Today’s gospel tells of the woman who suffered greatly of an illness that consumed all her earthly possessions in an effort to find a cure. Additionally, Jairus pleads with the Lord to come to his daughter, lay hands upon her and cure her from her affliction. How often do we in watching the suffering of our loved ones, or even ourselves, for that matter, hope that the Lord will come upon us and provide a miracle in our midst. It leads to a question we all go back to, that of the question “why?” won’t Jesus heal us of our suffering and illness in the moment we want it most.

There is no simple answer to this, unless we come back to what we find as the basis of our faith, found within our first reading. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Death and illness entered into creation with “the fall” of Adam and Eve, but God still has a greater plan, purpose and reality for us who hold onto the faith. The answer quite simply is, eternal life. This is not to downplay or discredit the heartache, anguish or suffering we feel or witness helplessly, for that reality we find ourselves in. However, our focus should be on what is to come, that God’s great answer to our prayers, faith, hope and suffering is that this earthly life, no matter how difficult, is not the end. This life’s reality and all that we may face does not have the final say, nor is it God’s intent for us to see it so. Our faith, He seeks, our faith He desires, our faith is what leads us to find comfort that God will and does have the final say with the Word of eternity in Heaven free of all affliction and suffering, eternal peace in Heaven for each of us who believe.

By the time I was about fourteen years old and throughout my life, my family has gone through numerous losses of our loved ones, some of which were quite tragic and heartrending for each of us. Countless family illnesses, hospital stays, treatments and even moments of unexpectedness “took” those we loved so dearly in different stages of time. This lead me to question, as we all do, this very question of “why?” There was no answer suitable, no answer that could explain away the pain of watching or mourning in the moment or the days after. The only answer that brought us any peace, any hope, was that Jesus’ promise that we will all be together again must be true through our faith.

These moments are never easy for any of us to endure, however our faith that God has the final say is what can bring us some comfort, some hope, some peace in time to help us carry on and begin to look forward to that moment of reunion again. Jesus says, “I am the Resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die.” This is where we can say, I believe from the depths of our hearts as they cry out to Him in that most difficult moment. This is what can lead us in the right time for us, where we can say with confidence, I am one who believes in the Resurrection and eternal life...this is the moment that we can say, my Lord and my God, I believe we will all be together again, wrapped up in your love in Heaven for all eternity.

Rev. R. Kelly
**MASS INTENTIONS**

4:30 PM  **Saturday, June 30**
Shirley Wagner by Sharon Burgess  
Brenda Wolf by Laureen Sharp  
Martin Killian by Wife & Children  
Thomas Clear by Brother Don & Garry Lavine  
Lori Wright by Judy & Kevin Burns  

7:30 AM  **Sunday, July 1**
Jack Fortier by Howe Family  

9:00 AM  **Sunday, July 1**  
Richard P. Jacobson by Sissman Family  

11:30 AM  **Sunday, July 1**  
Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife/Mother  
Terin Varughese by Anna Varughese  

5:30 PM  **Sunday, July 1**  
Ruth Lapierre by Lector Ministry  

6:30 AM  **Monday, July 2**  
People of St. Ambrose  

9:00 AM  **Tuesday, July 3**  
Francis Purritano by Tony & Sue Mantello  

9:00 AM  **Wednesday, July 4**
People of St. Ambrose  

6:30 AM  **Thursday, July 5**  
People of St. Ambrose  

6:30 AM  **Friday, July 6**
Communion Service  

4:30 PM  **Saturday, July 7**  
Richard Bango by Doreen  
Timothy D. Butler by Claire & Family  
Jean Hillje by Family  
George Robert Hillje by Family  
Leo Charbonneau Jr. by Jean Minnick  
Jerry Lillis by Family  

7:30 AM  **Sunday, July 8**  
Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara  
Margaret Mazza by MaryAnne  

9:00 AM  **Sunday, July 8**  
Intentions of Fr. Kelly by John & Karen  
Matheson  
Barbara Calabrese by Eileen & Rich Zmijewski  

11:30 AM  **Sunday, July 8**  
For the Intentions of the Garden Club by Friend  

5:30 PM  **Sunday, July 8**  
People of St. Ambrose  

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**ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN:**  
Could God be calling YOU?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life – a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call (518) 453-6690 for more info.  
Our Lady of Vocations, pray for us!

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Regional Food Bank**  
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK  

**Thursday, July 12**  
5:00—7:00 PM  

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Mary Stewart at stewartm65@yahoo.com  

**Matthew 25 Ministry**  
United Church of Cohoes  
Saturday, July 21  
Volunteers will be needed between 2:00 and 6:00pm  

We will be responsible for preparing and serving the entrée and for clean up afterward. The United Church provides the beverages, salads and dessert.  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!  
For more information please call:  
Lynn Caruso at 518-598-4555  
Susan Student at 518-813-5744
Moving on can be very exciting, but often there is sadness when we close a chapter of our lives. This week was full of mixed emotions by many of our middle school students. While many of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are looking forward to beginning a new school in the fall, many others felt sadness as they say goodbye to their “home away from home”.

Monday evening was a night of celebration and recognition for our final eighth grade class. Father Kelly and Mr. Casile aided Ms. Viola and the students in a graduation ceremony to reflect upon successes, remember fond memories and encourage future success to a wonderful group of students as they look towards high school.

On Wednesday morning, the student body and faculty gathered for a prayer service and moving up ceremony for our sixth and seventh grade students. We said “so long” to two incredible classes. While we send them onto their next adventure with great expectations, we can’t help but feel sadness at saying “goodbye” to so many students this year.

We are beyond proud and excited for these young men and women who are about to embark on the next stage of their lives. We send them with God’s love and His blessings to challenge them to grow into the fantastic people they are destined to become.
Matt Maher in Concert
THE "ECHOES OF WORSHIP" TOUR LIVE IN VOORHEESVILLE!!!
Sunday, August 5, 2018
6:00 pm
Lydia C. Tobler Performing Arts Center, 432 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY

An eight time-GRAMMY nominee, he has garnered multiple radio successes writing and recording songs like “Lord, I Need You,” “Hold Us Together,” “Christ Is Risen,” “Because He Lives (Amen)” and “Your Grace Is Enough.” Maher has penned songs recorded by Chris Tomlin, Crowder, Third Day, Matt Redman, Hillsong, Casting Crowns, Jesus Culture and Bethel among others. Matt has written or co-written five No. 1 radio singles. In 2013, Maher had a career highlight performing in Rio in front of Pope Francis and a crowd of 3 million people, as well as performing in 2015 in downtown Philadelphia as part of the World Meeting of Families. In 2015, Maher was awarded his first RIAA Gold certification for his popular single “Lord, I Need You.”

TICKETS: https://www.itickets.com/events/400464.html

JJ WEEKS BAND CONCERT

Important information regarding tonight’s concert!
If you purchased tickets to the July 1st concert, it has been postponed due to an accident with their tour bus. Please hang on to your tickets as they will be honored on the new date. Please keep the band in prayer as we await the reschedule notification.