FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm-Life Teen
Daily: Wednesday & Friday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
Communion Service: Monday 6:30am
Holidays and Holidays subject to change
(see bulletin)

CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110
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WEBSITE: www.stambroselatham.com
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NEW OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Once again, we have begun our journey of Lent together; that special time when we try to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to grow in our faith. Lent is indeed a journey, and like all journeys, it needs several things so that we can journey well. Any journey needs a destination; just as when we tap in the end point of our journey when using a GPS system or something like google maps (or even if we do it the “old fashioned” way by using a map…!). Our destination during Lent is, of course, Easter, when we will once again celebrate Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection.

We also need directions and pointers to help us along the way on our journey and in our Lent journey we have these in things such as our Scripture readings. We will see, each Sunday during Lent, how God’s plan for us unfolds and how the carefully chosen readings each day at Mass can guide us and keep us on course. (So, if you have not done so already, do pick up a copy of “the Word Among Us” that provides both the readings and a short reflection on the readings for each day in Lent.) We also have all sorts of extra things going on during Lent such as our speaker series. Details of this series and many other activities can be found in the Lent program booklet, available at the church exits. Do also check out the parish website that has all sorts of additional things for the season including a short video each week focused on various Lenten themes.

A good journey also needs at least one other thing. I am not sure how you pack for travel and what essentials you always take with you, but most of us certainly make sure that we have things with us that we will need and that will make the journey easier and safer. This is also true with our journey of Lent. By ancient tradition there are three key things that we need to “pack” and to make use of during Lent: prayer, acts of charity and fasting.

Prayer is very much our lifeblood as disciples of Jesus. It is not that we do not pray at other times, but in Lent we try to renew and refresh our prayer life, especially if it has become a little bit stale or if it is running on autopilot. For example, we might try and “pray” the Mass with greater focus and intensity, or spend more time in prayer. The same can be said of acts of charity. Hopefully, we perform these each and every day (for example, giving to charities or offering a kind word to an outsider at work or at school), but during Lent, we try harder. Above all, Lent is a great time to develop what might be called a charitable or loving attitude and habit towards others: to see them with the eyes of Christ, that is to see them with love. Finally, there is fasting. It is often done as a reminder that we depend on God and that we should not be slaves to our wants and needs. There are so many ways of fasting. We can fast from food or give up certain favorite things (like chocolate…!), but we can also fast from other things such as an overuse of the computer, TV or smart phone and also fast from things such as gossip, harsh words or unkind actions. As one poem puts it:

Fast from discontent,  
feast on gratitude.

Fast from complaining,  
feast on appreciation.

Fast from bitterness,  
feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern,  
feast on compassion for others.

Fast from suspicion,  
feast on truth.

Fast from idle gossip,  
feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from unrelenting pressures,  
feast on unceasing prayer.

As we begin our Lenten journey as a parish community, let us support and pray for each other, that we may indeed journey well together. May you and your family and friends have a truly fruitful and blessed Lent!

Fr. Anthony
MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ambrose Parish, Latham, New York believe that, through our faith and baptism, we have been called to give witness to the values of Jesus as expressed in the gospel and teachings of our Church. As individuals and as a Parish Family we strive to:

- Develop our spiritual life • Spread the Gospel message • Respect the human dignity and rights of all persons
- Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children
- Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:00 PM or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE
Congratulations! So that proper preparation may be made, please make an appointment with Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date. Either the bride or groom should be a registered parishioner of St. Ambrose parish.

BAPTISM
Congratulations! If you wish to arrange preparation for baptism, please call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Ambrose parish.

RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
For those inquiring into the Catholic Faith. Welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for program details.

VOCATION
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony.

Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

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ALL BULLETIN ARTICLES must be submitted IN WRITING to the office by MONDAY IN THE AM

ALL HOT SPOTS must be submitted IN WRITING to the office by WEDNESDAY for both the Media Ministry & for Announcement

KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE
Please remember St. Ambrose Parish in your will
St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church
347 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110
Lent is here!
Our Church is now in a special time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while we prepare to remember Jesus’ suffering, death, and Resurrection.

As a parish, we have a lot of great opportunities for you!

Thursday, February 26th—Women’s Dinner/Retreat (6-8:45pm, Sisters of St Joseph at Carondelet in Latham, $10)

Thursday, March 5th—Men’s Dinner/Retreat (6-8:45pm, Sisters of St Joseph at Carondelet in Latham, $10)

Please call the faith formation office at 785-1351 or email faithformationsecretary@stambroselatham.com to register today!

We will also be hosting a special session of enrichment and prayer called “Lent with the Mystics”. It’ll include short presentations on some of our Church’s greatest mystics and a special time of prayer where we seek to draw closer to God in the same way that the mystics did. It will be something really special!

Wednesday, March 11th—Lent with the Mystics (St. Teresa of Avila, led by Beth Lynch)
Wednesday, March 18th—Lent with the Mystics (St. Francis De Salles, led by Fr. Barratt)
Wednesday, March 25th—Lent with the Mystics (St. Therese of Lisieux, led by Bob Martino)

Our next large group meeting date for Confirmation is this Thursday, February 26th, 7pm in the Parish Center!
“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

We are a people of prayer! This Lent, let us pray for one another! In the Church foyer we have constructed a simple Prayer Wall. Please write an intention on a piece of paper provided. Roll the paper up and place it in the wall. If you would like, take another’s intention and pray for that intention throughout Lent.

As a community, we will pray for all the intention placed in the wall.

**Women’s and Men’s Retreat**

**Thursday, February 26th** — Women’s Retreat with Sr. Kitty Hanley

“Grace Comes in Darkness and Light”

**Thursday, March 5th** — Men’s Retreat with Fr. Pat Butler

“Premeditated Mercy: A Spirituality of Reconciliation”

Both evenings will begin at 6 pm at the Hospitality Center of St. Joseph’s Provincial House. A light dinner will be served followed by a Lenten Reflection.

Pick up a registration sheet on the bulletin board in the Church foyer.

The cost is $10.

For more information call Debbie in the Church office 785-1351 ext. 322.
Best of the Best

Four students from St. Ambrose School have been selected to play in the Catholic School Honor Band.

Congratulations to
Danny Broberg
Lochlain Clarke
Andrew Lee
Isadora Lee

2015 Catholic School Honor Band Concert will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 3:00pm at Bishop Maginn High School

School Open House has been rescheduled for March 8th from 1-2:30 pm

St. Valentine

When one thinks about February, you can’t not recall St. Valentine, childhood traditions, the spirit of life and love.

These are all Christian attitudes that have been carried down through the centuries that display the capacity of the heart and the power of love, be it compassion, the tender love of being a Mother and Grandmother, a friend and the joy of being a daughter and a wife.

Relationship, however it be is a true gift. When I think of Valentines day, I can’t help recall my longtime childhood friend Joyce, who was fun, smart, with strong moral values and the epitome of what a friend should be.

She wasn’t sick very long, she was 29yrs old newly blissfully married, finally feeling all her dreams had come true. Unfortunately her world suddenly collapsed when she received a diagnosis of invasive cancer.

She never gave up hope, persevered, continued to love and never changed her fighting spirit.

I recall her coming to my baby shower for my son just days before, and her response was “Wild horses couldn’t keep me from being here. Her lessons she taught will never fade. On Valentines Day, she suffered a Cardiac Arrest and died. I suppose a fitting day for her to pass, with such capacity to love.
“Grace Comes in Darkness and Light”

Presented by: Sr. Kitty Hanley

Kitty Hanley, CSJ is a Sister of St. Joseph and Dean of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Albany. She has been a retreat presenter and spiritual director in our diocese and around the country.

Thursday, February 26, 2015
6:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Please join with us as we prepare for the Lenten season. We’ll share a simple dinner, prayer, and some reflections to help us celebrate this springtime walk toward Holy Easter.

Sponsored by the Colonie Catholic Parishes:
Christ Our Light  Our Lady of the Assumption  St. Clare’s
St. Pius X  St. Ambrose’s

Reservation Cost is $10.00 for the dinner/retreat. Reservations are needed by February 23rd. For more information please contact Debbie McKown at (518) 785-1351 ext. 322. Please make your check out to: St. Ambrose and return with the registration form below to the St. Ambrose Parish Office.

Name: _________________________ payment Cash or Check _________ Phone: __________
Email: ______________________  Parish: __________________________
First Sunday of Lent

Around the Parish

We invite you to join us—your Jesuit family in Mass and in Thanksgiving on Tuesday, March 10th 2PM at the Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs in Fultonville, NY. PS- please arrive by 1:30 pm as there will be limited seating. Any questions please call Joey Caruso @ 518-573-7074 or stjude7777@yahoo.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/

Mk 9:2-10

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The Evangelist Update

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here is my $18.00/yr.

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Stewardship Update

We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

February 15, 2015 $13,047.25
February 16, 2014 $13,226.22

“Thank you for being so generous!”
Thank you to all who are responding so generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to those who signed-up for electronic withdrawal. If you decide to sign-up for this option in the future, forms are available at the entrances to the church, or just call the Parish Office.
Many Thanks.

Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues?
Counseling is available in the evenings at St. Ambrose.
A $25 donation is appreciated.
Contact Dave Dobkowski, Ph.D.
at 859-4015 to make an appointment.

Parishioner Registration/Update Request

Name: ____________________________
Street: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: __________
Zip: __________________
Phone No: __________________

Please check:

☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Want Envelopes
☐ Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

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**CALENDARS & SCHEDULES**

**Sunday — February 22**
- 10:15-11:15AM: NO Faith Formation
  - Life Teen-Parish Ctr
- After 5:30PM Mass: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Monday — February 23**
- 9:00AM: School Mass-Church
- 7:00PM: Core-Chapel

**Tuesday — February 24**
- 6:45PM: The Edge-Parish Ctr

**Wednesday — February 25**
- 9:00AM: School Reconciliation-Parish Ctr

**Thursday — February 26**
- 9:30AM: Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
- 6:30-8:30PM: AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN-Mtg Rms
- 7:00PM: Prayer Group-Chapel
- 7:00PM: Confirmation Large Grp-Parish¡

**Friday — February 27**
- 7AM-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday — February 28**
- 9AM-1PM: Jesus Day-Parish Ctr
- 8-12 Noon: Life Teen Breakfast Fundraiser in the Parish Ctr
  - Faith Formation / (Open House 5th & 6th Grade)
  - After 5:30PM Mass: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Sunday — March 1**
- 10:15-11:45AM: Life Teen-Parish Ctr
- 8-12 Noon: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1**

**MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015**
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