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PATRIOT DAY

SEPTEMBER 11

The Catholic Community of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Church at 1803 Union Street:
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am (In-person & Livestream)
Monday & Tuesday: 9:00am

Parish School
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Schenectady, NY 12309
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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

Sacraments

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

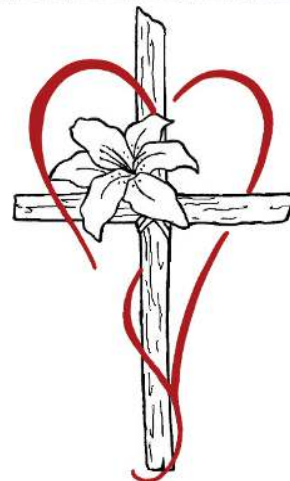
Infant Baptism: Contact Kimberly Munks in our parish office. Parents who have not taken a pre-baptism class, must attend one before the ceremony.

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.



Rosa Road Church:
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2216 Rosa Road:
Sunday: 11:30am
Thursday: 6:00pm
Friday: 9:00am



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Have you ever had a question about the Mass that you wanted to ask?

Join Father Tom Konopka - Pastor of St. Joseph's in Scotia, for an open discussion in the church on **Monday, August 31, following the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's.**

Ask about the prayers, symbols, traditions or anything you've ever wondered about the Mass. No question is too simple. **Everyone is welcome!**

Kateri Kids Play Group

Is starting up again!

Fridays in the Rosa Road Community Room from **10 - 11:30am**. It is open to any care-takers of young children to join us for play and prayer. Please contact Kris Rooney in the parish office if you are interested by **September 7th**.

Parish Book Read

Edith Stein is a lesser known saint and martyr who lived a remarkable life with an extraordinary faith story. Our next read is her biography; ***Edith Stein: The Untold Story of the Philosopher and Mystic Who Lost Her Life in the Death Camps of Auschwitz*** by Waltraud Herbstrich. We will meet to discuss on Monday, September 28th 1pm in the Rosa Road Community Room. There are books available in the parish office for \$7.50 each

Do YOU want to 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 September 13th after 9:30am Mass. 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>.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

Sister Parish prayer cards
are now available
at the entrances to both churches.
Look for a bright yellow card.

Christmas in August 2026

It's that time of year again when we help the teachers at our school to acquire classroom supplies for the upcoming school year. We have Christmas trees set up in both churches, decorated with "apple" ornaments. Each apple represents a specific request from one of our classrooms. Please support our students by taking the apples and either purchasing the listed item, or by putting a donation in the envelope. We will use the donations to purchase the requested items. Purchased items can be returned to the base of the tree.

Thank you!



Music for September 6th

Prelude: Nocturne - Kevin Norris

Hymn: 790 The Summons Verses - 1, 2, & 3

Responsorial Psalm: 1158 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: 272

Offertory Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail 706

Holy, Holy: 370

Memorial Acclamation: 373

Amen: 372

Lamb of God: 389

Communion Hymn: 696 Ubi Caritas

Closing Hymn: 790 The Summons Verses 4,5

Postlude: Praise to the Lord - J.G. Walther

Remember the Sick in your Prayers:

Brenda Adams, Mary Bell, George Chamberlain, Cindy Condon, Daniel Datola, Michelle Eannello, Stephen Farina, Barbara Follain, Carmelle Grandoit, Christopher Gribbin, Sarah Grogan & Family, Mary A. Guzor, Susan Healey, Evelyn Hildenbandt, Liam Hilt, Gail Jess, Eileen Kilrain, Stephanie Kleindienst, Edward Kleinkauf, Barbara Kuban, Fran Leary, Maria R. Lo Piccolo, Carol Lotano, Karen Mills, Joe Moon, Peter Persico, Ann Pyle, Ariana Rennie, Jack Salinetti, Kenneth Schaefer, Carl Shepard, Kel Szydagis, Robert Vedder, Tony Verno, Daniel Edward Vilardo, Nancy Wayne, Mary Ann Zeszutko

Our next Baptism class will be on
Monday - September 21st at 6:00pm
in our Union Street 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, call: 518-346-6137, extension - 241 or email Kimberly at: kmunks@stkateriparish.org.
(please enter: Baptism Class in Subject line).



Mass Intentions

RR = Rosa Road & US = Union Street Church

SAT 9/5 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm **US** *Larry & Angie Chamberland by Family*
Pasqualina & James Rossi by Family

SUN 9/6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am **US** *Amy Lindemann by Family*
Robert Donlon by Wife
Celeste Rossetti by The Reyes Family

11:30am **RR** *Dr. Al Loffredo by Dr. Bruno Tolge*
Cap Capello by Fran & Dave Dodge

MON 9/7

9:00am **US** *Vincenza Mustaciuolo by Deborah Konopko,*
Tom Lewis, Linzie Steinbach & Jason Pekis

TUE 9/8 The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

WED 9/9 Saint Peter Claver

9:00am *Mass at Saint John the Evangelist*

THU 9/10

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

FRI 9/11

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

SAT 9/12 Saturday Vigil

5:00pm **US** *Peter McDonough by*
Tim & Natalie McDonough
Richard T. Cuscino by Wife
Lou DeMarzio by Bev Samborin

SUN 9/13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am **US** *Dominga Santiago by The Reyes Family*
David Bernardo Lara Siguenza by The
Kellish Family
Gerardo F. Almonte by The Reyes Family

11:30am **RR** *Amy Lindemann by Family*
Gary Spongberg & Stephen Richard Cuddy
by Lucy Spongberg
Susan Delenela by Nick Reyes

Remember in your prayers:

Chelsea McPartlon & Susan Delenela
May they rest in peace with God.

Sharing with our Neighbors

Our parish Sacrificial Giving committee met in August to determine how we will be sharing 2% of our January 1 to June 30 offertory collection - \$8055.

Our parish continues to share our treasure in support of programs close to us, but also in support of programs suggested by parishioners.

Organizations we are supporting in this period

Sister Parish: St. Regis Mission Church in Akwesasne, NY
\$1,972

City Mission of Schenectady **\$1500**
(\$500 in memory of former parish Trustee - Barbara Smith)

Journey Retreat Program **\$1000**

This retreat program encourages and supports high school-aged young people in their faith journey.

Albany Catholic Worker **\$1030**

In honor of their 30th anniversary

Street Soldiers **\$1000**

This volunteer program distributes food for families in need in Schenectady.

SKP Nourish and Flourish Food Pantry **\$1000**

Our parish food pantry serves those in need in our school and parish.

Dominican Retreat and Conference Center **\$500**

Local religious retreat center our parish collaborates with to provide faith enrichment services to parishioners

The Stewardship Committee will meet again in early 2027 to allocate our donations for the first half of our fiscal year.

Parishioner suggestions are encouraged.
To make a suggestion or for more information contact

Debbie O'Brien - **Parish Trustee**
(ddob.do@gmail.com)

Larry Grimmer - **Parish Manager**
(lgrimmer@stkateriparish.org)

Praying the Rosary:

We have a group that prays the rosary together before daily Mass, and also a group on Sundays before the 11:30am Mass. They will meet at 11am in the Rosa Road Library. All are welcome.

Scripture Groups:

The **Tuesday 3:30pm** group will meet this week in the Rosa Road Community Room. The **Thursday 2:00pm** group will not meet this week but will resume in September. Both groups reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. No Bible experience is required; all are welcome!

Pope Leo XIV has written his first encyclical, **Magnifica Humanitas**. It can be found on the Holy See website, or paper copies are available in the parish office. Fr. Bob will lead a Part 2 discussion on Thursday, September 3rd after the 6pm Mass in the Rosa Road Church. Even if you don't get to read it or missed the first session, you will be enriched by this discussion

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION BULLETIN

Back to School Blessing

Sunday, September 13th at the 9:30 Mass

Catechetical Sunday Blessing of the Catechists

Sunday, September 20th at the 9:30 Mass

Opening Week Faith Formation, Gr. 1 - 9

Sunday, September 27th

Gr. 1 - 5: 10:30am - 11:30am, US Parish School
Gr. 6 - 9: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, RR Parish Center

Tuesday, September 29th

Gr. 1 - 5: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, RR Parish Center

Online registration for sessions at St. Kateri Tekakwitha
at <https://stkateriparish.org/registration>

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Early September Events at the Senior Center

Sept 10

10:30am Leaf printing w/ Edie

Sept 15

10:30am Coffee w/ a Cop

11am-1:30pm Landscape Collage w/ Laurel Le (\$10/class)

Sept 17

10:30am Watercolors with Edie

2:30pm Movie Club with Jim

Come on by! - Niskayuna Senior Center

[2682 Aqueduct Rd, Niskayuna, NY 12309](#)

Gather at Our Rosa Rd. Peace Pole

After the 9AM Mass on Friday, September 11, we will gather around our Peace Pole at Rosa Rd. for our monthly community prayer for peace. Please join us for a few minutes to pray for all those affected by war, violence and injustice; for those in positions of authority to promote peace and justice; and for ourselves that we may "embrace hope and give peace" as we live out our daily lives.

MUSIC NEWS

On Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm at the Union Street Church, the St. Kateri Choir will begin a new choir year. We invite anyone who might be interested in being a member of the choir to contact our Director of Music Ministry, Dominick Giaquinto, at dgiaquinto@stkateriparish.org. Although it is not necessary to be able to read music, it is very helpful if you can.

The Handbell Choir has two openings for the coming year. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 at the Union Street Church. We encourage anyone who is interested to contact Dominick Giaquinto. Having music reading skills for this choir would be very helpful. The beginning date for rehearsals has not yet been set as we fill the two vacant spots.

**The Parish Community of St. Kateri
Tekakwitha invites you to an**

Ice Cream Social!

For those who have lost a spouse

Wednesday, September 9th at 1:30pm

2216 Rosa Road

Community Room

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Hosted by the Bereavement Ministry

RSVP at 518-346-6137

or kafe@stkateriparish.org

 **Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Faith
Formation Welcome Back!** 

**Have your children or teens been away
from Faith Formation for a couple of years?**

**We warmly invite elementary, middle
school, and high school youth to return
this fall.**

**Our parish offers a joyful, welcoming space
where young people of all ages grow in
faith, friendship, and community.**

**Registration is now open! We would be
blessed to walk with your family this year.**

**For information or assistance, please
contact the Parish Office.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Honor your loved ones through the tradition of Mass Intentions.

Whether supporting those facing personal challenges or remembering those who have passed your intention will be recognized during a Mass.

The names will be featured in our weekly bulletin.

To request an Intention - contact the Parish Receptionist:
518-346-6137

A customary donation of \$15 is appreciated.

Laughter, Libations, & the Peace-Filled Life with Father Bob!

Max 410 at Water's Edge Restaurant

September 15, 2026 6:00pm

Come for a night of faith and fun when we will dine and learn how to live a peace-filled life with Father Bob. Our menu will be a buffet of salad, pasta primavera, caprese chicken, sliced filet of beef, garlic herb-roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetable medley, rolls, and chocolate mousse for dessert. Soft drinks, coffee, and tea will be provided as well as a cash bar. Please pay \$48 per person on our website at <https://www.stkateriparish.org/laughter-libations-and-the-peace-filled-life>. The room only holds 54 people plus Father Bob, so reserve your spot today! Any questions can be directed to Kris Rooney.

Convalidation of Marriage!

A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition.

Be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. *A husband, wife, and God are like a three-ply chord – "not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12).* The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony

on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM

***at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church,
125 Eagle Street, Albany.***

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to Convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the *Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany* on **November 29**. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at

518-453-6660

Families and friends are invited to attend!

Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.

Volunteer Opportunity

As outreach to the Hamilton Hill community our parish delivers "grab and go" sandwiches on the second Wednesday of each month to

St. Joseph's Place on Albany St.

St. Joseph's Place is a place of hospitality and respite where neighborhood residents can drop in for coffee, conversation, and a welcoming spirit.

Our sandwich project has three components - shopping, making sandwiches, & delivering them.

Each of the three components provides a separate volunteer opportunity. Right now our greatest need is to add a few people to form a shopping rotation, so each person only shops once every 3-4 months. We shop during the day at BJ's for a mostly standard list of items on the same day other volunteers will be making the sandwiches. Shoppers deliver items to the refrigerator at Rosa Road at 4:00pm. The sandwich makers start at 4:00pm. Sandwiches get delivered to St. Joseph's Place the next morning.

To volunteer or for more info - please contact

Jo-Anne Rafalik (joannevr@verizon.net)

or

Elaine Bair (bairrem@aol.com)



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?

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- passion for working with children
- enjoys helping with homework, games and activities

ABOUT US

Our After School Program runs Monday - Friday from 2:45 pm - 6pm. We are looking for individuals to help provide care for our students while they are in our After School Program.

Our goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our students until they are picked up to go home.

HOW TO APPLY

Email Miss Renda at erenda@stkaterischool.org



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