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

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



PENTECOST

This Sunday our parish is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation, appropriately on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Over the years, I've usually found that the two topics that are the hardest to teach on are the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Take a moment and try to define them for yourselves. What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? Most of us are aware that it confers on us the gift of the Holy Spirit. That's all well and good, but what does that even do to us? And who or what is the Holy Spirit? What can we say about the Holy Spirit other than the Spirit is the third person of the Trinity?

If you think about it from a certain perspective, it can all sound very intangible and Pentecost brings these things into sharp relief because we celebrate when the followers of Jesus were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. We know the story: they're hiding fearfully in a home, a great wind blows through the house, and tongues of flame rest on their heads. I think that often we stop our reflection there, that this was a remarkable occurrence and how wonderful it was that the apostles experienced this miracle.

But Pentecost is much more than this. It is the central turning point for the first community of Jesus-followers. Whatever we might say about the event of Pentecost itself, there is a marked difference between who the disciples were before Pentecost and who they were after. Before Pentecost they could do nothing. They had failed their Lord. Two of them betrayed Him, they were always missing the point, and at his arrest they all fled. If this was all that the disciples were, the movement wouldn't have a future and we wouldn't be here.

But we are here, and we're here because something happened to them. After the account of Pentecost, Acts of the Apostles recounts the mission of the early Church. The apostles left their homes, some never to return, and preached Jesus fearlessly in the face of mockery and rejection. Some of their listeners would be captivated by a Jesus that they never met but now felt powerfully present in their lives. They gathered in communities that loved and supported each other, proposing a different way of life modeled on the Kingdom that Jesus preached and experiencing for themselves the tangibility of this Kingdom through amazing things that happened in their midst. New communities would form and the flame burning in the midst of one community would pass over

to these new communities. We are but one of these communities scattered over the centuries and all over the world.

I want to stop and think about this for a second because if we think of it from this perspective, the Holy Spirit is anything but intangible. If you've been hanging around the community and encountered love or support or charity or welcome or perhaps you've had meaningful spiritual experiences at Mass or in prayer with the community, then you know the Holy Spirit for yourself. The Holy Spirit is that which is most experienced either directly in our souls or through the lives of those around us. The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit alive and active in the lives of believers in and for the community of faith.

Even reading I wrote, it still sounds a bit intangible. But here's what I know: when I was baptized, God began to give me some of His own life within me through an indwelling of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit has guided me throughout my whole life, teaching and reminding me when I would stray off the path. The Spirit has helped me in my good decisions and gnawed at me when I would make bad ones. The Spirit has consoled me when things have been dark and energized me to be a part of something greater than myself. The Spirit has been a true teacher and a friend. At my Confirmation, I believe that this same Spirit dared me to move beyond myself and sent me on a mission to others, giving or revealing gifts that I didn't realize I had at the service of the community that gathers in the name of the Son.

With all of my heart, I believe that the movement of the Spirit that guided me to and through Confirmation changed my life and revealed to me my purpose in the grand scheme of things. If you're reading this, you have this Spirit in you too and that Spirit of God is working within you to transform you and to transform the world around you. Some of those gifts might seem mundane, others are remarkable and others still are miraculous. But you have gifts and those gifts come from the Spirit. The key is to identify those gifts and even more importantly use them at the service of this community that gathers in Jesus' name. This community needs what God has entrusted to you. If you need help realizing where your gifts are needed, please talk to us!

- Tom Acemoglu

JUNE 5, 2022

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York



Mary's Circle of Love

Mary's Circle of Love meets once a month on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We pray, share faith stories, laugh, and eat. For more details please call Mary Kay (518-366-9741) or Marion (518-785-1992).

OFFICE HOURS

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

KEEP IN TOUCH

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The Gospel of Inclusion

A Retreat for the LGBTQ+ Community

Pyramid Life Center
July 8-10, 2022
Cost: \$175

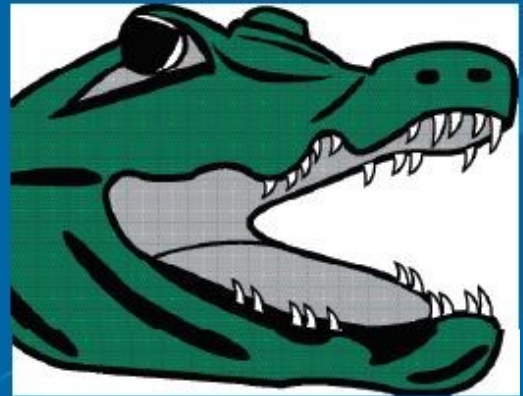
Directed by: Brandon Robertson and Trey Pearson



RS RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE
ALBANY & TROY

Boys' Basketball Camp

June 27-July 1, 2022



9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Boys Ages 8-16

Free early drop-off and late pick-up

Register online at sagegators.com
Contact Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969
or by email barneb@sage.edu for more information.



OUTDOOR MASS ASSISTANCE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

OUR 9AM SUNDAY OUTDOOR MASS IS ALMOST UPON US, AND THAT MEANS WE NEED A DEDICATED TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP AND BREAKDOWN EACH WEEK.

PLEASE CONTACT TOM HEALY (THEALY969@NYCAP.RR.COM) OR JOHN MATHESON (JMATHES2@NYCAP.RR.COM) FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP.

BAPTISMAL PREP MINISTRY

Are you interested in sharing your faith and meeting other Catholic parents? Consider a ministry with our Baptismal Preparation Program! Baptismal Prep families meet with Baptismal parents to help prepare them for the Sacrament, and then keep up with them throughout their child's first year after Baptism. This creates closeness between the families and encourages Christian community! We will train you. All that's required is a heart for service! Reach out to Darlene for more details: 518-496-1886.

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

St Ambrose Mom's Ministry.



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

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



The Latham-Colonie Columbiette Annual

Father's Day Breakfast

Sunday, June, 19th, 2022

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

328 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110

Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, an Omelet Station, Home Fries, Corned Beef Hash, Bacon and Sausage, Pancakes and French Toast served w/Warm syrup, A Variety of Cereals and Juices, Bananas and Hot Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate.

Adults - \$10 Children (5-10) - \$5 Under 5 - Free!

*A gift for the Dads (While supplies last)!

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Donate time.**

**Support morning & afternoon
blood drives NOW in:**
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♦ Cohoes ♦ Coeymans
♦ Latham ♦ Delmar



American Red Cross
Eastern New York Region

Contact: joineny@redcross.org

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- Caseworkers
- Mental Health Professionals
- Greeters at Blood Drives
- Drivers for Regional Deliveries
- Disaster Action Team Members

Questions?

(518) 387-9441

joineny@redcross.org

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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!



SCHOOL UPDATE

UNDER THE SEA

In PreK 4-1, we are having fun learning about all God's creatures and using our fine motor skills to make art projects of them. We also have been able to tie in Bible stories about Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale. We learned that God always stays with us even when we do not listen, and He will always give us second chances.



It's hard to believe there are only a few short weeks left of school for us and this class will be starting KINDERGARTEN in the fall. We all had an amazing year! We're happy to report that we will be holding an in-person graduation celebration this year for our PreK students and families, which hasn't been able to happen in the past few years. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer!



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Lily Spera, Principal

Kelly Sano, Secretary



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 4th — 4pm

Deceased Members of the Palumbo Family
Deceased Members of the Tangorra Family
Avery Jackson-Dunphy
Aleck Sally

Sunday, June 5th — 9am

Peter Hallock
Vittorio Renda
Aleck Sally
Dominic Curro

Sunday, June 5th — 11am

Mary F. Harding
Vittorio Renda
Andrew Treventi
Martin J. Killian

Monday, June 6th — 12:10pm

The People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday, June 7th — 12:10pm

Catherine Basabe
William Mullins

Wednesday, June 8th — 12:10pm

Fr. J. Gallagher

Thursday, June 9th — 12:10pm

Keith Kinnicutt
Ron Connolly

St Ambrose, pray for us.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Did you know that you can request the Sacrament of the Sick for any illness?

It's a Sacrament for anyone who is in danger due to serious illness, mental or physical.

If you're suffering due to an illness, reach out to us at the parish office. We can set up a time for you to be anointed. If you are here in person, Father would be happy to anoint you after any of the masses.

Furthermore, if you have reason to believe that a loved one is approaching death, do not wait! It is their right, and our privilege to administer this Sacrament.

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

5/22/2022:

5/23/2021:

\$14,497.56

\$11,879.75



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May the Holy Spirit come down upon YOU today, bringing you all the blessings and gifts you need to help bring about the Kingdom.