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the  
*Resurrection*  
of the  
*Lord*

**EASTER**

*"Christ's mercy is not a grace that comes cheap, nor does it imply the trivialization of evil. Christ carries the full weight of evil and all its destructive force in his body and in his soul. He burns and transforms evil in suffering, in the fire of his suffering love. The day of vindication and the year of favour converge in the Paschal Mystery, in the dead and Risen Christ. This is the vengeance of God: he himself suffers for us, in the person of his Son. The more deeply stirred we are by the Lord's mercy, the greater the solidarity we feel with his suffering - and we become willing to complete in our own flesh "what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" (Col 1: 24)."*

- Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI), Mass 'Pro Eligendo Romani Pontifice', 18 April 2005

Among the first and hardest lessons that we learn is that we suffer. The first thing we did when we came into this world was cry. Throughout our childhood, we may have wept at small injuries or when we didn't get what we wanted. As we grew we experienced pain more diversely. We may have felt pain at the experience of a broken heart or at the bitterness of disappointment. We came to an awareness of the problem of physical and spiritual suffering that is experienced by everyone and wondered if God could have perhaps done things differently. Why didn't he come to deliver us from the experience of suffering if he loves so much? Did he not care? Was he not powerful enough?

As a father, I've learned that my role in my children's life is not to stop all of their suffering. I do what I can to keep them from harm but suffering is inevitable. It manifests itself in broken bones, in sadness, and in the accidents of life, beyond my control. My role, I believe, is to help them navigate life through the suffering that they experience and not merely to get past it. We can't take the path of avoidance that I think robs suffering of its significance. I'd rather that as they travel through the road of suffering that they absorb lessons learned from the experience, to allow themselves be transformed by it but not deformed by it. I hope that they become a better person through it, not in spite of the suffering but to experience it as a sort of crucible that helps them become a deeper and fuller person.

In short, I want their pain and sorrow to lead to a resurrection of sorts. In their Baptism

and through the Eucharist, the crucified and risen Lord lives within them and the dynamics of his death and resurrection are alive within them. Now, every time we suffer there is the possibility of something new, every time we die a little in our lives there is the ability to become something new.

In sending his Son, God could have chosen to bypass all suffering. I do not know why he chose to suffer and die to show us the glory of resurrection. In the story of the transfiguration that we read a few weeks back, Jesus reveals himself as glorified to his disciples as if to say "I could show you my glory in this way without the pain. Instead, however, I choose to go to Jerusalem and to take up my cross. Only after that will I show you the fullness of my glory." Jesus reveals the desire of the transcendent God to be vulnerable, to take on our pain and suffering and, then, to transform it.

The death and resurrection of Jesus transforms the experience of human suffering. We cannot avoid suffering and, by becoming man, Jesus does not avoid it either. On one level, Jesus' own suffering is a lesson to us to persevere through our pain, to allow it to bestow purpose and meaning, and to experience a life transformed by and conformed to him. Sometimes, life's hardest moments define our character and make us better. The cross and resurrection teach us that. But more than that, as Christians our suffering and even our death are bound intimately to him so much so that we will rise with him as well. This has to be our hope. His is a suffering that saves and so now our own suffering can participate in that. This is not defeatism. Ultimately, God will have the final say so thoroughly that even the dead shall rise and all things will be made new. Suffering is no longer an end. It is a road that, if traveled as a disciple of Jesus, leads ultimately to life.

Easter changes everything. It changes our perspective of life, death, and everything in between. Easter is God's way of saying that even our worst moments can be glorified, that they are not meaningless but have purpose. Because he rose from the dead, good can come out of any evil. Goodness has the final say, love has the final say, and God has the final say.

-Tom Acemoglu



APRIL 9, 2023

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday (4/10).**

## PUBLICATION REQUEST



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### The Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus, along with Steve and Jude Chiera, are hosting a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd 2023, at the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus Council,  
328 Troy Schenectady Road.  
Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Dine In and Take Out options are available!  
\$15 per person

Menu: Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, Spaghetti and Meatballs and Dessert.

Reservations: 518-892-3750 or 518-783-0572



### KEEP IN TOUCH

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St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

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

Father,  
in meditating on the sufferings of  
your Son and in serving your Church,  
Saint Catherine was filled with the  
fervour of your love. By her prayers,  
may we share in the mystery of  
Christ's death and rejoice in the  
revelation of his glory,  
for He lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Prayer for the Intercession of St  
Catherine of Siena  
Feast Day - April 29th



### SOUPER SATURDAY EVENT

St. Michael's Church in Cohoes is hosting an adult faith formation event. Sister Teresa Grace from the Sisters of The Resurrection will be presenting "Eucharistic Miracles and The Saints" Saturday April 15 at 1PM. Soup, sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be served. This is a free event. Please contact Kathleen Burns at (518) 428-6353 to register.

THE BEVERWYCK  
CATECHETICAL  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS...

EPHESIANS 3:17-20

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

## ROOTED

NIGHT 4 - APRIL 23, 2023

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT  
AGAPE LATTE: BALANCING FAITH & FAMILY LIFE

5:00-6:00PM - MASS  
6:00-7:15PM - FAMILY JEOPARDY AND A PANEL  
OF STORYTELLERS!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
(35 ADAMS PLACE, DELMAR, NY 12054)

CONTACT: MARY ANN HOSPODAR  
MHOSPODAR@STTHOMAS-CHURCH.ORG



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## Days of Parish Past: Lessons from the Early Church

Sundays from  
9:50a - 10:50a  
in the Chapel  
(4/16 - 5/7, 5/21)

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/>

### Annual Divine Mercy Consecration with Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger



Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
125 Eagle St., Albany, NY



Latham-Colonie Columbiette Breakfast Buffet  
Sunday, April 16th, 2023  
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!

EASTER

### 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!



## 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.

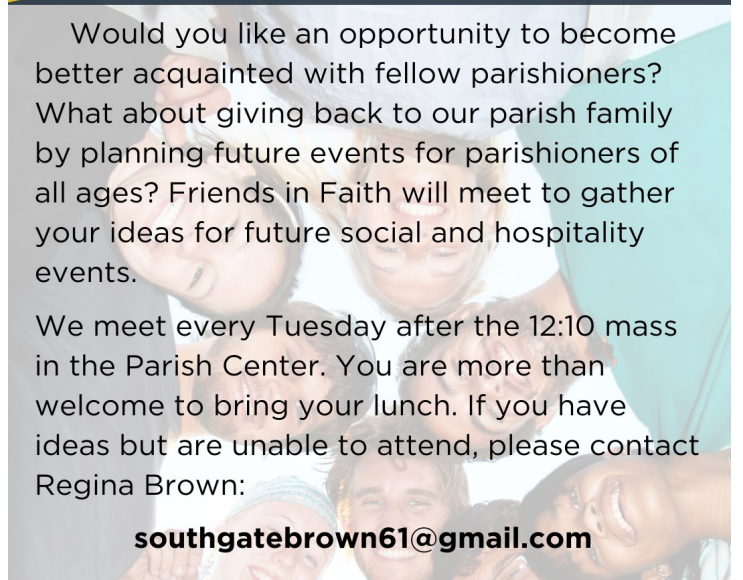
## FRIENDS

### IN FAITH

Would you like an opportunity to become  
better acquainted with fellow parishioners?  
What about giving back to our parish family  
by planning future events for parishioners of  
all ages? Friends in Faith will meet to gather  
your ideas for future social and hospitality  
events.

We meet every Tuesday after the 12:10 mass  
in the Parish Center. You are more than  
welcome to bring your lunch. If you have  
ideas but are unable to attend, please contact  
Regina Brown:

[southgatebrown61@gmail.com](mailto:southgatebrown61@gmail.com)





## MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

### Psalm 118

"Happy Easter! This is the day that the Lord has made. (Haec dies quam fecit Dominus.) Let us rejoice and be glad! (Ps.118:vs.24) This psalm was chosen by St Benedict about the year 530, as a psalm during the solemn office of the Sunday morning prayer. Psalm 118 is also closely associated with Easter in the Catholic Church, and it is typically sung at the Easter Vigil and the morning Mass on Easter Sunday. This is a psalm of thanksgiving (vs.1-2) probably sung during a procession in the temple. God's right hand (vs.16) is a sign of his strength and the rejected cornerstone (vs.22) represents the lowly God chooses to carry out his work.

I set this psalm to music with this free piano sheet music and mp3 recording available at [www.HayesMusicPublishing.com](http://www.HayesMusicPublishing.com) until April 15th.

**This Is The Day** Bill Hayes

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This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. **Fine**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for his love will en - dure  
2. His hand struck which they cast for the be - came the cor - ner - stone.  
3. This stone which they cast for the be - came the cor - ner - stone.

1. Is - ra - el will al - ways say: His love will now en - dure.  
2. I won't die but I done shall live. us I ith praise won - der in our God. eyes.  
3. This has now been done shall for us ith praise won - der in our God. eyes.

**D.C. al Fine**

**Join Mary's Circle  
of Love in  
praying the Rosary!**

**Mondays after  
12:10p Daily Mass  
in the Chapel.**

### **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.

**Upcoming Meetings:**  
Sunday 4/16, 4/30, 5/21



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## THANK YOU!

The generosity of this community knows no bounds. On behalf of the St. Ambrose Food Pantry, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Through the Easter basket project, over 150 local, needy families were served with a meal this holiday. We couldn't think of a better way to have honored our Lord at this most holy time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 8th — 7:30pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

*The People of St. Ambrose*

**Sunday, April 9th — 9am**

**Fr. Kelly**

*The People of St. Ambrose*

**Sunday, April 9th — 11am**

**Fr. Kelly**

*The People of St. Ambrose*

**Monday, April 10th — 12:10pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

*David Placido  
Lorraine Garceau*

**Tuesday, April 11th — 12:10pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

*Frederick & Virginia Alston  
David Hahn*

**Wednesday, April 12th — 12:10pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

*The People of St. Ambrose*

**Thursday, April 13th — 12:10pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

*Jim Danner  
Robert Jackson*

**St. Ambrose, Pray for Us!**

## WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

**Saturday, April 15th — 4pm**

**Fr. Kelly**

**Sunday, April 16th — 9am & 11am**

**Fr. Bellafiore**

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

## OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

3/26/2023:

3/27/2022:

\$13,296.66

\$14,922.22



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting  
your envelopes?  
Switch to online giving:  
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Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one?  
You aren't alone and don't need to go through it alone.  
It doesn't matter if the loss was 10 days or 10 years ago,  
all are welcome.

**May 7th @ Noon in the Parish Center**

For more information  
contact Robyn at the  
Parish Office or Kristine at [kmax30@aol.com](mailto:kmax30@aol.com).

**Calling on Angels:**

**Grief and Loss Support Group**

## HAILEY'S CORNER



**Alleluia!**

Wow, that felt  
good. It seems  
like a dog's age  
since I've said  
that...

Alleluia, the  
Savior has risen,  
conquering  
death for us all!