

The Catholic Community of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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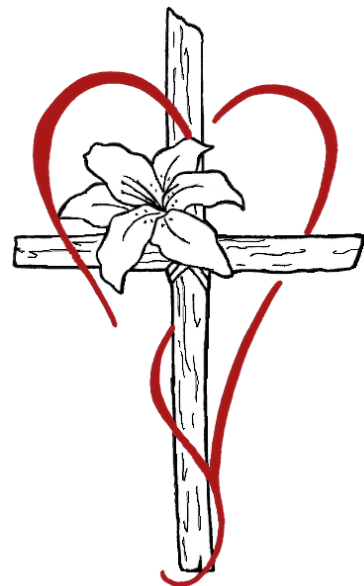
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Mission Statement

*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.

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.

Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation to the Kateri Shrine in Fonda

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 beginning at 9 AM

We are delighted to invite you to the beauty and peace of the Shrine at this very special time.

These events are being offered throughout the day

Stations of the Cross in Light of Laudato Si

The Glorious Mysteries of Creation

A meditation walk to Saint Kateri's spring, source of her baptismal water

Refection by Melissa Miscevic Bramble, director, "St. Kateri ~ The Bride of Christ and Example for the Ages"

Reflection by Terry Steele, Algonquin nation, on Native Spirituality and Catholicism

Liturgy 4:30

School Corner

Open House was held on Thursday, September 11th.

Parents met with teachers to learn all about the upcoming school year, new policies, uniforms, homework, and more!

Our After School Program began on September 9th and our new Music Teacher is set to begin on September 15th.

As our first full week comes to a close, we all feel exactly the same. We're tired, but excited to have begun another school year!

On Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 pm, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1803 Union Street, Schenectady, will host a very special concert by the world-renowned organist, **Vincent Dubois**. Mr. Dubois serves as the titular organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France. His concert appearances have taken him all over the world throughout Europe, North America, Asia and the Pacific. He has appeared as guest soloist with many orchestras including, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Dallas Symphony, and the Orchestra National de France to name a few. His performances have been broadcast on American Public Media's *Pipedreams*.

Noted for his dazzling performances, Vincent Dubois is one of the world's greatest organists of our time! This concert will be the second organ concert presented since the dedicatory recital played by The Chenaults. The three manual 75 stop hybrid Allen organ was installed in 2024.

Please save the date and plan to attend this rare opportunity to hear this incredible performer.

Senior Social Club October Line Up

Join us on Thursday October 2 at 11:30 in the St. Luke's Pastoral Center for Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body with the Alzheimer's Association. Learn how lifestyle choices may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age! Social Club will also gather on Wednesday October 22 at 1:00 for crafting fun. RSVP to Kristin Black 518-347-9955 or stlukescares@gmail.com

Hope and Healing Mass With Bishop Scharfenberger

Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate a Hope and Healing Mass on Saturday, September 27 at 4:00pm at St. Luke's Church, for the Schenectady Vicariate, for the survivors of sexual abuse and other forms of abuse. Many victim survivors of abuse have come forward to share stories of how they were harmed by clergy and people within the Church. Each time we gather as a parish community, there are people among us who have similar experiences. Many times people suffer in silence. It is the mission of the Diocese of Albany through this effort of hope and healing, to pray in a particular way for Christ to be a healing presence for these people, for our communities and our Church. Counselors and mental health professionals will be available after Mass in St. Luke's Pastoral Center and mental health resources will be available in the Church's Gathering Area. All are welcome!



MUSIC FOR Sep 20th & 21st

Prelude: Prelude in G - Felix Mendelssohn

Hymn: 596 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
Verses 1,2

Responsorial Psalm: 1166 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: 336
Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Offertory Hymn: 47 The Cry of the Poor

Communion Hymn: 916 I Receive the Living God

9:30 **O Taste and See** - Richard Horn
O Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
they are happy who take refuge in Him,
O taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
for those who seek the Lord shall want for nothing.

Closing Hymn: 596 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior
Verses 3,4

Postlude: Fantasia - Johann Pachelbel

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, Valerie Rivera, Celeste Rossetti,
Mary Sager, Jack Salinetti, 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:

Mark Bellino

May he rest in peace with God.

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

SJE: Sat. - 4:00pm	STA: Sun. - 8:30am
Sun. - 10:30am	Sun. - 10:30am (Spanish)
	Sun. - 4:00pm

Mass Intentions

Abbreviations for church locations are:

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

SAT 9/20

5:00pm **US** Margie Knickerbocker by Family
Leslie Miller & Jakub Szydagis
by Amy, April, & Jamie
Sister Clare Pelkey, SSJ
by the Dunkerley Family

SUN 9/21

9:30am **US** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:30am **RR** For the People
Angelina Camerota & Alfanso DiMeo
by Family
Richard Marton by the Marton Family

MON 9/22

9:00am **US** Deceased members of the Bereavement
Ministry

TUE 9/23

9:00am **US** **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

For the People

WED 9/24

9:00am **Mass at St. John the Evangelist**

THU 9/25

6:00pm **RR** For the People

FRI 9/26

9:00am **RR** For the People

SAT 9/27

5:00pm **US** **Saint Vincent de Paul**
Shiela Geraghty by The McLaughlin Family
Joseph Armitage by Ross, Sean, & Anne

SUN 9/28

9:30am **US** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Carl Sr. & Florence Garkowski by Family
Leovigilda Santaski by The Kellish Family
Shirley Gaffney - Remembrance on her
68th Wedding Anniversary by Family

11:30am **RR** Luigi & Michelina Micco, Christina Rauso,

Baptism Class

**Our next Baptism class will be on
Tues., October 20th at 6:30pm, in the Rosa Rd. church.**

This class is for those who would like to have their child
baptized, but have never attended a class before.
Please contact Kimberly Munks in the parish office
to sign up, 518-346-6137, x241
or email: kmunks@stkateriparish.org
(please enter: Baptism Class in Subject line).

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>.

Book Read: Our next read is The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery. A simple book with great wisdom! We will meet to discuss on Monday, November 3rd at 11am in the Rosa Road Community Room. There are books available in the parish office for \$7 each.

The **Bereavement Ministry** will be meeting on Monday, September 22nd in the Union Street Parish Center at 9:40 a.m. For those who wish, we are attending the 9 am Mass first. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. We are a group of women and men who serve as greeters at funerals, make and send cards, work with families who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and plan related activities. We each have special talents - come see where your talent might be used in this very special ministry. Even if you can't make the meeting, we can still use you! Any questions? - call Sharon Maneri, Chair, at 518-785-1139.

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. The next session is Sunday, September 21st at 10:30am in the Union Street Parish Center. Our topic will be the Holy Spirit and the Creed. 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>.

Would you like time to socialize with fellow Catholics? **KATERI KAFE is BACK** and meets Wednesday, September 24th at 10am in the St. Kateri Rosa Road Community Room when we will share something fun we did this summer. Light refreshments and time to chat-all the makings of a good time. The cost of admission is a non-perishable food item for the organization, Street Soldiers. But we won't turn you away if you forget! Please come and have fun with us.

Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care Cont.

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:



Scripture Groups (NOTE NEW TIMES**):** There is a Wednesday 3:30pm Group that meets in the Rosa Road Community Room, and a Thursday 2pm Group that meets in the same space and virtually at:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tnb-rjac-zhg>

Or dial: (US) +1 619-880-6465 PIN: 547 420 196#

Both reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings and how they relate to our lives. We love new faces!

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.

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Council #8121



Oktoberfest

6:00PM



Saturday, October 18th
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School

1801 Union Street

\$20 Per Meal Includes

**2 Bratwurst, Rolls, Sauerkraut,
German Potato Salad, Tossed Salad
and Dessert**

Take Out Orders Available!

YES, We will be attending the K of C Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday, October 18th 2025

Oktoberfest Dinner at \$20 X _____ dinner(s) = \$ _____

Children 5-12 years at \$9 X _____ Under 5 FREE

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Detach and send with your check payable to Knights of Columbus by Wednesday, October 15th

The doors for this event will not open for the public until after the 5:00pm Mass

Mail to:

Jerry Campo

1096 Van Antwerp Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309

For more information

Call 518-588-8249



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)



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**

It's Time To Register for the Birthright of Schenectady Annual Fundraising Banquet

When: Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 10:30am to 1:30pm

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, Schenectady Downtown
100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12308

Ticket Prices are \$50 per person; \$45 for seniors

Meal Choices are chicken or vegetarian/GF.

Send your check with meal choice to Birthright of Schenectady, 12 Jay St, Suite 1, Schenectady, NY 12305.

Birthright of Schenectady is celebrating its 52th year of serving women and their families. We would like to cordially invite you and your friends to join us in this community event. For more information, contact Birthright of Schenectady at 518-370-1532 or schenectady@birthright.org.



OFFICE of the BISHOP

BISHOP EDWARD B. SCHARFENBERGER

PULPIT LETTER

September 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I appeal to you today to give generously to the **Annual Diocesan Collection for The Catholic University of America (CUA)** in Washington, D.C. Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican in 1887. The Catholic University of America educates clergy, religious and young lay men and women from every geographical region of the United States. In this sense, The Catholic University of America belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live.

The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents today to provide a truly Catholic college education are enormous. All of the funds received through the collection help defray these costs in the form of financial aid. Your contributions directly benefit students from all over the United States, including our own Diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. More than 1,500 undergraduate students who attended CUA last year directly benefited from the generous support of the National Collection for Catholic University. Grounded in the philosophy of the rich Catholic intellectual tradition, students who attend Catholic colleges and universities are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world.

On **September 27/28** the annual collection for The Catholic University of America and other Catholic higher educational needs will be taken up in our diocese. I encourage you to join me in supporting this most worthwhile educational initiative. Again, I am grateful for your continued generosity.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+Edward B. Scharfenberger

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

Prayer Before Mass

Lord God, You have gathered us here that we might
be blessed by Your light and love.

May the Word proclaimed to us find
fertile soil within our souls.

May our voices be raised in song to
praise God's glory.

May the Eucharist we receive transform us into the
Body of Christ.

Let our hearts be on fire for You so that Your love
may be known by all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



**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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"Healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time."

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. The retreat will be held November 14-16, 2025 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195, which includes a private room, meals and retreat materials. Financial assistance will be available for those unable to pay the entire cost.

For more information or to register contact:

Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160

or Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574

or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com .

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations

contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the

Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org .