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#### You're the One God is Waiting For - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Exploring unknown territory is always a challenge. It can be a daunting process trying to overcome the obstacles that get in the way of comfort among unfamiliarity. What am I supposed to do? Where do I go? How am I going to do this? Those are just some of the common questions that come up when we are faced with situations that make us feel uncomfortable. Whether it's a new school, new career, newborn child, new family, new home, the passing of a loved one, our health, marriage, divorce, or even our faith, it's tempting to let go in the whirlpool of not knowing what to do. The thing is, we can't do it alone, and it warrants you and I to intervene and walk with those who are in unknown territory. It's a guarantee that there's someone in our community who is longing for someone to welcome them, teach them, show them, guide them, and love them as they experience the challenges that separate them from fully experiencing the grace of God.

While reflecting on this topic, I couldn't stop thinking about an architecture studio professor I had in college. She had an innate ability to teach design. She recognized my strengths and weaknesses, but most of all, she never told me what to do, but rather she walked with me and showed me how to fully express my ideas with the gifts I did have. With that, I felt free to be me and push my own comfort zone. My strong work ethic and skillsets came forward in my designs, and suddenly I found myself making tough decisions without hesitation – it felt natural. If for some reason I hit a road block, she reminded me to step back and remember the fundamentals to get back on track. I don't feel I would have had a successful semester had it been another teacher, simply because she was able to listen and empower me to embrace my unique abilities.

This story about my college professor is similar to what we are called to do as disciples, followers of Jesus. Jesus wasn't alone during his ministry. He had a team: a team of 12 disciples whom He gave authority to go into the world to teach and baptize. He knew their strengths and weaknesses, and He knew they would face many challenges during their own ministries. After Jesus' resurrection, He exercised his power by sending the Holy Spirit to be their guide; but not only their guide: our guide as well. As Jesus's followers, we have the authority to build up the kingdom of God, but it comes with great responsibility. It is our responsibility to be courageous, to teach, and be examples of our faith in Him. There is someone in our own community who is longing to be heard, to learn, to discover joy, and recognize the gifts that God has blessed them with, but in order to fully experience God's grace, they need to see Jesus within us. God has given all of us gifts. We must be ready to share what we have received in order build up our community.

As a youth minister, I have a responsibility to see the gifts in our youth and empower them to be disciples of Christ in their own unique way, but they need to see the face of Christ living in all of us. One person's voice may be relatable to one, but not the other. As a community of people comprised of families, parents, young adults, and adults, we have a responsibility not only to our youth and children, but to each other. Everyone has a story of their own experience with Christ. No matter how big or small, no matter if it seems simple or deep; and despite the intimidation, it's worth sharing because you never know whose life you'll touch – it may even be a future saint.

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#### WE ARE CALLED TO MISSION

A reminder that Father Kelly is asking for YOUR help! If you are interested in serving by bringing communion to those who are unable to join us in the church right now, we invite you to fill out this form on our website: https://stambroselatham.com/serve, or contact Michelle at the office: 518-785-1351.



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#### SCHOOL UPDATE

#### Third Grade Check-in

Third grade is grateful that we have had school in person for most of the year. We have enjoyed all the classroom celebrations, especially Career Day during Catholic School Week, Valentine's Day, and surprise Zoom readers for Read Across America Day.







Here's what third graders are learning about in the classroom. Third grade is reading "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing." We are working on fractions in math, and using chrome books to research information about a United States President. In science we are finding out about how animals are classified and their attributes. Finally, we are also busy preparing to take their first New York State exams. Third grade is hard work!





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# Reconciliation Wednesdays 5-6 PM

**Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM** 

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Vincenzo & Teresa Popolizio Rosa & Antonio Incincio Joseph G. Bennett, Jr. James Chiera Sr. Ann Rose CSJ Kathleen Valenti Robert McDermott Fr. Bob DeLeon CSC David Keegan Giovanna Santilli - 2nd Anniversary Lydia Evangelista Maria Carmela Austria Joseph A.H. Fournier Robert Sherlock Peter P. Falasco Jean Ham - 1st Anniversary

#### St Ambrose, Pray for Us



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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



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#### Want to serve at Mass?

We are in desperate need of ministers to serve at all of our masses! If you'd like to learn more, ask a minister. Then, when you're ready to sign up, see our admin, Darrin, at the Sunday office. He will help you set up your profile in our scheduling software. Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP).

Thank you and God Bless!

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Current Year

Previous Year

3/28/2021:

3/30/2020:

\$15,319.75

\$6.784.12

2020 number reflects 2nd week of shutdown

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