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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, often called “Trinity Sunday”. I think it’s a holy day that most people don’t want to preach on. For as long as I can remember, Trinity Sunday was the week I would hear “well, the Trinity is a mystery and we can never really understand it”. Maybe you feel that way too. **But I don’t believe that.** I believe that you can know something of the Trinity and knowing what you can about the Trinity can radically transform how you relate to God. Moreover, I think we *ought* to know something about the Trinity beyond the fact that it’s a mystery. We owe it to ourselves and we owe it to the God who revealed Himself as a Trinity of persons. In Scripture, this is how God wants to be known to us and we do well when we take what God says about Himself seriously. When I tell my wife and children something personal about myself and what kind of person I am, I want them to factor that revelation in to how they relate to me, just as I hope to do the same when someone reveals something about who they are to me.

With the revelation of God’s Triune nature (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we have no choice but to relate to God differently than we might have without this revelation. Think of how many of us conceptualize God: God seems to be this being who exists way out there in the cosmos and who might occasionally dip into this reality to help us out when there’s a serious problem. Or you could do what the 17th and 18th century Deist philosophers did and posit a God who set up this whole creation but abandoned it long ago, leaving it up to its own finely-tuned devices. Or perhaps you might simply equate God with the world around you, where God is not only related to a vague notion of nature but might perhaps be nature itself.

This is *not* how the Christian understands God. Historical Israel stood apart from their neighbors (and the rest of the world) because they understood that there was only one God. God revealed this to them through the Old Testament patriarchs and prophets. The situation was so bizarre to the rest of the world that some mocked the Jewish people for being so poor that they had only one God. Later, Greek philosophers (using reason and philosophy) began to posit that their pantheon of gods must either be illusory or be manifestations of one God. As Christians, we are monotheists like our Jewish forebearers in the faith and like our Muslim neighbors who came after us.

But God desired to reveal more of Himself to us, as we desire to reveal more of ourselves to those whom we love. Jesus revealed to us an understanding of God as “Father”, a far more intimate understanding of God than “Lord” (which also means “master”). He wanted all of us to see God as Father and relate to Him that way. This makes God closer than what had previously been thought because with fatherhood

comes the assumption not only of providence but love. We all have an understanding of what the relationship between parents and children are supposed to look like. With God, it’s something like that but also infinitely more.

But that wasn’t all. Jesus revealed Himself as the unique Son of the Father. Though human, He had the attributes of God’s nature which were manifest in His wisdom, His healing, and His restoration of creation. John’s Gospel tells us that He is the “Word” that existed before the creation of the world and who is Himself God (John 1:1). He is one with the Father yet was not equated with the Father. Both were God.

Jesus also revealed the Spirit to us as a unique person, as an “Advocate” sent by the Father (John 14:26), someone who was unique from both Father and Son. He was God’s active presence among us that would sustain us in the absence of the Son’s physical presence. He too was God.

Three persons, one God: the Church has never shied from mysteries or paradoxes, often holding a “both/and” position to seemingly contradictory things rather than an “either/or” approach. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about the Trinity:

“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith”. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men “and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin” (CCC 234).

Instead of a distant God unconcerned with His creation, we relate to God within a family of love. In baptism, we are incorporated into the very Body of Christ in the Church and are therefore incorporated into the very inner life of God. We call upon the Father as true sons and daughters and He lavishes His love on us not as an artisan to his creation but as a parent who would do anything for their children. We participate in a love that is so palpable and real that it is expressed in a person, the Spirit, as the love between husband and wife produces life in their children. For us, our life in God is familial and intimate. We live and pray within a God that envelops us and who we can relate to as knowable persons: to our Father, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit. In your prayer, try to see yourself standing with the Son, relating to your beloved Father, with a love so strong that it is experienced as Spirit.

-Tom Acemoglu

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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.

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York



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)!

The Gospel of Inclusion

A Retreat for the LGBTQ+ Community

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



Directed by: Brandan Robertson and Trey Pearson



RS RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE
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Boys' Basketball Camp

June 27-July 1, 2022



9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Boys Ages 8-16

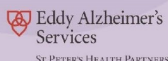
Free early drop-off and late pick-up

Register online at sagegators.com
Contact Brian Barnes at 518-292-1969
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THURSDAY, JUNE 23 • 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

THE CENTURY HOUSE • 997 LOUDON ROAD, LATHAM



Register for this FREE event at alz.org/CRF
or by calling our office at 518.675.7214.

This event is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

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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

CONTACT FOR DETAILS:
robyn.spateholts@rcda.org

Kieran's Light is a ministry rooted in love, welcome, and respect for the LGBTQIA+ community, their family, friends, and loved ones. Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves and it is in that spirit that this ministry is founded.

Meetings Sundays at
12:00PM
St. Ambrose Church



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 MOST HOLY TRINITY

Help Can't Wait



Can't give blood? No problem!
Donate time.

Support morning & afternoon
blood drives **NOW** in:

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♦ Cohoes ♦ Coeymans
♦ Latham ♦ Delmar



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Contact: joineny@redcross.org

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



Questions?

(518) 387-9441

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Mary's Circle of Love

Mary's Circle of Love meets
once a month on Thursday
mornings from 10:00 to
11:30 AM. We pray, share
faith stories, laugh, and eat.
For more details please call
Mary Kay (518-366-9741) or
Marion (518-785-1992).

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

Las Noticias de La Clase de Español.

Hola,

My name is Mrs. Hotaling and I am St. Ambrose's Spanish teacher for PreK 3 to 6th grade. Our students have been busy reviewing, learning new words, new expressions, and new songs. All classes continue to review basic numbers, colors, classroom objects, and greetings from previous lessons.



Pre-kindergartners continue to practice greeting, numbers, and colors with fun songs. They have also learned some new words about family members, 4 basic shapes, some house pets, farm animals, some body parts, and some sea creatures. They sure love to sing and dance to some movement songs.

Kindergarten is working on some pets and body parts. They have been coloring, cutting, pasting, and drawing to create an animal with missing body parts. They also sing and watch some fun songs to practice vocabulary words.

1st graders are learning some body parts and clothing. They are also coloring and pasting, and we play memory games with and without writing.

2nd graders are learning about some basic food, and they enjoy watching some videos about food. We also play different memory games with writing and guessing the word.

3rd graders are focused on some fruits and vegetables. They sure enjoyed greeting a person using only fruits and vegetables.

4th graders are working on community, people, and places.

5th grade class is learning about adjectives, rules, and opposite words.

6th grade is learning about places for leisure times in the community, along with the conjugation of the verb "to go".

Have a blessed summer!
God Bless,
Señora Hotaling

Vaya Con Dios.

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Lily Spera, Principal

Kelly Sano, Secretary



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 11th — 4pm

Marguerite Lavigne
Frances M. Spychalski
John (Jack) Mulready
Paul L. Gillam

Sunday, June 12th — 9am

Intentions of Klajdi Plasari
Edward D. Bogdan
Elizabeth Pettigrass

Sunday, June 12th — 11am

Albert Saville
Brian Schwenzfeier

Monday, June 13th — 12:10pm

Intentions of Parish Priests

Tuesday, June 14th — 12:10pm

Edward Soychalski Sr.

Wednesday, June 15th — 12:10pm

Vincenzo & Teresa Popolizio

Thursday, June 16th — 12:10pm

Anna D. Mahoney
Intentions of Franciscan Third Order

DIOCESAN APPEAL

Only a few short weeks remain for our parish to reach its Diocesan Appeal goal by June 30th. Why should you contribute?

- Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few.
- It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants.
- Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish.
- It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese – that is powerful!

Together our parish and the Diocese bring to life the ministries from which our hearts are nourished. If the practice of your Catholic faith brings value to your life and you pray for a culture of others living a life in Christ, won't you join us in strengthening our Church by making your gift to the Diocesan Appeal today? Make your gift online at www.thediocesanappeal.org or mail a check payable to Diocesan Appeal to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

5/29/2022:

5/30/2021:

\$15,309.43

\$12,510.50



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HAILEY'S CORNER



**Best Trinity: The
Father, the Son,
& the Holy
Spirit.**

**Honorable
Mention (and
close 2nd):
Pizza, Turkey, &
Cheeseburger.**