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How Should We Approach Our Suffering? - Week 5

We all have experienced suffering in one form or another, be it physical, psychological, and/or financial. Father Stan Fortuna (a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal) writes about in his rap, “You think that you the only one that got to suffer? You think that you the only one with pain to suffer? Everybody got a thing they gotta suffer. Rich or poor don’t matter gotta suffer.” (Everyone Got to Suffer – search for the lyrics online if you don’t like rap)

This past year we all have experienced way too much suffering. The lives that we once knew are gone. We have lost love ones, jobs, financial security and/or the things that give us joy and contentment.

But why do we need to suffer? I have questioned Jesus often asking “Why is there suffering? Why does God allow suffering?” If Jesus was born to this earth so we could have victory over sin and death, then why didn’t Jesus take away our suffering? Jesus even asked His Father to let His suffering pass by. When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane he fell to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.” (Matthew 26:39) Also, in today’s gospel as Jesus predicts His death on the cross, he says, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour?” (John 12:27)

If Jesus suffered while on this earth, then He is well acquainted with our pain. He can be with us in our pain. We can look to him for assistance and understanding. I don’t know about you, but the only thing that helps in times of struggles is having someone there beside you, someone who understands. Jesus can be that person, He understands, He has been through pain himself. If we bring our suffering to Him, He KNOWS and CARES. He GETS it because He has been there.

We can ask the questions multiple times to God – Why is there suffering? I know I will continue to ask the question to God, especially during times of great suffering or watching my loved ones in pain. I don’t think I will fully understand God’s plan until we meet in Heaven. But I take comfort in prayer knowing Jesus is beside me each step. If I reach out to Him, learn more about Him, spend time with Him now, the days in Heaven will be glorious.

Father Kelly’s challenge for this week is to list times in your life that cause suffering. Then use the following items in prayer – Ask – Offer – and Accept. Ask God to be attentive to you during this time, offer the pain or sorrow as a sacrifice to God and accept the outcome of God’s plan.

The philosophical debate on why the world contains suffering will continue for years to come. Not something I am qualified to answer for you all today. But I do know that suffering can only be endured with the help of God through prayer. Remember – “If God brings you to it – He will bring you through it!!

-Suzi Trzcinski

MARCH 21, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

CAMP VERITAS

ENROLLMENT OPEN
NOW!

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. Early bird rates (before 5/1/21) are \$400 and \$450 after that. More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting
your envelopes?
Switch to online giving:
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LENTEN FISH FRY-DAY DINNERS

AT THE LATHAM COLONIE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
328 TROY - SCHENECTADY RD.
LATHAM, NY

BEGINNING
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2021
4:30 TO 6:30
AND EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

"TAKE OUT ONLY"
COST



\$10.00 - Fish Fry Dinner
\$10.00 - Clam Roll Dinner



MENU

FISH FRY OR CLAM ROLL DINNER SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIES OR
ONION RINGS & COLESLAW AND DESSERT

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL
518 - 892 - 3750

**Please indicate the pickup time and whether you want
French fries or onion rings.**

Please wear a mask when you pick up your dinner

REGISTER NOW FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES!

Holy Thursday 4/1 @ 5:30pm
Good Friday 4/2 @ 3:00pm
Easter Vigil 4/3 @ 7:00pm
Easter 4/4 @ 9:00am & 11:00am



Go to
stambroselatham.com/easter-2021
to register for the masses you are
attending and fill out your
HOLY WEEK COVID FORM.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 3/30

See insert for details on how this year's
liturgies will be celebrated .

KEEP IN TOUCH

Website: www.stambroselatham.com
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word ambrose to 84576 to opt in.

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GIVE US A CALL
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday Before & After 9:00 am Mass

SCHOOL UPDATE



News from Mr. Riley's 5th Grade.

5th Grade was sad to see the snow disappear this past week. They have enjoyed their fresh air this winter, especially on their sleds! While it was sad to see the snow disappear, hopefully "green" grass is in our near future. Students have been working hard to sell their March Madness tickets to hopefully put a little "green" in their pockets!

We have been grateful for our good health and have been lucky enough to have students rejoin us in the classroom. While technology and a little creativity has made this year possible, it is great to have students getting back to some hands-on activities. Students have been learning about ecosystems, food webs and where some organisms fall on the food chain. They had never been so happy to be wearing masks when we did a little dissecting of owl pellets. They quickly realized where mice fell on the food chain!

While Lent is a solemn time in the Church, we have plenty to be happy about. We have already celebrated our 100th day of school and it is hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year.



FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Lily Spera, Principal

Kelly Sano, Secretary



MARCH 21, 2021



Eucharistic Adoration

**HOURS
EXTENDED**

Wednesdays
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
in Church

Masks must be worn at all times.
Social distancing is required.

MASS INTENTIONS

**Please remember these people
(living and deceased) in prayer this
week:**

Wilfred Grignon
Ella Grignon
Janet Grignon
Jenny Granthon Benvenuto
Pat Foti
Marcelle Kosersky
Richard Meher
Edwin Guerin, Jr.
Julie Amedio
Yvonne Poirier Rice
Paul W. Austin
John Michael Crowther
Intentions of Deacon Frank Garceau



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY

Donations Requested:

In the spirit of Lenten Almsgiving, St. Ambrose will be collecting toiletries throughout the course of Lent to send to the St. John's/St. Ann's Outreach Center located in the South End of Albany. The Center is in desperate need of the following items: Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant (Men's and Women's), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, and Winter Gloves (For Men, Women, and Children). Donations may be brought to the parish office, or left in the bins at each of the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!



FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR



**High School
Ministry**

Sunday Nights!

6:30-7:30PM

REGISTER ONLINE:
STAMBROSELAHTAM.COM/HSREG

Sessions are remote

Reconciliation
Wednesdays 5-6 PM
Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM

OFFERTORY

<i>Current Year</i>	<i>Previous Year</i>
<u>3/7/2021:</u>	<u>3/9/2020:</u>
\$16,378.50	\$15,269.16

HAILEY'S CORNER



Consider this...

**Our suffering
reminds us how
much we need
God's grace.**

**So what should
we do when we're
suffering?**

PRAY.