FROM THE PASTOR

In today’s gospel parable, Jesus is trying to explain that we are responsible for our own destiny, our own connection and desire to form a relationship with Him and that in the end, the choice remains up to us whether to always be “waiting” with anticipation or not. Those who found themselves locked out in the end were unprepared, falling asleep “spiritually” and only at the last call did they then try and rush to be prepared. Leaving us to ask ourselves, do I feel that I am always ready, working day after day to nourish my faith and relationship with Jesus, or is it something that I have honestly placed on the back-burner saying to myself, one day I’ll get to it? The answer for many of us, if not all of us, is the same in one way or another. We get distracted in everything else we have going on in our lives that with or without our awareness we can quickly find ourselves spiritually asleep and unprepared. The Lord offers us the invitation each day, yet it is up to us to always let the first and last words out of our mouths each day to be ones that show we are always ready. Waking up and giving thanks to God for another day to grow closer to Him, laying our heads to rest at night giving thanks for the ways in which we have.

When we think about our own personal relationship with the Lord, we can look back and see how it has been handed on to us and at which point we took control and responsibility for its growth. For most of us, our parents raised us in the faith leading to a point, whether that was at our Confirmations or some other point in our adult lives where we knew the value in being close to God and wanting to always have Him as the foundation of all that we did throughout life. However, for some this wasn’t the case and it was some personal interaction with Jesus that brought them into the Church doors, some response to the Lord’s invitation that led them to want to be close to Him. Whichever way it may have happened for you, the invitation is not a one-time event. Jesus invites us each and every day, reminds us of His presence, strength, comfort and healing when we turn to Him, but it is up to us to always say yes to that invitation from within our hearts.

When I first began to discern my vocation, I asked my godfather, a priest for 25 years, when he decided to become a priest. His response was simple, he just said, this morning. How true that is for all vocations, marriage, religious, priesthood, diaconate and the single life. Each day, we wake up and decide to say yes once more and so it is with our response to Jesus’ invitation to grow in our faith. So if today you find yourself waking up and saying anything other than yes to the Lord’s calling out for you to be prepared, maybe it’s time to see what in your life has taken His rightful place as your foundation and your focus. Then lay your head to rest tonight, placing all other things aside, so that tomorrow you can wake up and start over first with giving thanks to the Lord.

Clergy
Rev. Brian Kelly, Pastor
Deacon Helmut Neurhor
Deacon Frank Garceau

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm
Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
Communion Service: Friday 6:30am
Holy Days and Holidays subject to change
Adoration: Friday 6:00 am—midnight
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00—4:00 pm or by appointment
Chapel: Open daily 6:00 am—9:00 pm
First Saturday Devotion in the Chapel at 10:00 am
**Mass Intentions**

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**Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need**

Volunteers who signed up to help set up for our Thanksgiving dinner should come to the McCormick Center anytime between 5:30 and 8:30PM on Friday, Nov. 17th. Volunteers who will be helping on the day of the dinner (Sat. 11/18) should be at the McCormick Center according to the following schedule:

- 10:00 AM Cooks and kitchen help
- 11:00 AM Servers, and all other volunteers
- Please bring cooked and sliced turkeys by 11:00

**We are still in need of cooked turkeys and pies/desserts.**

Desserts may be dropped off on Friday, 11/17 between 5:30—8PM or Sat. 11/18 before 11:00AM at the Parish Center. Thank you! Rose Anne Szwedo 518-469-5367

**Food Pantry**

Through your generous support this past October our food pantry served 123 households. This included 256 adults and 196 children.

**Parish Support**

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development will take place next week. As always a portion of our collection will go toward this campaign. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty, to educate Catholics and to work to change the systems that oppress the poor. This fact sheet provides information that helps us connect justice and responsibility.

Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

**Book of Remembrance**

During this month of November, you are invited to add the name of loved ones who’ve died in our book of remembrance located to the right of the Altar.

**Eucharistic Adoration Help Needed**

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the chapel on Fridays from 7:00 a.m. until midnight. At this time we could use the help of 1 more person for these two time slots ~ 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. If you are available & can help, please contact Nancy Hooley at 783-3411. Why not give yourself the gift of an hour before the Blessed Sacrament - you'll be glad you did! Thank you.
The St. Vincent De Paul ministry consists of parishioners who are inspired by Gospel values to provide help to the needy. We are young and old, men and women aware that our blessings are to be shared with our brothers and sisters in need. This ministry which is dedicated to feeding, clothing & housing individual and families in our community who have nowhere else to turn is in need of new members.

We work together in a confidential manner to assist fellow parishioners and the local community utilizing the food pantry, monies from the poor boxes and other donations to meet the urgent needs of those who are struggling. As a volunteer you are partnered with another person to be “on call” one week a month to assist individuals in need of help.

“Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these least brethren you did it to me.”

Pope Francis calls us to serve. “What can we do? … . We certainly have a few hours of time, some talent, and some expertise.” - Pope Francis (July 26, 2015)

Please consider joining this essential ministry and contact the parish office and speak with Deacon Andy.

On our parish website you can find a lot of information such as: ministry schedules, parish events calendar, faith formation calendar, staff email addresses, information about sacraments and Mass times.

www.stambroselatham.com
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
7:00 PM ALTAR ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL  

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
9:30 AM MARY’S CIRCLE OF LOVE IN LOUNGE  

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
12:30—2PM THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED—PARISH CTR.

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**Altar Rosary**

The Altar Rosary Society will be preparing the Church for the Advent and Christmas season and they would like to invite the parish family to participate. We will be decorating the altars in the church, chapel and McCormick Center with beautiful live poinsettia plants. If you wish to help them with this endeavor, for a small donation, you may purchase a plant in memory of a loved one or in your family’s name. Information on this project can be found on the red handouts located at the Church entrances beginning next week. Thank you.

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**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**

**Save the Date—January 27, 2018**

Pastoral Care Ministry Ongoing Enrichment—Winter Mini-Presentation  
“Christ Reveals Himself in Tears”

In Pastoral Care, we often meet the tears of those we serve. How can these tears be a source of healing for those we minister to, as well as a catalyst for our own transformation and growth? We shall explore how we see Christ through the lens of tears—both of those we serve and our own— and how these can be a source of healing and hope for the receiver and giver of care.  

Presenter: Yervant Kutchukian  
**When:** Saturday, 1/27/18  
**Where:**  
Pastoral Center, 40 No. Main Ave., Albany  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to Noon  
**Cost:** No charge  
https://goo.gl/aCdfWt  
Pre-registration required, space limited—Deadline January 12, 2018

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**If you would like the ministry schedule mailed or emailed to you, please contact Joan in the parish office.**

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**Save the date!**

**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**  
A WEEKLY RETREAT

**Wednesday, November 29th**  
**Wednesday, December 6th**  
**Wednesday, December 13th**  
**Wednesday, December 20th**  
7pm in the Parish Center

Join us for a special evening of prayer, reflection, teaching and discussion to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the coming week as our Savior and helper.

All are invited!