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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."

—St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

This Sunday is the culmination of our entire liturgical year as we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. As I mentioned last week, the mood of our readings are apocalyptic. The New Testament worldview balances two different things. On the one hand there's the world of everyday life. There's our families, our jobs, our community, our government, and our everyday concerns. Everyone in the New Testament was preoccupied with these things and it's really no different for us. It's the worldview that has us focusing on the here and now, on practicalities. When there's a problem with any of these things, we have recourse to everyday solutions. If you have a bad boss you can get a new job. If there's a problem with the government, then you vote for someone new to fix things. From this point of view, we probably view the solutions of the problems of this world as being found in this world.

But this wasn't the extent of things in the New Testament world. There were other forces at play that were much bigger. It's good to try and recover that worldview, even if it feels unfamiliar to many of us. Here, there were the great powers of good and evil that were always in conflict. On one side was God and all of his angels and on the other were the powers of Sin and Death (notice the capitals), often expressed as the devil and his angels. In this worldview, the greater earthly powers were somehow connected to these larger cosmic powers. In the first century, the Roman Empire was one of these powers and their domination of Palestine was seen as part of the larger conflict happening between God and evil. We call this worldview "apocalyptic". So, for example, when a community of apocalyptically minded Jewish separatists left their community by the Dead Sea to rebel against the Romans in 66 C.E., they believed they were entering into a cosmic struggle against evil that they believed would lead to the coming of their promised Messiah. They left everything behind, including a great library that is known today as the Dead Sea Scrolls that describe many of these beliefs.

The Christian version of this worldview is that we view the whole of history as the saving God overcoming the powers of Sin and Death through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. We acknowledge that as things edge towards the culmination of history, there will be a period of great hardship; but at the end the victory of God will be fulfilled in the return of the resurrected Christ who will judge all people, both living and dead, before ushering in a new age that culminates in the creation of a new heaven and a new earth as well as partaking in a great feast on God's holy mountain.

This second worldview can seem very remote

from the first one that focuses more on the here and now. But listen to our prayers and our readings because that imagery is there. The version of this that we might feel more at ease with is that when we die we hope to go to be with Jesus in heaven and that's because he conquered Sin and Death on the Cross. It's just a lot bigger than the things we encounter everyday. As Christians, we are part of something bigger. Our struggles reveal the eternal struggle between good and evil. Our hopes extend past this life into eternal life. We believe that the Jesus that we proclaim at our Mass will return and we believe we participate in heavenly realities through our sacraments. This is a much wider vision of things.

Our first reading from the prophet Ezekiel reveals that one day God will intervene in history and tend to his people, described as being a flock of sheep. In our response from Psalm 23, we consider the nature of God as a wise and providential shepherd and as Christians we acknowledge this shepherd as Jesus. In our second reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians we consider the scope of Jesus' mission in overcoming the powers of Sin and Death and we will share in that by being raised as his Kingdom is handed back to the Father. Overall, we see that our daily struggles are part of something much bigger.

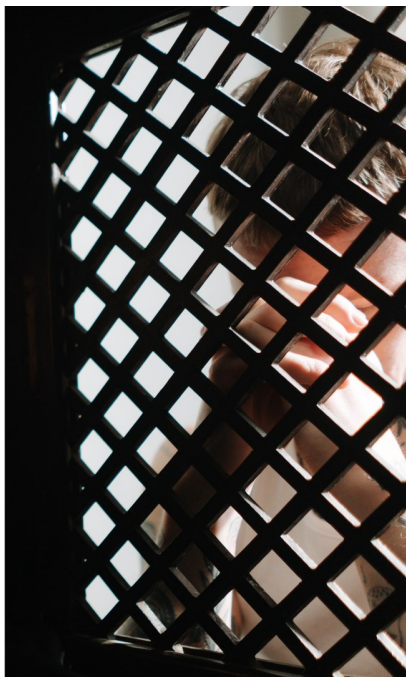
Our Gospel reading from Matthew chapter 25 reveals one aspect of this panorama and that is the moment we are all judged. It's here that the cosmic and the everyday are truly wedded, where what seems like two different worlds is in reality one grand thing. Jesus portrays himself as Son of Man, as a king on a throne, and as a shepherd who is judging all people, seen here as sheep and goats. Apocalyptic imagery can be surreal and we're asked to see beyond what might seem like a mix between a heavenly throne room and a barn. What matters is that we are judged, and here Jesus reveals the measure with which we'll be judged. The sheep are rewarded because in their lives they had ministered to Jesus when he was hungry, thirsty, naked, ill, and in prison; the goats are punished because they have not. When they all wonder when they did this for Jesus, it is revealed that whenever they did it to ***"the least brothers of mine"*** (25:40), they did it for him. Here Jesus expresses his solidarity with those in need. Moreover, each person in need is a conduit to Jesus himself: so that when we minister to them, we minister to him. This means that each seemingly insignificant person we meet is of great eternal significance. Our fate in the cosmos is determined by how we treat the people we meet every day. Suddenly, the things of heaven are not really that far away. ***"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."***

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**Advent
Reconciliation
Service
@ St. Ambrose
Church**

12/6/23
5:00PM

Opportunities
for
reconciliation
with multiple
priests will be
available.



Mom's Group



Join us the first Sunday of each
month from 9:50AM -10:50AM
in room 307

Next Meeting: December 3rd

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

AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

The Evangelization team of Holy Trinity invites you to
an Advent Afternoon of Reflection on Sunday,
December 17, 2023 at 2 pm in church.

During this busy time, give yourself an hour of peace
and join us for music, prayer and benediction.

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York



**Friends in Faith
Advent Supper Sharing
Saturday, December 2, 2023
(after 4 pm Mass)
in the Parish Center**

**Do you have a favorite dish* that you'd like
to share, please bring it to the Parish Center
before the 4 pm Mass.**

**Volunteers are needed to help set up the
Parish Center, serve the food, and clean up
after the event.**

**Sign-up sheets will be available at all the
Masses in the pews. You can drop it in the
collection basket after completion or drop it
off at the Parish office.**

**If you have any questions, please contact
Regina Brown, 518-785-1117,
southgatebrown61@gmail.com or Kathy
Roop, 518-598-2598, rizzorizzo@aol.com.**

***Please note-we do not have access to
ovens. Please have your entrée preheated,
and if possible, in disposable containers.**



HOLY TRINITY ADVENT BRUNCH

The Holy Trinity Evangelization team invites
you to an Advent Communion Brunch on
Sunday, December 3, immediately following
the 10:30 am liturgy at their parish center.
The brunch will offer scrambled eggs,
bacon, sausage, bagels, pastries, breads,
coffee and juices. Sign up sheets to attend
the brunch will be at both entrances to their
church; you may also call the parish office
at (518) 237-2373.

Unveiling the Mystery of the Eucharist

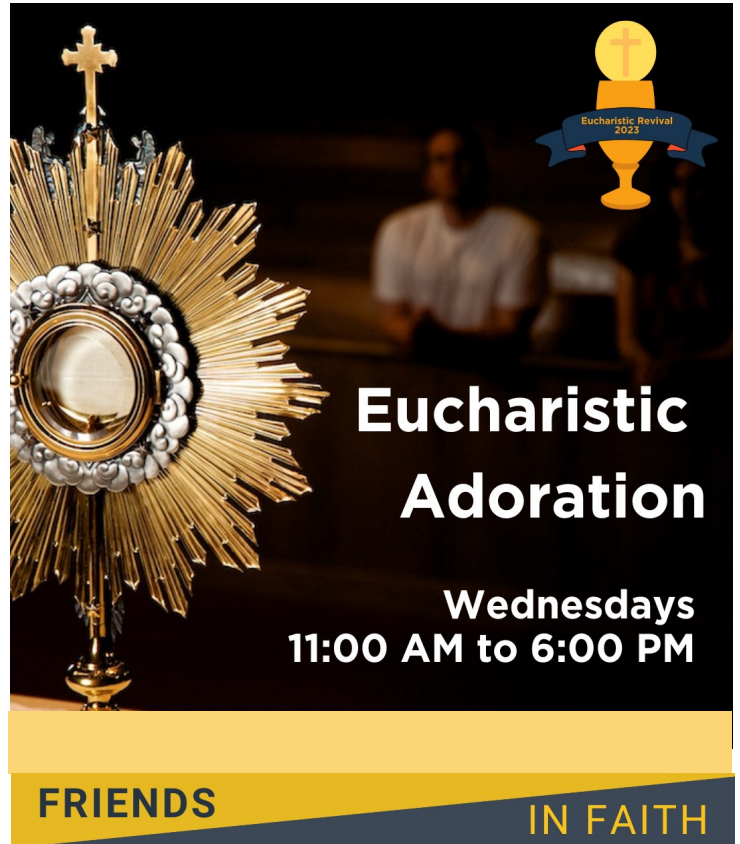
Sundays from
9:50a - 10:50a
in the Chapel
(Nov 5, 12, 19 and Dec 3)

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/>

Thursday November 30th, at Mater Christi Parish in Albany, Father Dan McHale will give a presentation on the Theology of Suffering from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The presentation will be followed by a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction, as well as Confessions from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

ALATEEN MEETINGS

Alateen is for young people whose lives have been affected by someone's drinking. The teens learn that they are not alone and discover ways of coping with their situation. The healing begins by meeting and sharing with other young people. Meetings are held weekly, on Sunday, at St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd, Clifton Park at 4pm. Any questions can be directed to: cmc.afg.123@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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.

FRIENDS IN FAITH meetings are scheduled every Tuesday, and are held in the parish center.

Call Mary Kay for more information
(518-366-9741)



Reconciliation

Wednesdays 5-6 PM
Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM

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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.



10am in the Chapel on 12/2/23

Please bring your rosary.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

Let All Things Now Living

This week we celebrated Thanksgiving. A common Hymn Tune melody called the ASH GROVE used on Thanksgiving uses a set of lyrics titled “Let All Things Now Living” written by Katherine K Davis (1892-1980). She published this text as an anthem in 1939 under the pseudonym of John Cowley. She wrote the single stanza to fit the ASH GROVE melody. In addition to the Davis lyrics, Malcolm Archer, wrote what is known as the ASHGROVE GLORIA, and begins the first line with : *To God be the glory, all glory in the highest and peace to his people who dwell here below. Our heav’nly Father, our Lord, and our sov’reign, to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.*

Let All Things Now Living

Traditional Welsh melody
Lyrics by Katherin K. Davis(1892-1980)

1. Let all things now liv - ing, a song of thanks - giv - ing. To God our cre - a - tor, tri -
2. fash - ioned and made us. Pro - tec - ted and stayed us. By guid - ing us on - to the
3. be - lie - ver in their - cours - es, the sn - in - its or - bit o -
4. hills and the moun - tains, the ri - vers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

7. 1. 3. 2. 4.
1. im - phat - ly raise. 2. Who days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be - fore us, a
3. be - dient of our days. The vine. We, too, should be voic - ing, our love and re - joic - ing, with
4. claim God di shirr. 4. The

14. pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night: Till sha - dows have van - ished, and a dark - ness is
glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us night: raise: Till all things now liv - ing, and a song of thanks -

21. 1. 2.
ban - ished, as for - ward we tra - vel from light in - to and light. 3. His praise.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25th — 4pm

Fr. Deimeke

Roy Seipel
Albert Doyle
Robert Trideau
Maude Bombard
Corinne Betty Bombard
Therese Myrick

Sunday, November 26th — 9am

Fr. Deimeke

Sam Aliberti
Bonnie Fabio
Donald Lebentritt
Dianne Mahoney
Cornelius M. & Frances B. Hanrahan
Intentions of Albania Collado

Sunday, November 26th — 11am

Fr. Kelly

Vittorio Renda
Frederick LaValley
Thanksgiving Mass Blessings
Beau Baker Andrew
William Gagnon

Monday, November 27th — 12:10pm

Fr. Kelly

Elizabeth "Betty" Langevin
Mary D'Amore

Tuesday, November 28th — 12:10pm

Fr. Kelly

David Nichols
The Del Ra Family

Wednesday, November 29th — 12:10pm

Fr. Kelly

Tony Ferracane
Luigi Pepe
Sheila Ryan

Thursday, November 30th — 12:10pm

Fr. Kelly

Roy Seipel
Merry "Mickey" Rubino
Judy Hart
Patricia McGee

WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

All Masses TBD

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

OFFERTORY

Current Year

Previous Year

11/12/2023:

11/13/2022:

\$19,442.73

\$15,850.51



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting
your envelopes?
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stambroselatham.com/egiving

Mary's Circle of Love

We meet the 3rd Thursday of
each month from
10:00am-11:30am at the
Northern Pass Apartment and
Condo Community, 62 Santanoni
Dr, Cohoes. Our mission is to
grow spiritually by sharing our
faith stories. We pray, laugh, and
share food as we journey with
each other. Please reach out to
Mary Kay (518-366-9741) or
Marion (518-785-1992) for
details.

HAILEY'S CORNER



The leftovers
may be gone,
but that's no
reason to feel
empty inside.

Do what feeds
you spiritually
to prepare for
the coming of
Jesus.