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

RISE



“That the dead will rise
even Moses made known
in the passage about
the bush.”

LUKE 20:37

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our liturgical year ends in 2 weeks with the Solemnity of Christ the King. These next couple of weeks, our readings are going to challenge us to broaden our vision of reality. So much of our Christian faith is focused on the here and now. We know that there is much to tend to in providing the daily needs of ourselves and those in need in acts of love and charity. Over the course of this year we've read a bit about the Kingdom of God, a coming Kingdom that is somehow mysteriously present among us now. Because aspects of the coming Kingdom may seem to be far from our everyday experience, we might picture it as though it was in some faraway land. It may be in heaven, where we hope to go after we die. We cannot see it now and so our emphasis may instead be on the day to day.

I think that as a result of this, modern Christians might compartmentalize parts of their faith or relegate them to the great unknown that they might encounter only after death. These include what's known as the "Four Last Things" (Heaven, Hell, death, and judgment) and our belief in the resurrection of the dead. Last week I mentioned how these beliefs are professed by us in our Creed. We recite them every Sunday but we might not think about them all that much. By reciting them in the Creed we affirm them as realities that are relevant to our day to day existence. The Creed is therefore a way of gaining perspective, as if to say that a Christian stands at a point in history that is preceded by the creation of the heavens and earth and God's self-revelation in history, culminating in the coming of the Son of God and his suffering, death, and resurrection. On the other end of our vantage point is the time of the Spirit, the Church, and the culmination of history where God judges us and renews his creation. Naturally, at some point in this second half we die yet we die with the hope of resurrection. All this to say that, ideally, our concern is not merely with the here and now. Both our origins and our destiny should inform how we live our lives right now.

Our first reading gives us a glimpse of how one of these truths of the faith were immediately relevant to people some 160 to 170 years before Jesus was born. We read from the second book of Maccabees, a book that is not considered scripture to Protestants which is a pity as it and the other books not included give us a pivotal glimpse into what people believed in the New Testament era. The Seleucid Empire had taken over Palestine from the Ptolemies and one of the programs of both empires was the propagation of Greek culture and customs of people within the empire. This included the widespread use of the Greek language (this is why the books of the deuterocanonicals and the New Testament were written in Greek). For the Seleucid Emperor Antiochus IV, this also meant forcing the Jews to break with the Law of Moses. The Temple was converted into a place to worship the emperor instead of God (including sacrificing pigs in the holy place). Jews were forbidden to practice circumcision and forbidden to keep the kosher laws and were forced to eat pork. Some went through with these changes enthusiastically, abandoning their way of life, but many

resisted in what culminated in a great revolt against the empire. Our first reading tells us how this resistance played out amongst a family, who stated "*We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors*" (2 Macc 7:2). Why would they forfeit the only life they had been given to maintain their customs? As one of the sons is being murdered for his beliefs he tells his executioners "*you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying*" (7:9). He understood his place within the cosmos and the ultimate order of things. His King was the Lord, not Antiochus and even his death would not be the end of his story. His hope of resurrection allowed him to endure suffering and death because that would not be the end of his story. God would have the final say.

This belief in resurrection, preceded by Ezekiel's vision of the restored dry bones in Ezekiel 37, developed further by the 2nd century BCE to a belief that God would raise the dead before the Final Judgment. This belief was not held by everyone. The Sadducees (which included the aristocratic priesthood) adopted a Torah-centric approach that downplayed the prophets. Since the Torah, the first 5 books of our Bible, did not seem to refer to resurrection, they rejected the idea of resurrection. In their interactions with Jesus in our Gospel reading, they openly mock the belief in presenting Jesus with a seemingly absurd situation: if there is a final resurrection of the dead, what would happen to a woman who married 7 brothers in succession without producing any one of them an heir? Whose wife would she be at the resurrection?

Jesus' answer is clever, justifying his response that marital status is of no consequence in the resurrection by using only the Torah as a source for his position. What's important for us is that Jesus maintains that the hope of resurrection is important to the hope of his followers and is an affirmation not of a God relegated to the past but of a God who is alive and active in the present and the future.

What do we affirm when we hold to the belief in the resurrection of the dead? At death, we place ourselves in God's hands. We have no control over our death and what happens to us afterwards but instead entrust ourselves and our loved ones to God. The resurrection of the dead affirms God's desire to restore and renew his creation and, in that, we are not inconsequential. He really desires to "*make all things new*" (Rev 21:5), not in some vague, intangible sense but concretely in reality. All of our lives, our experiences, and our relationships matter to God and do not dissipate with our death. Instead, in death, "*we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ*", as we say at Mass. This hope should rightly align us towards God as it did Jesus who himself was raised as "*the first fruits of those who have died*" (1 Cor 15:20). Live in that hope and live life boldly for God.

-Tom Acemoglu

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Oh gentle heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor, captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.



THANKSGIVING BAG PROJECT

We will be giving supplies for Thanksgiving dinner again this year. Bags can be picked up at the church entrances. On the bag you will have a food list and instructions as to when to return to church. Please consider taking part in this Thanksgiving endeavor as we remember those who are less fortunate than us. **Please donate no later than Sunday, November 13th.**

PRICE CHOPPER & HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS IN AMOUNTS OF \$5, \$10 & \$20 FOR PURCHASE OF A TURKEY WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

Thank You and God Bless You!!!

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

A Catholic Vision of Morality: Right and Wrong in a Catholic Context

Every Sunday from
9:50a - 10:50a in the
Chapel (10/9 - 11/13)

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES? Contact Tom at thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org or join at <https://stambroselatham.flocknote.com/AdultFaithFormat/>



*Unleashing Love
Women's Retreat*

Saturday, 12/10/22

Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

**St. Pius X Church,
23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville,
NY**

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

There will be Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Register Here:

<https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Note: Credit / debit card users -- ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit / debit card.

"Pass" it Along...Accepting Players & Coaches for CYO Basketball

Catholic Central School is looking for CYO Basketball coaches for Grades 5/6 Girls, Grades 5/6 Boys, Grades 7/8 Girls, Grades 7/8 Boys.

They're also looking for players in these grades.

Interested in signing up to coach please email the Athletic Director Mr. Matteo at amatteo@catholiccentralschool.org A google form sign up will go out for athletes soon. Stay Tuned!



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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADVENT BRUNCH & BASKET RAFFLE

Join Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 4 for an Advent Communion Brunch, with a guest speaker, immediately after the 10:30 mass, in their parish center. Brunch will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, pastries, breads, coffee and juices. Following the speaker, they'll have a holiday basket raffle. The baskets will be on display and tickets available for purchase that morning as well as on Saturday, December 3, both before and after the 4 pm Mass. Sign up sheets for attendance at the brunch will be at both church entrances; you may also call their office at 518-237-2373. They need attendance numbers for food control.

Mom's Group



Join us the first Sunday of each month from 9:50AM -10:50AM
Contact Darlene at 518-496-1886 for more information.

MARY'S CORNER, located in Cohoes and Albany, and run by the Ladies of Charity, provides needy families with formula, cereal, baby food, diapers and gently used clothing, at no charge. They're currently in need of the following: Girl's clothing and pajamas (sizes 3 mo. - 5T), Boys clothing (newborn, 6-24 mo.), baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion and oil, diaper cream, and crib sheets. If you can help with gently used clothing or any of these items, **please leave your donations at the Holy Trinity Parish Center. Monday to Thursday, 9-3, before November 15, 2022.** Thank you in advance for supporting the needs of the poor.

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!



Eucharistic Adoration

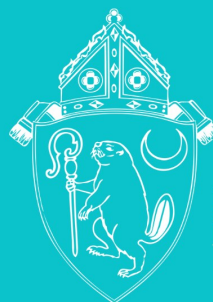
Wednesdays
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM



HELP WANTED

Blessed Sacrament in Albany is looking for a **part time bookkeeper**, with 2 years of bookkeeping experience, and knowledge of, or ability to learn, Parish Data System & FACTS system. If interested, please submit a resume to blessedsacramentalb@gmail.com or call the parish office for more information at 518-482-3375.

Go to our website to stay up to date with the issues our diocese is currently facing.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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Giving Tree 2022

This year Holy Trinity, St. Ambrose and St. Michael's are working together to better serve our community for Christmas. Starting November 26, there will be tags on the tree for people in need, with new tags added each week until December 10. Please take a tag or two! Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag attached no later than December 14.

We are looking for volunteers to help with intake calls, tag making, sorting and transporting gifts from each parish to Holy Trinity, where they will be sorted for families to pickup. A volunteer meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13 at 12:30 pm at St. Ambrose Parish Center. If you are interested in assisting with this endeavor, please come to the meeting.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

Psalm 17

(Ps. 17: 1, 5-6, 8, 15) Psalm 17: Lord, When Your Glory Appears
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REFRAIN

O Lord, when your glo - ry ap - pears, my joy will be full. O, full.

VERSE 1

1. Hear, O Lord, a just suit, at - tend to my out - cry; hear - en to my prayer from lips with - out de - ceit. O

VERSE 2

2. steps have been stead - fast in your paths, my feet have not fal - tered. I call on you, for you will an - swer me, O God, in - cline your ear to me; hear my word. O

VERSE 3

3. me as the ap - ple of your eye, hide me in the sha - dow of your wings. But in jus - tice I shall be - hold your face; on wak - ing I'll be con - tent with you.

This weekend's designated psalm is Psalm 17 (verses 1, 5-6, 8, 15), which is a psalm of sorrow and lament. The psalmist is falsely accused of doing wrong and prays to God to defend him from his accusers. Because the psalmist has been faithful, he seeks help from the Lord. He sees himself as "the apple of [God's] eye", and will be satisfied only to be in God's presence.

I have set this psalm to music. The free piano sheet music and mp3 recording may be downloaded from www.HayesMusicPublishing.com until Nov. 12th.

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 every other
Sunday @ Noon

November is the month to pray for souls in Purgatory. Join Mary's Circle of Love in praying for these souls, Thursdays at 11:30AM in the Chapel, along with the Angelus Prayer at Noon

Mary's Circle of Love invites you to continue praying the rosary with them, Mondays in the chapel after the 12:10 Mass.

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Due to the high cost of postage, starting in January, we will be sending large receipt donations via email, please call the office to make sure our records are up to date. If there is no email on file you will receive your receipt in the mail as always.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5th — 4pm
Fr. Bellafore

K of C Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 6th — 9am
Fr. Deimeke

Sr. Barbara Maria
Salvatore (Sal) Sestito
Doris Young
John Styczynski
Bill Maynard

Sunday, November 6th — 11am
Fr. Deimeke

The People of St. Ambrose

Monday, November 7th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

David Nichols

Tuesday, November 8th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Clara Agnes Baker
Helen & Faustin O'Neill

Wednesday, November 9th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Vincenzo & Teresa Popolizio
Joan Prescott

Thursday, November 10th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Billy Whalen
William Wood

WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

Saturday, November 12th — 4pm
Fr. Kelly

Sunday, November 13th — 9am
Fr. Kelly

Sunday, November 13th — 11am
Fr. Kelly

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

10/23/2022:

10/24/2021:

\$14,563.57

\$13,318.37



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting
your envelopes?
Switch to online giving:
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Latham-Colonie Columbiette Breakfast Buffet
Sunday, November 13th, 2022
8:30 am to 11:30 am
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 - \$12 Children (5-10) - \$6 Under 5 - Free!

HAILEY'S CORNER



Next time
temptation
comes
knocking at
your door, try
what Jesus
said, as a
mantra:

"Get behind
me, Satan!"