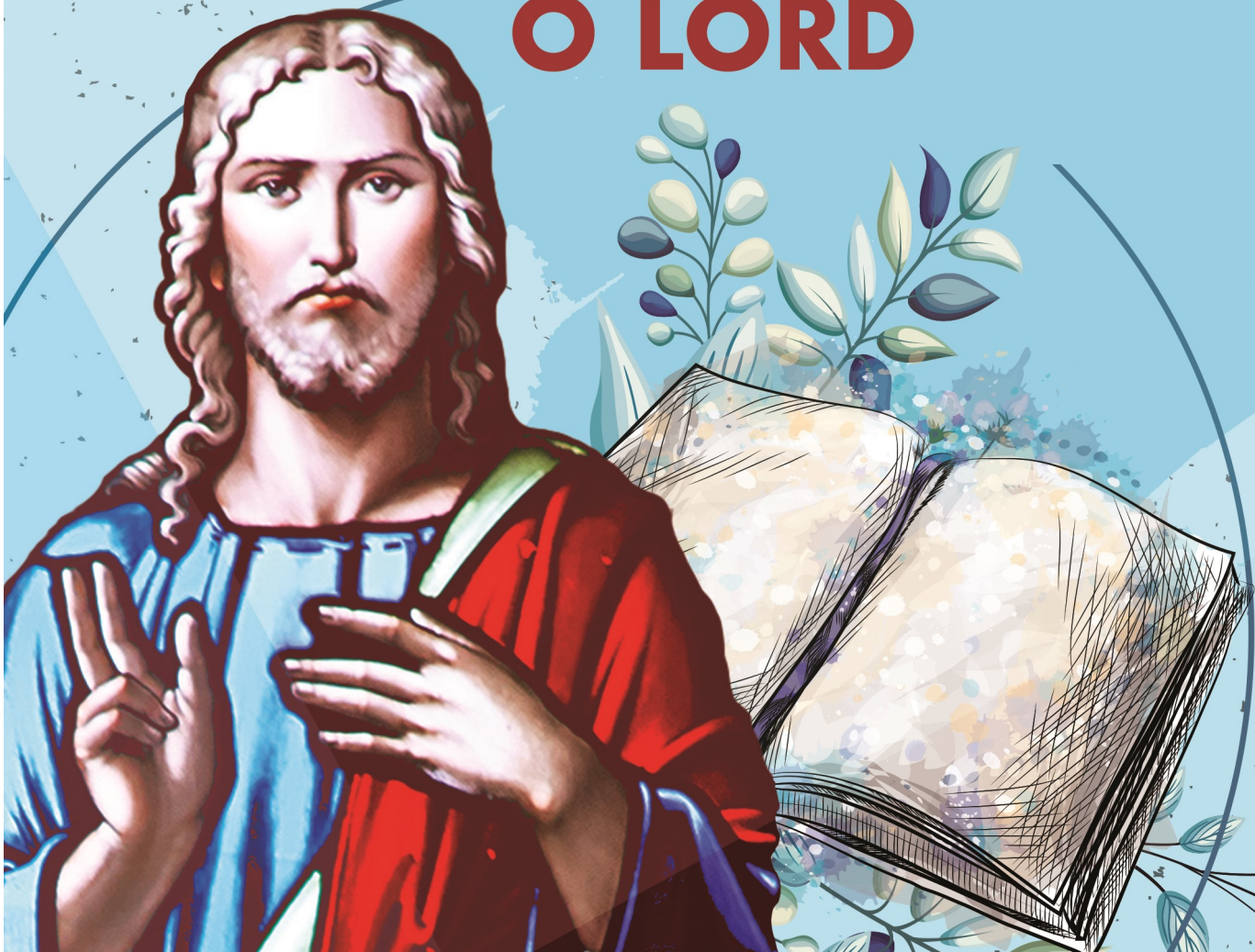


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MASS TIMES: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM, MONDAY-THURSDAY 12:10PM

**MAKE YOUR
WAYS KNOWN,
O LORD**



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

We are offering a weekly parish retreat from 9:50am to 10:50am on the Sunday mornings of Lent. It'll be in the chapel (or the Church if there's overflow).

The retreat is called **"Transformation"** and we're going to explore the Sunday readings in light of our path to discipleship.

March 20th (this Sunday)

"To Change I Must Not Let My Past Determine My Future"

Your story is not about your own failures but of God victory in your life.

March 27th (next Sunday)

To Change I Must Accept My Struggling Brother and Sister"

The Prodigal Son reveals the drama of sin and mercy within the context of a human family. Discover how this story reveals the God of mercy and how this can transform our selves, our families, and our community.

When I started working at St. Ambrose almost 9 (!) years ago, I was extremely nervous. I had just been working on Long Island for 5 years and there had been real benefits to working someplace where no one knew who you were. They didn't know my past, they didn't know how I worked, and there was no embarrassing baggage from my past. While I was on Long Island, all my mistakes and foibles were tucked away safely away in Latham, far away from the people I ministered to. By moving back here, people knew me at all stages of my life and that scared me.

In today's Gospel reading, we also meet someone with a past. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, in Samaria. In the eyes of the world, she could do nothing right. She had been divorced and/or widowed 5 times and was currently living with someone out of wedlock. For whatever reason, she's gathering water at noon when the rest of the community would've gone early in the morning, showing that she'd been ostracized by her fellow villagers. To Jesus's disciples she was both a Samaritan (a people hated by Judeans like them) and a woman, making her not worthy of Jesus' time.

I can't do justice to the whole story in just one

page, but I encourage you to read through the story, carefully. Why did Jesus choose to engage this woman with one of his most mysterious teachings? A teaching that we're contemplating so many centuries later. In many ways, this woman was just the kind of person Jesus empathized with. She had been marginalized and she was unexpected. It's a sign to us that Jesus chooses who He wants and thinks little of the qualifications we impose on people.

Jesus speaks frankly of her sins but does not disqualify her. In fact, she announces to her town "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" She goes to the place where she had been written off and reclaims her past sinfulness not as a place of divine abandonment but as the very place that the Christ came to meet her. She allows the story of her past to be the place where she evangelizes the community...and the community responds by encountering Jesus for themselves.

The idea of history is an important concept in the Bible. God's people are often called to narrate the history of their salvation. They would frequently tell stories of how God rescued them from their oppressors. But woven into those stories were occasions where God's people were not so faithful. Often, they fell into ruin because of the bad choices they had made. In the story of the rescuing, God includes a recognition that He saved us despite what we've done wrong. Righteousness (living and acting rightly) in the Bible is extremely important, but it's a concept usually juxtaposed with the reality that we tend to mess things up, often catastrophically. It's precisely at these moments that God can do His greatest work.

We all have a story. Some of us try to hide it. But try to tell the whole story..."I messed up, sometimes in terrible ways but I met Jesus and God had mercy on me anyway. I am who I am today because God met me where I was broken." If you can tell the whole story to yourself, maybe you can tell that story to someone else. Evangelizing doesn't need to be lofty theology and argumentation. Evangelization can just be telling your story.

- Tom Acemoglu

MARCH 20, 2022



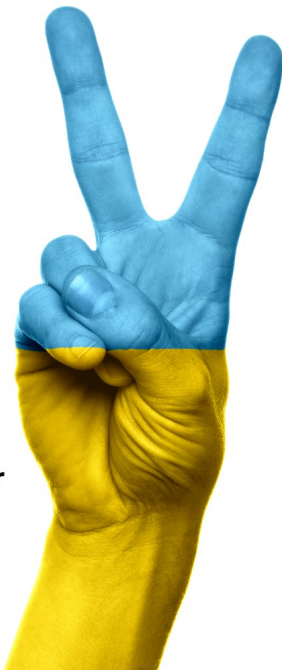
2:30pm in the Church on 4/2/22
Please bring your rosary.

AID FOR UKRAINE

<https://www.cerkva.com/enigma-portfolio/aid-ukraine/>

How can
we help
Ukraine
right now?

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Watervliet is accepting donations of supplies (clothing, toiletries, medicine, bedding, etc.) for the people of Ukraine. To learn more and see how you can help best, go to the web address above!



Your generous offering from our Ash Wednesday Masses helped us raise

\$2,757.¹²

which we donated to St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church for relief efforts in Ukraine.

UNITE IN PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The Albany Chapter of Magnificat is uniting in prayer for peace in our world. Please join us by simply setting your clock or phone for 6:30 p.m. daily and at that time, stop for a moment, pray 3 Hail Mary's for peace throughout the world. We will be united in prayer for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and peace throughout the world.

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

Palm Sunday
April 9th @ 4:00pm
April 10th @ 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Thursday
April 14th @ 5:30pm

Good Friday
April 15th @ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday
April 16th @ 7:30pm
(No 4pm Vigil)

Easter Sunday
April 17th @ 9:00am & 11:00am



DID YOU KNOW...

If you're 70^{1/2} or older, you can donate directly from your IRA to us (or any qualified charity). Doing so counts toward your annual required minimum distribution (RMD), which is generally not included in your taxable income. To learn more and understand the full benefits, go to <https://www.rcda.org/offices/stewardship> and click "How to make a gift using your IRA".

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1130 COOKIE SALE



The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after the following masses:

SAT. 4/2

SUN. 4/3

SAT. 4/9

SUN. 4/10

Limited Supplies
Available



MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

ADULT FORMATION



Mass & Adult Formation Sessions

Transformation: A Lenten Retreat

EVERY SUNDAY of Lent (3/6 - 4/3). For Lent we will be in the Chapel from 9:50am-10:50am. If we overflow, we will meet in the Church.

For more information, contact Tom Acemoglu:
thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org

St. Ambrose Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7pm
via ZOOM

We cover all parts of the Bible in an approachable way even for first time attendees. E-mail your contact information to thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org to join!



St Ambrose Mom's Ministry



Join us the first Sunday of each month in Room 312 of the school from 9:50AM -10:50AM

AND

The second Wednesday of the month from 6PM-7PM in the lounge

Contact Darlene at
518-496-1886 for more information.

"I love this group and appreciate the mix of Bible readings/prayers, reflections, support, fellowships, and now activities and retreats."

"This group is a welcome breath of fresh air!"

"Feels good to have such loving/supportive women and mothers to turn to."

OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesday Lenten Rosary

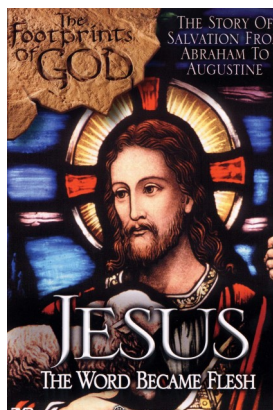
Each Tuesday during Lent, immediately following the 12:10PM Mass, the sorrowful mysteries will be prayed in the church. Please join us!

Sponsored by Mary's Circle of Love



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

SOUPER SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE



St. Michael's Church, Cohoes, is holding a "Souper Saturday Movie Matinee" on Saturday April 2, at 2pm in the church hall. Soup, sandwiches, desert, beverages, and popcorn will be served. Door prizes will be given, too. The movie will be "Jesus, The Word Became Flesh". This is a free event. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your spot, please contact Kathleen Burns at (518)-428-6353.

SCHOOL UPDATE

We're getting Bigger, Faster, & Stronger

It is hard to believe our year is moving by so quickly, but it must be because we are having so much fun in our PE classes. In PE class we're learning about fun ways to strengthen and build our muscles. We learn how important it is to stretch before we strengthen. The best part about PE is that we do all this learning through playing games! We get to scoot in the gym, play on the playground, or even go for a sled ride. We are excited that spring is on the horizon so we can spend even more time outside. We thank God at the beginning of each class for our minds, bodies, and wonderful school!

**FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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Lily Spera, Principal

Kelly Sano, Secretary



MARCH 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19th — 4pm

Mary Ann Doyle Stewart
John J. Doyle
Andrew Charles Treventi, Jr.
Kevin Kryskowski
LaMonica Houle
Paul Austin

Sunday, March 20th — 9am

Edwin Guerin, Jr.
Paula Stopera
Mike McLaughlin
Vittorio Renda
The People of Ukraine

Sunday, March 20th — 11am

Virginia & Philip Mahar
Intentions of Fr Kelly and the Parish Staff
Vittorio Renda

Monday, March 21st — 12:10pm

Richard Meher
Alice Sage
The People of Ukraine

Tuesday, March 22nd — 12:10pm

Vincenzo & Teresa Popolizio
The People of Ukraine
Deceased members of the Del Ra Family
Kyle Patrick Madden

Wednesday, March 23rd — 12:10pm

The People of Ukraine
Mary Jackson

Thursday, March 24th — 12:10pm

Roy Seipel
The People of Ukraine

Kieran's Light
Catholic LGBTQIA+ Ministry
at Saint Ambrose

Meetings Sunday at 12pm
in the Parish Office

For questions, or to be added to the flocknote list, email Robyn:
robyn.spateholts@rcda.org

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

3/6/2022:

3/7/2021:

\$19,661.56

\$16,378.50



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting
your envelopes?
Switch to online giving:
stambroselatham.com/egiving

LENTEN FISH FRIDAY DINNERS

AT THE LATHAM COLONIE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, March 11th & 25th. April 1st, 8th and 15th 2022

NO DINNER MARCH 18TH

4:30 TO 6:30



"TAKE OUT & SIT DOWN"

COST

Baked Fish Dinner - \$15.00

Fish Fry Dinner - \$15.00

Clam Roll Dinner - \$12.00

Home Made New England Clam Chowder - \$5.00

MENU

Baked Fish Dinner Served with Twice Baked Potato, Veggie,
Coleslaw & Dessert.

Fish Fry or Clam Roll Dinner Served with French Fries or
Onion Rings, Coleslaw & Dessert.

Fish Fry Only - \$10.00 Clam Roll Only - \$8.00

Children's Menu Available for Eat In Only

For Reservations Call (518) 892 - 3750

HAILEY'S CORNER



Everything that's
happened to us
has made us who
we are now, and
forms who we will
be. With the
Lord's presence
and grace in our
lives, our past
won't make us
bitter; it will
make us better!