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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Before reflecting on the readings, I wanted to put out a plea for help:

We need people from our community to step forward to become catechists for our youth. A catechist is a teacher of the faith. They teach the Bible and doctrine while helping kids apply them to their everyday lives. A catechist instructs kids how to pray and how to see the world in light of God's Kingdom.

In my experience, next to no one feels equipped or qualified to teach the faith to others. This isn't true! If you are reading this, you have come to Church on Saturday or Sunday and have a lived experience of the faith. You know something of prayer, praying along with our ancient rites and rituals which are full of sound teaching. You know far more than you realize.

Also, there is learning in the doing. We might think that we should have all the knowledge before we teach but this isn't so. The materials we use speaks first to us, then the kids. **You will learn so much about our faith by teaching it.** We will give you guidance, you won't have to do it alone.

Time is a factor. All of our volunteers need to go through background screenings before working with our kids and that would have to happen now before we start in September.

Our community of young families need you. So many of our beloved and busy young families do not usually make it to Mass but they *do* send their children to faith formation. If you've wanted to impact Catholics who are good but don't always go to Church, this is an unbelievably impactful way of doing it. **This is an investment into the future of our Church. If we do not build up our young families, what future does our Church have?**

Please don't wait for someone else to step up. If you feel even remotely open to this, contact me and we can talk about it. My work number is 518-785-1351 x307. My email address is thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org. **Let's talk!**

As Christians, sometimes we can get bogged down by the "right now". We have our everyday worries and problems and it becomes hard to reflect on our past (individual and collective) and what feels like an uncertain future. What do we know about our future? We make plans and try to anticipate needs. We know (but often try to avoid) the fact that we will die. But is that the extent of it? Is there more to things than present worries and an uncertain future?

The Creed that we recite every Sunday tries to make us "big picture" Christians. It begins with God and the origins of the universe and presupposes the history of salvation that is the biblical story as it reaches the coming of Jesus. It acknowledges our current situation as we talk about the Spirit that animates the believing community even now.

The Creed also talks about the future. There's a line in our Creed that, over the years, I've often glossed over but I think it's worth reflecting on: *"I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."* In short, it talks about a future where Jesus returns to us triumphant, that all who have died are raised and judged, and about the creation of a new heaven and a new earth that will be our home as God makes his dwelling among mortals (Rev. 21:1).

To be honest, I wonder how seriously we as Christians take this section of the Creed even though we recite it weekly. A future coming of Jesus, a final judgment, and the coming of a new heaven and earth sound so intangible. But this hope was central to the earliest Jesus movement. In St. Paul's communities, he writes in fevered expectation that Jesus was coming back soon. He believed that it would happen in his lifetime (1 Thess 4:13f) and if you trace his letters chronologically you can see a gradual acceptance that perhaps it would not happen in his lifetime and that he would first die and go be with the Lord until He came again (Phil 1:21-26).

In our Creed, we see that we have inherited this same expectation of Jesus' return and the renewal of the cosmos and I think we have to work to recover it. The Christian is always someone who sees the suffering and unfairness of the world and seeks for the Lord to come and make it right. In the meantime, we try to remedy as many of these wrongs as we can by furthering His Kingdom. But we are to really believe that He will come and set things right. In fact, it is something we ought to be certain of. Despite any evidence to the contrary, we believe He's going to return.

It's important to recover this belief because it fixes the Christian in a state of hope in the midst of the hopelessness that so many people experience. We aren't passive in this hope. We really are meant to live by a faith in God that motivates us to do good and relieve the suffering of others. In our second reading Paul puts it this way: *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen"* (Heb 11:1). The word "realization" is a tricky one, translating the Greek *hupostasis* which is sometimes translated "assurance", "confidence", "evidence" and (probably my favorite translation) "substance" (it's the same word that theologians use to explain how Jesus is the concrete expression of the essence of God...an expression of tangibility). By our lives, invisible and future realities are expressed concretely, by goodness, right living, and charity. This is how someone lives who expects that their Lord may return at any moment to complete this work and it should mark our own lives. Place the coming of the Lord at the heart of your own hopes and let that hope transform the world around you.

-Tom Acemoglu

AUGUST 7, 2022

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St. Ambrose, Latham, New York



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Become a Catechist

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



Eucharistic Adoration

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

AUGUST 7, 2022

WE INVITE YOU TO CUT OUT THIS PRAYER & PUT IN A PLACE OF PROMINENCE SO YOU CAN PRAY IT DAILY

The Memorare Prayer



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me .
Amen

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!



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KIERAN'S LIGHT

CATHOLIC LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

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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



WE ARE SLOWLY TRYING TO BUILD BACK OUR PARISH PICNIC TO PRE-COVID LEVELS. TO DO THIS WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US PLAN AND EXECUTE THE PARISH PICNIC. WE NEED HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING AREAS: SETUP, CLEANUP, DESSERT COORDINATION, KIDS' ACTIVITIES, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, AND MORE! CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO LEAVE YOUR NAME, EMAIL OR PHONE NUMBER, AND AREA OF INTEREST. WE WILL CALL YOU WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE FIRST PLANNING MEETING!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH PICNIC!



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- Caseworkers
- Mental Health Professionals
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Questions?

(518) 387-9441

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American Red Cross
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Sunday Before & After Masses

SCHOOL UPDATE



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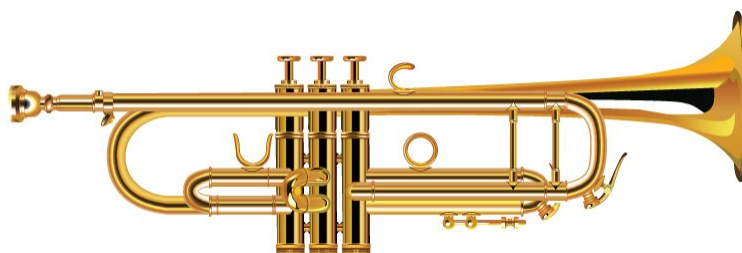
MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

Trumpets

The trumpet has played, and continues to play, an important role in and out of the church. It was used to make special announcements throughout the liturgical year. In its early Jewish history, the ancient trumpet, the ram's horn, or "shofar" would sound to announce the Feast of Trumpets before the Day of Atonement. In the Book of Revelation, the seven trumpets are blown, one for each type of judgement on the earth. (Rev 8: 1-2). Even today, coming up on the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15th, we'll sing, "The Lord ascends with shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord," in Responsorial Psalm 47.

Outside the church, in our modern 21st century lives, the trumpet still continues to play a significant role. Have you attended the funeral of a loved one who was a veteran and taps were played at the gravesite? Have you heard of the organization, www.TapsAcrossAmerica.org, in which trumpet players across the United States play taps at 3:00 pm local time on Memorial Day? (In 2021, I had participated in this event. Spectrum News did a nice article on it. You can find it at www.HayesMusicPublishing.com). Have you gone to the Saratoga racetrack and heard the trumpet sound to start the horse race (now played by a father/son trumpet duet)? Have you heard the opening theme music of the CBS Morning News in which trumpeter Wynton Marsalis plays the music of 18th century composer Godfried Reiche's "Abblasen"?

The trumpet plays an important role in and out of the church, from the ancient past to the present day.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6th — 4pm
Fr. Kelly

Louis Lent
Virginia Claro

Sunday, August 7th — 9am
Fr. Bellafiore

Daniel W. Grady, Sr.
Michael McNamara
Peter Hallock
Calvin Chabot
Carol Blair
Philip Horgan

Sunday, August 7th — 11am
Fr. Kelly

Vittorio Renda
Martin J. Killian
Jack Breton
June Jacon
Janet Cavanaugh

Monday, August 8th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

The People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday, August 9th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

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Wednesday, August 10th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Dr. Ronald Wolf

Thursday, August 11th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Vincenzo & Teresa Popolizio

WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

Saturday, August 13th — 4pm
Fr. Deimeke

Sunday, August 14th — 9am
Fr. Kelly

Sunday, August 14th — 11am
Fr. Kelly

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

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7/25/2021:

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HAILEY'S CORNER



How did God
help Moses
ease the pain
and suffering
of all His
people?

He gave them
two tablets!