“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PLEASE NOTE
Mass changes effective 4-13-15
on Monday & Friday **

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2015

This Sunday is, of course, the Fourth Sunday in Eastertime and it is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”, since our Gospel is always about that favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Today is also a World Day of prayer for vocations. While deeply valuing and promoting the vocation that every person has to follow Jesus and to build up the Kingdom of God, the Church community focuses today on the particular vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious or consecrated life.

There are many reasons why we have this annual day of prayer. The first is to promote what we might call a culture of vocations to the ordained ministries and to the religious life. We know only too well how necessary this is from our own experience of the often called “shortage” of priests, deacons and religious. This shortage has many causes such as the secular culture in which we live, the terrible scandals of recent years and the questions that many might have about whether they (or a son or daughter) will be happy and fulfilled in such a life. The statistics for priests in our own Diocese are indeed deeply worrying. In 1980 there were 356 active priests, by 2000 this was down to 223 priests and by 2020 it is projected that there will be only around 59 active priests for the entire Diocese. Currently, there are a number of parishes “open” in the Diocese (that is still awaiting the appointment of priest), some have been so for over a year. Why? Because, sadly, there is no priest available to send there.

However, our World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a second, and perhaps more positive and optimistic reason. If God calls a person to the ordained ministry or to the religious life, then this will indeed be a truly wonderful, fulfilling and joy-filled life. I can only speak personally, but at the end of many days I find the words on Psalm 115 on my mind and in my heart: “how can I repay the Lord for goodness to me.” Certainly there are tough and trying days, but then who does not have these! Yet there are so many more great and exhilarating days. After nearly 30 years of being a priest, I still find wonder and awe in the fact that the Lord uses me to make a real difference in people’s lives…each and every day; that as a priest I am with people in key, special and personal moments of their lives and that I have been entrusted with the task of preaching God’s saving Word and of celebrating His life-giving sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

So, as we keep this special day of prayer for vocations to the ordained ministries and to the religious and consecrated life, please do pray for vocations and please actively promote a positive culture of vocations in our parish, our school and in your home. Finally, if any of you are thinking about such a vocation, think on and pray on…and perhaps chat with someone who can help you and guide you. Also, do visit the Diocesan vocations website at www.albanyvocations.org or the section in the USCCB website on vocations.

A few final words from Pope Francis’ message for this world day of prayer for vocations…

“We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for small things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals!”

“Every vocation… always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one’s life on Christ and on his Gospel.”

“A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.”

“I turn now to those who are well disposed to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what their own vocation is. I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which ‘are spirit and life’” (John 6:62).

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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World Day of Prayer is observed on **Sunday, April 26th**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage ([www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)).

This weekend is the 2015 Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Weekend! Through this important Appeal, we follow the example of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of Albany. By joining together in stewardship, we proclaim our unity to all; thereby letting those who need us the most know that they are an important part of our Catholic family. Please be as generous as you possibly can in responding to the Bishop’s Appeal.

MOTHERS’ DAY

Sunday, 10th May is Mothers’ Day. As in past years, we have some special Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the church exits. These include a card (to send) and an envelope on which to write the name(s) you would like to be remembered and to place an offering inside (if you wish to do so). The intentions will be remembered during Masses on Mothers’ Day. Please remember to return the envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offertory basket as soon as possible so that the intentions can be included in the Masses. We will also have a special prayer and presentation for mothers at all Masses.
Spring Enrichment 2015
Workshops and classes for adults who want to learn more about their faith

Monday, May 11th—Thursday, May 14th
At the College of St. Rose

Did you know....

- For one week every spring, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany offers formation classes and workshops for adults?
- These sessions are open to all interested adults whether they want to attend one session or several?
- The sessions usually range for about 2 hours each, beginning early in the day and going into the evening?
- Sessions are only $12 each and cover a wide array of topics: from Scripture study, to engaging the modern world, to best practices in ministry, to explaining various aspects of Church teaching?
- That presenters range from national speakers, to local church leaders (including the Bishop), as well as world-class academics?

Visit www.stambroselatham.com/spring-enrichment-2015 for more info and if you’d like to coordinate going with other members of our parish!

Thanks to everyone who made Confirmation such a wonderful day. Thanks most of all to Almighty God for the gift of His Spirit in our lives.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Students brought many food donations for the food pantry.

Kindergarteners learn all about the St. Ambrose Food Pantry

Pictured above are a few members of Mrs. Erin Quirk’s pre K Class with Father Barratt as they proudly display the many Easter Baskets they personally made for the ILL and ELDERLY.

A special thank you to all who helped with the Easter Outreach Project and to Melissa Argay, a Pastoral Candidate for Formation from St. Bernard’s Institute for her assistance in this project.

Each day delightful Easter Baskets, candy, flowers and treats appeared by my door. The residents, children and those ill most appreciated all the outpouring of love and care. We thank you for your loving hearts.

NEEDS:
There currently is a need for furniture for 2 families. Items include:

Beds, Dressers & Sofa

Please call if you can help in any way.
Altar Server Lector Retreat for anyone in High School.

Have you thought about being an Altar Server or Lector but wasn’t sure how to get started? Have you done it before but not for a while? Are you doing it now and want to continue?

Lifeteen is having a little getaway for anyone interested. Come one come all to our annual Altar Server, Lector Retreat at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY. The cost is $50 per person. We’ll leave on Saturday morning at 9am and return for Mass at 5:30pm on Sunday.

This is the perfect chance to grow closer to Christ while growing closer to understanding Jesus Veiled in the Eucharist. To know Jesus is to love Him. To love Him is to serve Him. To serve Him is to know yourself.

Acts of the Apostles—Chapter 2

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.” They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, “What does this mean?” But others said, scoffing, “They have had too much new wine.”
**FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Around the Parish**

**ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY POLISH DINNER**

St. Michaels' Parish (in Cohoes) is hosting its annual Heritage Day Polish Dinner on **Saturday, May 16th from 3 to 7 pm** at the church hall (20 Page Ave). Donation $15.00 p/p. Take out available. Walk-ins welcome. Hall is handicap accessible.

For tickets please call Michelle at 518-235-3292 or Danuta 518-237-5151 (M-Th 10-3).

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**12TH ANNUAL**

**"TRASH-TO-TREASURE" SALE**

**Saturday, April 25, 9—4 PM**

(Early Bird Special 8:00AM $3.00 entrance fee)

And

**Sunday, April 26, 9—12 NOON**

Donations welcomed! They can be dropped off on the gym stage beginning Wednesday, April 22.

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT TV'S, COMPUTERS, BOOKS OR CLOTHES.**

ALL proceeds to benefit St. Ambrose School Music Department.

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**ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL**

will also be hosting a **RECYCLING DAY,**

Saturday, April 25, 9—12 Noon

near the Soccer field.

Old TVs, computers, lawn mowers, etc. will be accepted.

Donations of $10 per car.

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**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.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

Did you lose something in the Church? If so, chances are it is still in the Church Lost & Found box. Please take a moment to go through the box to see if any of the items belong to you. The Ushers will be happy to show you where.

**ALSO we have some jewelry items in the Parish Office—please contact us.**

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**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**We Are A Tithing Parish**

Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

April 19, 2015 $15,727.52

April 20, 2014 $24,188.07 (Easter)

“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.

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**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE REQUEST**

Name: ____________________________
Street: __________________________
City: ____________________________
Zip: ____________________________
Phone No: ________________________

Please Check

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

Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.
**CALENDARS & SCHEDULES**

**Sunday — April 26**
- 9-12 Noon TRASH-TO-TREASURE SALE-Gym
- 10:15-11:45AM Faith Formation (Last Class)
- After 5:30PM Mass Life Teen

**Monday — April 27**
- 7:00PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday — April 28**
- 6:00PM Communion Rehearsal-Church
- 6:45PM The Edge-Parish Ctr
- 7:00PM Magdalena Ministry-Lounge

**Wednesday — April 29**
- 6:00PM Communion Rehearsal-Church

**Thursday — April 30**
- 6:30-8:30PM AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN-Mtg Rms
- 7:00PM Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday — May 1**
- 7AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday — May 2**
- 9:00 & 11AM 1st Communion in Church followed by Reception in the Parish Ctr

**Sunday — May 3**
- 8-12 Noon LIFE TEEN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER in the Parish Ctr
- 9:00AM MAY CROWNING IN CHURCH
- After 5:30PM Mass XLT Adoration/Reconciliation

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2015**

**4:30PM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Sharon Burgess
- **LECTORS:** #1-Dee Ellinger #2-John Bruno
- **ALTER SERVERS:** Michael & Michelle Commerford, Volunteer
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Burgess, JA Conroy, G. Spenard, J. Hogan, N. Hooks, J. & G. Leombruno
- **USHERS:** Volunteer, D. Mason, J. Couch, M. Commerford
- **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Gary L.

**7:30AM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Bob Lamiano
- **LECTORS:** #1-Rich Zmijewski #2-Ken Fisci
- **ALTER SERVERS:** Jacob & Noah Smith Volunteer
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Szvedo, C. Chabot, J. Bodnar, V. Gyrko, C. Pracher, E. Mahoney, J. Rys
- **USHERS:** J. Bodnar, N. Brock, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron
- **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Kathy G.

**9:00AM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Fran Fiegler
- **LECTORS:** #1-Mary Kay Frederick #2-Cathy DuBois
- **ALTER SERVERS:** Mary Elena Belskis, Sara & Therese Biazon
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Robinson, M. Stewart, S. Laverne, R. & P. Ostiguay, M. Girard, K. LaBombard
- **USHERS:** J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs
- **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Suzi T.

**11:30AM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Pat Rayball
- **LECTORS:** #1-Dorothea Carr #2-Mary Anne Egan
- **ALTER SERVERS:** Nicholas Koroso, P. Adams & Meghan Mahar
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Cyriac, S. Rayball, M. King, R. Lapierre, D. Piusiensi, N. Fisk, P. Rayball
- **USHERS:** R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda
- **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Premila J.

**5:30PM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Lenora LeMay
- **LECTORS:** Volunteers
- **ALTER SERVERS:** Volunteers
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Bullis, M. Searles, D. & MA Frament, S. Kolcow, R. LeClair, B. Masterson
- **USHERS:** Volunteers
- **MEDIA MINISTRY:** Jill F.
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2015**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
**Joseph the Worker:** Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Mt 13:54-58
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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