

Welcome to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Parish in Irondequoit!

The pastoral ministers, staff and Parish Transition Team (PTT) hope that you will be an active parishioner as we work to continue a strong and vibrant Catholic presence in Irondequoit.

We will all be experiencing the pain of loss in varying degrees as we leave behind our former parishes to create a new one, but we draw hope from the central mysteries of our faith that new life springs forth from death and that all life finds its unity and peace in Jesus Christ. We are, as St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:4-6, a people of hope because we are one body and one Spirit united by, *“one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

- **Soon we will be establishing a new parish council, finance council and facilities committee** with representation from all the former parishes.
- **Other groups are already meeting to discuss a variety of issues.** Committees like Evangelization and Stewardship, continue to meet and plan. One group has started work on grieving issues and the support and rituals our community needs as we let go personally and communally of what has been familiar and comforting and venture out into new and still very much uncharted waters. Another group is dedicated to liturgy, worship and devotional life. We hope to bring together those who have had responsibility for parish life to plan appropriate social gatherings and celebrations for the beginning of our life together and other events throughout the year.
- **The PTT put a great deal of time and effort into gathering input to determine a new Sunday Mass schedule** (See reverse side). The clergy in turn worked on a schedule for the weekday Masses. Both schedules are included with this letter. **A new weekend and weekday Mass schedule will begin on the weekend of September 25-26.**
- **The last Sunday Mass at St. Salome will be celebrated on Sunday, September 26, at 2:00 PM** followed by a reception at the church. A group at St. Salome has been working on preparing that liturgy and reception.
- **The last Sunday Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle** and social reception will be on Sunday, November 14. A committee at St. Thomas will be established to work on preparing for that day. Until November 14 there will be a 9:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Thomas.
- **A 5:00 PM Sunday Mass, at Christ the King will be added** to the regular schedule of weekend Sunday Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28. It is hoped that this Mass would become a special community Mass followed by such things as youth group meetings, young adult gatherings and pot luck dinners.
- **A new staffing model was completed** with the help of the Human Resources of the Diocese of Rochester. The job postings were given to our present staff so that they could receive first consideration.

UPCOMING

Sept. 25/26: New Weekend and weekday Mass Schedule starts
(See reverse side).

Sept. 26: Last Sunday Mass at St. Salome at 2 p.m.

Nov. 14: Last Sunday Mass at St. Thomas.

Nov. 28: New 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass added at Christ the King

As we become familiar with the changes that are happening in Catholic Irondequoit, it can seem like we are 'losing' so many things. But as we continue our planning I have become increasingly aware that, for all we say goodbye to, there are an incredible number of things we stand to gain in the new configuration.

I think of the rich treasury of talents, skills, interests, knowledge and expertise that will be coming to us from the five previous parish communities. We have an incredible number of active and committed volunteers in every area of parish life and we have exceptional people in all fields of parish ministry: religious educators, liturgical and music ministers, financial experts, those with a concern to serve the poor and raise our awareness of social issues and those who serve the community in planning social events and celebrations. All will be lending their talents to enrich our community and to reach out to the world around us. Who can predict the new and creative ministries that can flow from our membership and staff?

Yes, these can be times of sadness and change but get ready . . . a time of new life and undreamed of possibilities are opening up. Stay with us, stay involved. Christ is alive and his Kingdom is among us.

In Him...

Norm Tanck, CSB
August 27, 2010

With: Fr. Tim Horan
Fr. William Leone
Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF SEPT 25-26

Saturday:	4:00 PM	Christ the King
	4:30 PM	St. Margaret Mary
	5:00 PM	St. Cecilia
Sunday:	7:30 AM	Christ the King
	8:30 AM	St. Cecilia
	9:00 AM	St. Margaret Mary
	9:30 AM	<i>(Until Nov 14) St. Thomas the Apostle</i>
	10:00 AM	Christ the King
	10:30 AM	St. Cecilia
	11:00 AM	St. Margaret Mary
	5:00 PM	<i>(To be added on Nov 28) Christ the King</i>

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPT 27:

Monday – Friday:	6:30 (CTK), 8:00 (CTK), 9:00 (St.C), 11:30 (St.MM)
Saturday	8:00 (CTK), 9:30 (St.C)