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MASS TIMES: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM, MONDAY-THURSDAY 12:10PM salatham@rcda.org

RECONCILIATION IN THE CHAPEL: WEDNESDAYS 5PM — 6PM & SATURDAYS 2:30PM — 3:30PM

3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. —Lk 24:31

I was working at an area music store when a co-worker told me that he had worked out a theology of the “non-bodily resurrection of Jesus”. This was obviously not your typical workplace conversation. In the fall of 2005 I had been relocated to a store where one my co-workers was a former priest, someone who was very theologically literate. He had taught theology of at the college level and published a noted book on the Eucharist after the Second Vatican Council. In what was a strange and short period between college and graduate school that occurred after my father died, I had regular dialogues on faith with my friend, the former priest. This conversation, however, left me uneasy.

His position was not new. I had first encountered the idea that Jesus was not really raised from the dead from some noted New Testament scholars who were themselves a bit estranged from the mainstream. One of them rather coolly suggested that, given Roman practice at the time, Jesus’ remains were simply left on the cross. I just revisited a book from this scholar that made the point that despite what you believe about the bodily resurrection, whether Jesus was physically raised or not, that what matters most is the *meaning* of the resurrection. He makes the good point that without a meaning, even an actual bodily resurrection of Jesus is at best a strange historical abnormality.

Though the idea was not new to me, I was still disturbed by what my friend was saying to me and I’m sure many of you would feel the same. Something feels wrong about it and I think the historical character of our confession of faith matters tremendously. I offered to my friend St. Paul’s fairly direct words regarding the resurrection of Jesus: *“Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain”* (1 Cor 15:12-14). He disagreed and that that was that but even though this conversation is 21 years old, it still haunts me.

Rereading the above mentioned book brought this to the fore once again. It dawned on me that there are not a few Christians who simply do not believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead, that the tomb was not actually empty or perhaps was never filled at all. For them, the resurrection is still a meaningful concept. They believe in the transformation of a changed life and hope for the renewal of the social order that is promised by the resurrection. But to put it bluntly, to them it is a myth, albeit one filled with great meaning.

The New Testament witnesses to the resurrection are diverse, but one striking feature that comes up is the physicality of the resurrected Jesus. According to Paul, the resurrected Jesus appears to many witnesses (1 Cor 15:3-8). He presides at a meal (Luke 24:30) and later eats a piece of broiled fish (24:42). In today’s Gospel reading, he invites Thomas to touch his wounds (John 20:27). This is besides each Gospel’s insistence that the tomb was empty. Ancient audiences were not attuned to the kind of practiced skepticism that emerged out of the 17th and 18th century Enlightenment, but I would argue that they would’ve been uncomfortable with the way we’ve excluded God from acting in the world. If you were to ask one of the first witnesses of the resurrected Jesus if he really and actually rose from the dead, if the body of the one they mourned came back to life, that this was not some new spiritual awareness that occurred mainly in the minds of the first believers, I’m sure they would say yes, that it actually happened. They might walk us to the place where he was buried or invite us to converse with the witnesses.

Moreover, there is correlation between the transformed lives of the faithful and the empty tomb. Reading and listening to people who do not believe that this resurrection happened in the realm of time and space but happened in a vaguer spiritual sense does emphasize to me that the resurrection can have a very real meaning for people. But at some point the rubber must hit the road and we have to ask ourselves how deeply we believe that God can reach into his creation and transform it. Do I believe not only that lives can change, but that illnesses can be healed? Do I believe not only in transformative communities of faith but also that God can transform my circumstances even beyond the good will of others? Does the resurrection transform the fabric of the cosmos or is it just a utopian philosophy? Were our forebearers in the faith transformed by an idea or by the witness of something beyond sentiment? *“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your fingers here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ Thomas answered and said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”* (John 20:27-28).

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Website: Franciscanathome.com/diocese-albany

On Diocese of Albany page at Catechetical Institute find your parish under the My Parish is registered box and setup your account to access the programs.

***Any questions contact Office for Discipleship Formation
discipleshipformation@rcda.org***



Open Hands Ministry

A total of 71 lunches were provided to adults and children at the Cohoes Senior Center on March 28, 2026. This month we provided a fish sandwich, chicken nuggets and french fries (provided by the Knights of Columbus) along with various snacks. We continue to offer hygiene products, adult and children books and puzzles, and socks. Easter baskets made by our youth were also provided.

Our next lunch is planned for April 25th with sandwiches being provided. Those wishing to donate needed items can provide women's and men's deodorant and women's crew and sport socks. Items can be left by the Chapel door to the attention of Rene Hallock. Thank you to those who provided needed items last month.



Community Support Update

CarePortal Dashboard

In March, we responded to 11 requests involving 22 children and their families. Again this month there was a big need for twin and full beds and bedding. Additionally, a toddler bed was provided along with other child needs, (diapers, wipes, clothes, a baby carrier baby gates, baby stroller, medical safety box). Kitchen items included pots and pans dishes, glasses cups and sippy cups. Bedroom furniture included dressers and portable wardrobes. To date our economic impact totals \$383,234. Thanks to all parishioners for their generosity in helping families impacted by poverty.

SVDP Update

During March, we assisted individuals needing help with rent, gas card, food card, hotel stays and a National Grid bill. A total of \$4,176 was used to help these individuals. Thanks to those who fund this ministry by their contributions to the St. Vincent DePaul boxes located in the church and Chapel.

APRIL 19, 2026

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR



Gentle Woman of Praise Chapter Meal
Saturday, May 30, 2026
 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Guest Speaker Kim Rodriguez-Torres

Wolferts Roost Country Club
 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY 12204

RSVP: Friday, May 15, 2026 by mail/postmark by **5/15/26**
Cost: Adult \$33 Clergy & Religious Complimentary

Online: \$35— PayPal/Credit Card (includes service fee)

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/>

For more information email us at:

albanymagnificat@gmail.com

call Kathleen Carroll @ 518-930-8380

(please call after 6 PM)

Register by May 15, 2026

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION



**First
 Saturday
 Devotion**

**May 4th
 10:00am
 in the Chapel**

**Please bring
 your rosary**

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:
 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Sunday Before & After the Masses
 in the Parish Center Lobby.**

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

*Helping Hands
 Ministry*



Parishioners helping other Parishioners

If you need assistance go to:
stambroselatham.com/hh

**Please contact us if you could
 use a ride to Mass:**

**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in
 Christ Jesus to do good work, which
 God prepared in advance for us to do.”**

Ephesians 2:10

LOVING HEARTS MINISTRY

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 MINISTRY



PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THIS NEW MINISTRY OF SHARING YOUR LOVING HEART WITH FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING AND NURSING HOMES. OUR FOCUS IS TO VISIT AND SHARE OUR HEARTS WITH THOSE WHO CANNOT MAKE IT TO ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 1, MARCH 22 AND APRIL 26

**VAN RENSSELAER MANOR NURSING HOME
 FROM 1:30 - 2:30 PM**

PLEASE LISTEN TO FATHER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
 DETAILS AND ANY DATE CHANGES.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD
 LIKE MORE INFORMATION:**

**PLEASE CONTACT SUZI TRZCINSKI AT
 SUZIT133@GMAIL.COM/518-466-8815.**

KIERAN’S LIGHT

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CATHOLIC LGBTQIA+
 MINISTRY

Next Meetings:

- February 15th
- March 1st
- March 15th
- April 12th
- April 26th

at 12:00 pm
 in the Parish Center

For more info, contact Deirdre.
deirdrestynes@gmail.com





Catholic Central School Crusader Classic Golf Tournament Monday, June 22, 2026

The Edison Club

891 Riverview Road Rd, Rexford, NY 12148

Register Here:
<https://bit.ly/4l6Lm8b>



Register by 5/1 to get
2024 Pricing
**\$160 includes: greens fees,
cart, lunch, dinner, beer & soda!**

MOM'S GROUP

Mom's Group



Catholic moms - Let's walk this
journey together!

A place for faith, fellowship and
encouragement in motherhood.

Join us Sunday's 9:50 - 10:50 am
in the CCS Art Room #317

upcoming dates:

Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 3

For more information, please contact or Jennifer
at 518-573-6673 (jennifer.pfoltzer@gmail.com).

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Bereavement Ministry



Calling on Angels: Grief and Loss Support Group

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one?
Consider joining our grief support group.

We meet once a month after the 11:00 Mass
in the St. Ambrose Chapel.

For the next meeting date please
contact Kristine a 518-253-4594
kmax30@aol.com.

Latham- Colonie Columbiettes and Brother Knights
Present:

Field of Flags

Flags will be displayed for Memorial day and
Veterans Day 2026

The Flags will be installed on Saturday, May 23rd, 2026, for two
weeks to honor our Military Family Members and Friends on the front
lawn of the Knights of Columbus Council in Latham, N.Y.
The Flags are \$30 per display event or \$50 for both display
events; Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Thirty Flags are
available for sponsorship this year.

For information, please email Kathy Majer, klmajer@outlook.com. Forms are available by
contacting Kathy Majer at the above email address, our website:
www.lathamcoloniekofc.com/field-of-flags or at the
Council Social Parlor at 328 Troy-Schenectady Rd, Latham after 4 pm daily.

COLUMBIETTES MEETING

The Capital District Chapter Columbiettes Meeting

On **Sunday, April 26th, 2026 - 12:00 pm**

Waterford Knights of Columbus Council
76 Grace Street, Waterford, 12188.

**Capital District Chapter President,
Linda Cotch will preside**

CUT OUT THIS SLIP, FILL IT OUT, & DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION
BASKET TO HAVE THE HELPING HANDS MINISTRY SEND SOMEONE

Let us know how we
can brighten someone's
day by sending a card:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of card:

- Birthday
- Get Well
- Anniversary
- Congrats
- Thinking of you
- Sympathy
- Other: _____

OFFERTORY

Current Year

04/05/2026

\$32,729.78

Previous Year

04/04/2025

\$16,999.97



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your envelopes?
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to share? We can help

you get the word out through multiple
platforms! Go to www.stambroselatham.com
and click on the button of the guy with the megaphone in the middle of the page. Then fill out a
short form, and we do the rest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18th—4:00 pm

† Jennie DesChamps
† Frank McGarry
† Leland Place
† Cecelia Craven
† Robert Grimsley
† Jack, Mary & Johnny Tervay
† Gloria Tinklepaugh

Sunday, April 19th—9:00 am

† T. Michael Walsh
† Sheldon R. Bell
† Josephine Green
† Anthony & Lucille Bayer
† Larry Girard

Sunday, April 19th—11:00 am

† Joseph & Loretta Hogan
† Frank Fischer
† Helen Arseneau Bookman
† Jim Sager
† James Hooley
† John and Margaret McKeon

Monday, April 20th — 12:10 pm

† Sheldon R. Bell

Tuesday, April 21st — 12:10 pm

† Elena Sposito

Wednesday, April 22nd— 12:10 pm

† Deceased members of the Del Ra Family
For the intentions of the Arango Family

Thursday, April 23rd—12:10 pm

† Elmer P. Dagner, Jr.
† Mary Hough

FRIENDS

IN FAITH

FRIENDS IN FAITH IS A MINISTRY THAT SUPPORTS
NEW & EXISTING MINISTRIES AT ST. AMBROSE, AND
BUILDS COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL AND
SPIRITUAL EVENTS. THEY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE
YOU (BOTH MEN AND WOMEN) TO JOIN OUR MINISTRY.

MEET IN PARISH CENTER ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30 PM

APRIL 7, MAY 5, MAY 19 AND JUNE 9

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
LAUREN SHARP EMAIL: LAURELIZ51@GMAIL.COM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT CONVERSATION WITH YOU!