church.

*For all Sacraments, please call the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE!

Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest will be on October 18 after the 5pm Mass at St. Kateri School. Come enjoy bratwurst, potato salad, and sauerkraut along with music and fun! \$20 for adults.
Children under 12 free!

Ticket reservations coming soon!

The Rosa Road Altar Care Ministry Needs You!

The Altar Care Ministry is responsible for ensuring there are clean linens (towels, purificators, and corporals) for use on the altar. Right now, we have only two members and could use a few more volunteers. Duties include picking up linens once a week from the Rosa Road church, laundering them, and returning them back to the church. Members serve a month at a time, on a rotating basis with other members. If you can help us, we would be most grateful. We can accommodate any schedule. If you would like to volunteer for only one or two months, or more, please contact Bonnie Beebe by phone or text to 518-334-6200.

MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at the Union Street church, the St. Kateri Choir will begin a new year of serving God and our Parish family through our ministry of music. We are looking for singers in all voice parts. Although it is not critical that you read music, it is certainly helpful. We do ask that you be able to carry a tune though! For more information please speak to our Director of Music Ministry, Dominick Giaquinto after any weekend Mass or by sending an email to dgiaquinto@stkateriparish.org

We are also looking for people who might be interested in being a regular ringer or a substitute ringer for the Handbell Choir. This ensemble meets on Wednesdays at 5:45 at the Union Street church. A basic knowledge of music reading skills is particularly helpful for this group. Please contact Dominick Giaquinto.

You are invited:

On Sunday, October 19 at 3pm, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish will have the honor of sponsoring a concert at our Union Street Church by the world-renowned concert organist, Vincent Dubois who serves as the Titular Organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. We invite anyone who might be interested in being a benefactor for this concert to please contact our Director of Music Ministry Dominick Giaquinto at dgiaquinto@stkateriparish.org

If you are interested in making a donation, please send a check made out to St. Kateri Parish and send it to 2216 Rosa Road, Schenectady, NY 12309, attn: Dominick Giaquinto.

Please save this date and invite friends and family to join us for this once in a lifetime concert!



FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Whose Children of Any Age
Who Have Died by Any Cause
No Matter How Long Ago

JOIN US!

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9AM MASS
ST KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME!



In Cooperation with
The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents



MUSIC FOR Aug 30th & 31st

Prelude: Adagio from "Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C) - J.S. Bach

Hymn: 790 The Summons Verses 1,2,3

Responsorial Psalm: 1160 In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: 336

Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws.

Offertory Hymn: 798 Two Fishermen

Communion Hymn: 939 Behold the Lamb

Closing Hymn: 790 The Summons Verses 4,5

Postlude: Voluntary in C - William Croft

Remember the Sick in your Prayers:

Brenda Adams, Mary Bell, George Chamberlain,
Cindy Condon, Daniel Datola, Michelle Eanello
Stephen Farina, Barbara Follain, Carmelle Grandoit,
Christopher Gribbin, Sarah Grogan & Family,
Susan Healey, Sandra Kaminski, Eileen Kilrain,
Stephanie Kleindienst, Edward Kleinkauf, Barbara Kuban,
Gail Jess, Fran Leary, Martin Allen Lindsay, Carol Lotano, Angie
Marczewski, Karen Mills, Joe Moon, Peter Persico, Ann Pyle,
Ariana Rennie, Celeste Rossetti, Jack Salinetti, Mary Sager
Kenneth Schaefer, Carl Shepard, Robert Vedder,
Tony Verno, Daniel Edward Vilardo,
Nancy Wayne, Bill Wheeler.

***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!

Remember in your prayers:

Ro Anderson

May she rest in peace with God.

Mass Intentions

Abbreviations for church locations are:

RR = Rosa Road & **US** = Union Street Church

SAT 9/06

5:00pm **US**

Robert Donlon by his Wife
Stephen Anchukaitis
by Jeanne Hawkey & Family
Maria Rubonis by The DeCotis Family
Michael Bozenski by Karen Kreischer

SUN 9/07

9:30am **US**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosa V. Samson by The Reyes Family
(Living) Michael Jakubowski for his Birthday
by Family
Maria Rubonis by The Bereavement Ministry

11:30am **RR**

Marianne & Elisabeth Weglinski
by Lynne Camileo

MON 9/08

9:00am **US**

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jane Susich by Mary Jane Beaulieu
Ro Anderson by The Rooney Family

TUE 9/09

9:00am **US**

Saint Peter Claver

For the People

WED 9/10

9:00am

Mass at St. John the Evangelist

THU 9/11

6:00pm **RR**

For the People

FRI 9/12

9:00am **RR**

Amy Lindemann by Family

SAT 9/13

5:00pm **US**

Peter McDonough
by Tim & Natalie McDonough
Margaret Walsh & John McGuinness
by Jim McGuinness
Richard T. Cuscino by his Wife Rosmarie

SUN 9/14

9:30am **US**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Irene Maronilla-Dimalanta
by Jantonio & Sandra Reyes
For the Family of Elijah Palmer
by Pedro Aviles
Maria Rubonis by The Jakubowski Family

11:30am **RR**

Maliheh Shanahan
by Kevin & Janel Shanahan

***Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Anthony's
Weekend Mass Schedule***

SJE: Sat. - 4:00pm

Sun. - 10:30am

STA: Sun. - 8:30am

Sun. - 10:30am (Spanish)

Sun. - 4:00pm

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Kris Rooney, 518-346-6137, (dial ext. 239)

The Kateri Kids Play Group is back! They meet on Fridays in the Rosa Road Community Room from 10-11:30am, and on Sundays during Faith Formation sessions in the parish school gym. We welcome all care-takers of young children to join us for play and prayer. Please see our website for more info: <https://stkateriparish.org/kateri-kids-play-group>.

Our summer book read is **Dorothy Day: Spiritual Writings**. There is 1 copy left in our parish office for \$20. We will meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, September 10th at 11am in the Rosa Road Community Room, and virtually at Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/utk-ygzi-dfi>

Or dial: (US) +1 567-351-1111 PIN: 611 055 538#

To put our study into action, we can also volunteer to help serve the evening meal at City Mission that Thursday, September 25th 4:30pm-6:30pm. Contact Carolyn Adams at: stagemom8658@gmail.com to learn more or to sign up.

Scripture Group meets Wednesday at 3pm in the Rosa Road Community Room, and virtually at:
Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xxu-frtc-ipw>

Or dial: (US) +1 304-519-0365 PIN: 408 599 168#

We reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and how they relate to our lives. Please join us...we love new faces!

Do YOU wanna be Catholic? Maybe you're baptized already or not? St. Kateri welcomes you! We try to tailor a process that fits your schedule. Sessions begin this Sunday, September 7th at 10:30am in the Union Street Parish Center. Our first topic will be, Who is Jesus? You can just show up. To find out more, or to be a part of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Team, go to <https://www.stkateriparish.org/ocia>.

Are you in temporary need of durable medical equipment? Parishioners have donated canes, walkers, wheelchairs, rollators and crutches that we are storing and making available for use. You may sign them out in the parish office. We have limited space, but we could always use more if you have any to donate. Inquiries may be directed to Kris Rooney.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care Cont.

Are you homebound and/or unable to come to Mass? We would love to reach out to you, whether it is bringing communion, a simple visit, receiving cards, some meals or a ride to an appointment. You remain a vital part of our parish community. Please contact Kris Rooney in the parish office. We can always use more help in this ministry. Training will be provided.

A Crazy, Holy Grace Reflection Group: Frederick Buechner's father died by suicide when he was young, and he tucked that memory inside of himself until he was ready to face it more as an adult. He uses memory, imagination and humility to heal himself, through God's grace. We explore the book A Crazy, Holy Grace over 4 sessions on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the Union Street glass foyer (9/22, 9/29, 10/6 and 10/20). We hope it will help our healing too, whether you are dealing with any kind of grief, pain or suffering. The book is available for \$7. To purchase the book and register:



Racial Justice Ministry monthly meeting is on Monday 9/8/25 at 630pm in the Rosa Road - Community room.

Due to the Annual Priest Retreat, Daily Mass will not be held on September 16th, 18th, and 19th.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL-MEMORIES GROUP

*Tuesday, September 9th from 2-4pm
in the Rosa Road Community Room*

All those who have lost a spouse are invited to join us together for an afternoon of ice cream, singing, fun quizzes and socializing. Please RSVP by Calling our Parish Office at 518-346-6137, Ext. 230

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN
MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS**

(For couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or any special anniversary)

with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger

will be held

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

3 PM Liturgy with Reception

at

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York



There will be opportunity for photos with Bishop during reception

Questions can be directed to:

518-453-6660

Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org

Sponsored by the Office for Discipleship Formation



**The Sacred Heart League
Cavatelli Dinner**



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Friday, September 19, 2025

Saturday, September 20, 2025

For Friday order online by Thurs. Sept. 18

For Saturday order online by Friday Sept. 19

Cavatelli Meal - \$17 each

Dinner Includes:

Cavatelli, Choice of Meatball, Sausage or Combo
with Salad, Bread.

*Offering Dessert: a Cannoli or
Sfogliatelle for an upcharge of \$5.00.*

Visit stanthonyschurch.net to place your order

St. Anthony's Church

331 Seward Place, Schenectady

DRIVE THRU/PICK UP on PARK PLACE

4 to 7 PM Cash or Check written to

Sacred Heart League

Immaculate Catholic Parish, KwaMadlala



P.O. Box 2156, Pietermaritzburg, 3200

Immaculatacatholicparish@yahoo.com

| 17 August 2025

Dear St Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity towards our church following a disaster. We were blessed to have Mpume Zondi visit our parish on 17 August, where she confirmed a donation of 42,000 rands towards fixing our church roof and ceiling from St Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Albany, USA. Most of the Parishioners remembered Baba Bob and the Emmaus Catholic Worker Family when you honoured our Parish by celebrating Mass with us on the occasion of our dearly beloved and much missed Gogo Zondi more than ten years ago.

Currently, temporary structures have been put up to enable us to continue to gather and worship in the house of God. This donation is a significant help as it provides a strong foundation for our fundraising efforts to fully address the repairs. Despite being a community with limited financial means, the parishioners are wholeheartedly committed to fixing the roof and ceiling. With a quote from building assessors in hand, we are using our collective efforts in active fundraising to make this project a reality. Anticipating the repairs will be fully addressed within 18 to 24 months, this donation lays a strong foundation for our fundraising efforts to achieve this goal.

After presenting the donation and explaining its origin, Baba Madlala gave a blessing to Mpume on your behalf, invoking blessings upon each one who made this contribution possible and those who coordinated the process that enabled it to reach South Africa. We share a few photos which one of the youth league members, to our great joy took to mark the special day.

May God abundantly bless you all.

Sthe Mbona: Chairperson

S. Mbona

(On behalf of St Immaculata Parish Council)

Eucharistic Procession

Triumph of the Holy Cross

On Sunday, September 14th, Feast of the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, St. Luke's will celebrate our annual Eucharistic Procession for religious freedom and respect for life issues at 2:00pm. We will begin in Church with Scripture and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will then be taken in procession through the Central State Street neighborhood with hymns and prayers. The procession will conclude in Church with Benediction. For those who would like to participate but find it difficult to walk, the rosary will be offered in Church during the procession. You are encouraged and welcome to join with many parishes as we give witness to our Roman Catholic faith.



St. Kateri Parish Ministry Exploration
September 6th/7th – October 25th/26th

Parish Ministry Festival Sign-Up
Weekend of October 25th /26th



Fall is the perfect season to engage with Faith, Hope and Love by taking time to consider how to get involved in one of the ministries at our parish to enhance your own life and that of the St. Kateri community.

Maybe you already know how you would like to get involved or maybe this is a time for you to pray about how God might be inviting you to something new.

From September 6th/7th through October 25th/26th, a different group of ministries will be featured at the masses each weekend. Cards describing the ministry opportunities will be available for you to take home and consider how God might be calling you. Visit the tables in the parish vestibules before or after any of the masses to see where might your gifts and interests match up with the needs in our community.

September 6th/7th – Prayer and Worship Ministries: Mass Coordinator, Ushers and Greeters, Music Ministry at the Parish (Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and Cantors)
Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Altar Servers, Prayer of the Faithful Team
Altar Care, Pre-Cana Sponsor Couple, Seamstresses and Embroiderers
Liturgy Council and Art and Church Environment

September 20th/21st – Administration and Finance: Clerical Assistance, Collection Counters, Finance & Administration Council, Gardening, Advent Giving Tree, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality & Events and Sports & Games (CYO Basketball, Adult Basketball & Volleyball)

September 27th/28th – Pastoral Care and Adult Faith Formation: Bereavement Ministry, Mercy Ministry, Nursing Home Mass Coordinator, Prayer Circle, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Stamping Group, Visitation Ministry, OCIA Team, Kateri Kids Play Group, Kateri Kafe, book group, scripture group and women's enrichment group

October 4th/5th – Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Catechists (grades K-5 & 6-9), Safety Monitors, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation Team (grades 10 & 11), Special Events and Faith Formation Council

October 18th/19th – Christian Service: City Mission Meals, Salvation Army Food Kitchen, Nourish & Flourish Parish Food Pantry, Food Pantry Delivery Team, Family Promise, Sister Parish Committee, Social Justice Ministries (Care of Creation, Racial Justice & Respect Life)

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Dear Pastors and Fellow Veterans,

I am sending out this letter for two main reasons. The first is to make contact with as many veterans as possible, and second to give everyone an idea of what our group is doing and what we hope to achieve together.

There are about ten veterans in our congregation at Trinity Baptist Church situated at 2635 Balltown Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309. As a group we have decided to have a vets breakfast on Sept. 13, 2025 starting at 9:30AM at Trinity Baptist Church. We know we can't do everything but we can do something and that is a start. Every new veteran we meet can be a resource or a need we can meet. We are hoping that the veterans in your church will grasp the vision of the difference they can make. Even if it is only a larger prayer base, James 5:16 Our main goal is to share the gospel with other vets and do all to glorify GOD.

My hope is that every group will have a leader who can receive prayer requests and pass them on to his group. Also, any financial needs shared will be prayed over and acted upon by each individual group with no outside pressure.

The vets in most of our congregations make up a very small percentage, but if we work together we can have a large impact.

I am also looking into teaching a twelve week course for vets suffering from PTSD. It is a faith based course. That course could also be taught by each group if they wanted to!

I would gladly sit down with any group of vets or Pastors and share my testimony and further explain my thoughts and get your ideas.

Your brother in Christ,

David Wanmer, Jr



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the last 10 years, the Family Promise Ministry at St. Kateri Tekakwitha has provided shelter, meals and hospitality to families without a home who are working towards sustainable independent living.

One week, four times a year, these families reside in the Union Street Parish Center. Over the course of the week, volunteers set up, provide meals, fellowship, overnight host, take down and launder bed linens.

Our ministry NEEDS more volunteers to continue providing for these families.

The highest need is for overnight hosts. Two overnight hosts are needed each night. They sleep in the parish center with the families.

The overnight hours are 9:00pm - 7:00am.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LISA KUBAN AT kubanl@stkateriparish.org

On behalf of Bishop Scharfenberger, the Office for Discipleship Formation and the ReMade for Mission Team are delighted to invite you to

Pilgrims of Hope – Disciples on Mission – A Diocesan Jubilee Gathering.

Saturday, September 20, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville.

Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C. will be the major presenter for our gathering. We pray that this day of prayer and inspiration will bring us renewal as disciples and pilgrims, especially as we embark on the ReMade for Mission initiative. There is no cost for the day.

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHTS AT ST. JOHN'S

Please join us during the months of June through December to view faith-based movies at St. John's parish center beginning at 6:30PM with snacks and beverages provided. Please arrive at the rear parking lot entrance by 6:20PM. For a list of films visit St.

John's website, www.siechurch.com click on Religious Ed, you will find our film schedule on the left side of the page. If you need more information, please contact Dianne Galarneau at dgalarneau@siechurch.com or by phone: 518-372-3381 ext. 226.



Do you struggle with emotions, trauma, loss, relationships, parenting, addiction or stress?

Individual, couples and family counseling
are available by appointment.

Call David Dobkowski, Ph.D at: 518-859-4015.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Fr. Rendell Torres



Fr. Rendell Torres is the new Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Pastor of Historic St Mary's, and St. Francis Churches, Albany. Hailing from Los Angeles, California, Father studied the cello and aspired to be a concert hall designer. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, Penn State, and received his Doctorate in Acoustics from Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden. He completed his priesthood studies at Pope St. John XXIII in Weston, Mass—receiving a Masters of Divinity degree. Ordained by Bishop Howard J. Hubbard in 2010, he was first assigned as an Associate Pastor at Holy Spirit, Gloversville, and subsequently became Pastor of Our Lady of Hope, Whitehall, and St. Ann's in Fort Ann. Most recently, he has served as the Pastor of St Joseph the Worker in West Winfield and Richfield Springs. Father Torres has a deep devotion to Our Lady and his priestly commitment to the True Presence in the Blessed Sacrament.



Gentle Woman of Praise Chapter
is hosting a

Day of Reflection

Theme:

"Mary, our life, our sweetness, our hope"

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025
10:00 am to 2:30 pm

Sisters of the Resurrection
Provincial House
35 Boltwood Avenue
Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033

Cost: Free-will donation

To Register, please email us at:

albanymagnificat@gmail.com
Kathleen Carroll @ 518-930-8380 (call after 6 PM)
Bring a bag lunch and beverage

Registration Deadline – Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025

To Register

* Email us at: albanymagnificat@gmail.com --

* Include your name and phone #

* Questions or phone registration:

Kathleen Carroll @ 518-930-8380 (after 6 PM)

****SEATING IS LIMITED – 70 PEOPLE!****

Gentle Woman of Praise Service Team

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Nancy Hooley, Assistant Coordinator..518-783-3411
Carol Heckman, Secretary518-542-9956
Kelly Stiffen, Treasurer518-937-8202
Denise Fraioli, Historian..... 518-312-5738

- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
- Diocesan Approval by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
- Spiritual Director: Fr. Kyle Gorenski
- **Day of Reflection:** 1 Talk; Mass; Adoration; Confession; Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Praise Music (*If possible, please consider going to confession before you come to the Day of Reflection.*)
- **Bring a bag lunch and beverage**
- **FREE-WILL DONATION:** Checks that day may be made payable to *Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat.*
- Check-in: Vestibule of the Church.
- **OPEN SEATING** – Check-in begins at **9:30 am.**

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/>
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