



# National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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## A Sacred Place of Peace and Healing

October 5 & 6, 2019

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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### Confession/Healing Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

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### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. Oct. 5: Cathy Ozug/Judy Swatt

Sun. Oct. 6: Kathy Swatt/Layna Maher

Sat. Oct. 12: Liz Sunday/Rose Mary Bonaparte

Sun. Oct. 13: Liz Sunday/Rose Mary Bonaparte

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### St. Kateri Shrine Staff

#### Director

Rita Gullion

#### Chaplain

Fr. Tim Lyons, OFM Conv.

#### Gift Shop Manager

Barbara Minch

Gift Shop Open Sat. & Sun. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### Buildings and Grounds Manager

Tom Gray

#### Office Assistant

Melissa Bramble

Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

### Mass Intentions

Sat. October 5 - Genevieve Freer

Requested by Stacey Dicerbo & Peter Smallidge

Sun. October 6 - Celina S. Turri

Requested by Barbara Hess

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### Upcoming Events

**Oct. 6: Blessing of the Animals**—10:30AM, Sunday Mass followed by blessing of pets.

**Oct. 8: Monthly Mailing**—9AM, Please come help us stuff envelopes in Grassmann Hall. Coffee and snacks provided.

**Oct. 12 & 13: Indigenous Peoples Weekend** See the back of the bulletin for the schedule.

**Oct. 14: Columbus Day**—Shrine Office closed

**Oct. 26 & 27: Healing Weekend** The Masses will focus on physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

**Oct. 27: Quilt Raffle Drawing**—11:30AM, The winner of the quilt raffle will be announced after the 10:30AM Mass.

**Nov. 5: Monthly Mailing**—9AM, Please come help us stuff envelopes in Grassmann Hall. Coffee and snacks provided.

**Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Mass**—11AM, Grassmann Hall

**Nov. 23: Advent Wreath Making Workshop**—1PM Limited spots available

**Nov. 23 & 24: Gift Shop Christmas Sales**—1-3PM

# News and Announcements

## Just a THOUGHT

Our readings this weekend can contribute to a simple understanding of God’s will for us or our readings this weekend can contribute to frustration if we decide to cause our relationship with God to become too complex. As I have said on many occasions, God is simple. We humans are complex. Saint Luke reminds us, as does God’s constant presence in our lives to “not make things too difficult.” This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, known as “The Simple Man of God.” If we think only of St. Francis as Francis in nature, holding sparrows, leading lambs, petting wolves, we miss his true life’s journey. For there are numerous instances in the early life of St. Francis that he had to make a leap of faith. He disrobed and handed all his clothes back to his father in the central square of Assisi and stated, “I can now say that God is my Father.” When Francis came upon a leper while traveling the hills of Assisi, this truly was his moment of “Simple Faith.” Instead of turning away from the leper, he walked up to him and hugged him. Francis slowly had been making his life simpler, NOT EASIER. St. Francis embraced what he feared. St. Francis allowed his mind and his heart to become ONE. St. Francis moved closer to God’s will as he recognized and embraced what he feared. It was then that others saw the strength in being simple and joined him. The challenge this week is to not be afraid of situations that make us uncomfortable (These may be social situations or personal faults that hold us back.), but to recognize where we have built walls to imprison our personal gift of faith; where we have complicated social situations with others that hold us back from experiencing life as St. Francis did, as an “Instrument of Peace.”

### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WEEKEND OCTOBER 12 & 13



Saturday, October 12, 1-3 p.m.: Tom Porter, “The Journey from Birth to Death:

Native American Wisdom on Healing from Trauma” Learn from Mohawk Elder Tom Porter how the beliefs and customs related to death and loss can help in the journey to comfort and healing. **\*\*All members of the community are welcome. First responders, hospital/hospice workers, and those dealing with secondary trauma are particularly encouraged to attend.\*\*** To ensure adequate seating, we encourage attendees to RSVP at 518-853-3646 or [nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com](mailto:nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com). However, preregistration is NOT required if you wish to attend. Attendees are invited to stay after the talk for light refreshments and discussion.

4:30 p.m.: Native Mass, featuring music by the Akwesasne Choir, including an Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving and smudging ceremony

Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m.: Native Mass, featuring music by the Akwesasne Choir, including an Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving and smudging ceremony. All are welcome to leave written intentions and prayers throughout the weekend. They will be prayed over and burned after Sunday Mass.



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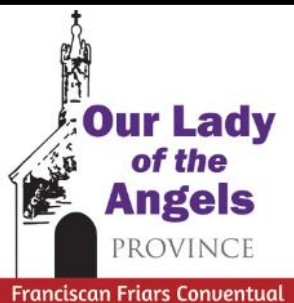
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### SACRAMENT OF HEALING

Preparing for an operation or having aches and pains? Approach Father Tim before or after Mass to receive the Sacrament of Healing. Mass schedule is as follows: 4:30PM on Saturdays and 10:30AM on Sundays through October 27th. **Special physical, spiritual and emotional healing Masses will take place the last weekend of every month.**



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