**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 6:30am  
Holydays and Holidays subject to change  
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**Church of St. Ambrose**

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E-mail: parishsecretary@stambroselatham.com

**New Office Hours**

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

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Terri McGraw, Principal  
Lori McCoy, Secretary
THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Trinity is at the “central mystery of our faith” (n. 234) and each Sunday we profess our belief in the Trinity when we say the Creed together: “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty…I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ…I believe in the Holy Spirit…” Yet, the Trinity is so hard to understand: now can there be one God, yet three persons at the same time? We are often reduced to saying that it is a “mystery” and leaving it at that. It is, of course, true that the Trinity is a mystery, but that word “mystery” actually means something or someone known and yet unknown at the same time (rather like people who we know and love and yet can never fully understand!). So, why is this mystery so important and what can we say about the Trinity? Perhaps some examples may help us…

The Trinity is ever-present in our lives and in our prayers. What is the first prayer that we learn? It is the sign of the cross which is really a prayer to the Trinity… “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit…” Listen carefully to our prayers at Mass and you will hear how they are addressed to the Trinity. We often begin those prayers by speaking to the Father (“God”) and finish off with “through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit…” We baptize someone “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” and during the Eucharistic prayer we ask the Father to send down the Holy Spirit so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Jesus. In other words, the Trinity is at the very heart of all our prayers and of the sacraments. As one writer puts it, the Trinity provides the “grammar” of all our prayers, rather like the way grammar works in a language to give shape and meaning.

Some spiritual writers have used everyday things to help our understanding. St. Patrick, of course, used the shamrock: three leaves yet making one leaf. Another image is that of water: one substance yet it exists as steam, liquid or vapour. Perhaps the best way to see the Trinity is as a community of love and a relationship of love. So, the Trinity is not a thing, or some sort of theological puzzle but real, active, ever-loving, ever-present and personal communion and relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. There is only one God and yet there are three, real persons: a unity and yet a diversity.

We can see this unity yet diversity in the missions and work of each person of the Trinity. After all, the names that we have for the three persons are relational names: “Father”, Son”, “Spirit”. The names are also active and dynamic: in a way they are not just nouns or naming words, but they are also verbs or words of action. So, the Father is creator, the Son is redeemer and the Holy Spirit is sanctifier. Each person has their distinct role and mission and yet they always act as one because they are perfectly one.

Well, perhaps all this is too much and we still feel mystified by the mystery! There is a true story of a famous preacher who gave what he thought was a pretty good homily about the Trinity on Trinity Sunday. Two parishioners came up to him after mass and thanked him for the homily. “We used to be so confused about the Trinity father” they said. The priest beamed and said, “so now you are not after the homily that I gave?” “Oh no father”, they replied, “we are still confused, but at a higher level….!”

What is important in the end is one last thing. God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, invites us into this communion of life and love, into this relationship and into their mission. The Trinity then is perhaps not so much about knowing something about the very mystery of God, but rather of being with God and God being with us. It is like being invited into a family; to be part of a relationship and a community. The famous icon of the Trinity by the great icon painter Rublev makes this clear. The table is set with the three persons around it, but there is also an open place for another, that is for all of us. Through prayer, through the sacraments and in other ways, we are drawn into the very life of God. For such a wonderful gift, perhaps we can use another prayer to the Trinity as we simply say: “Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit…”

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.

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**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.

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**Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities**

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**Father’s Day**

Sunday, 21st June is Father’s 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 Father’s 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 fathers at all Masses.

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**Unfortunately, this weekend’s Annual Mission Appeal with Rev. Michael Moran from the Society of African Missions has been cancelled.**
Please keep the Society of African Missions in your prayers.

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**2016 Mass Intentions Register**
will open on Monday, June 8th
Parish Office hours are
Monday—Thursday 9am—6pm
Friday 9am—4pm
I was recently reading a history of the great ideas of the 20th century and was struck by the many great innovations we've experienced as a society in what is a relatively short amount of time: the discovery of neutrons, the splitting of the atom, great advances in chemistry and physics, and so on.

At the same time, it's also a difficult history with great wars and a radical shift in morality and philosophy that have left many people feeling disillusioned and disconnected.

This had a great effect on how people have come to understand God. Two weeks ago, I mentioned the results of a Pew Research study that showed a profound decline in the practice of a religious tradition among Millennials: those people in their mid-teens to mid-thirties that we know in our own children, grand-children, family members, and friends. We may tend to look for the point where things "went wrong", especially if your own faith is strong. Maybe you've heard this quote attributed to St Thomas Aquinas: "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible" (it's in fact a paraphrase). Many people struggle to provide a reason to believe to those we care for when the reality of God and His love seems so apparent to them.

In the last century, many found it easier to question God's existence because they saw a new world that seemed to be created by human innovation. For example, after nylon was created and shown to the world, the New York Times wrote this: "It has no chemical counterpart in nature...It is...control over matter so perfect that men are no longer utterly dependent upon animals, plants and the crust of the earth for food, raiment and structural material". In fact, every day we see a world that apparently seems to be created by human beings that obscures the world that was first created by God. We experience great technological wonder in almost every moment of our lives but we tend to forget the great universe that underlies all of it. We see the results of brilliant discoveries by human beings but we forget that we are ourselves created in the "image and likeness of God" (Genesis 1:27).

So what does this have to do with evangelization?

It's a reminder for us that we should help people to question the things we take for granted in our daily experiences. When our Life Teen program takes teenagers on retreat, it's that "disconnect" from the world as we experience it everyday that helps open them up to the reality of God and the truth of Christ. In a way, we have to challenge people to "disconnect" from the world as they experience it everyday to be open to the reality of God in their lives.

How? Try these:

- When someone makes a statement against faith or the Church, ask them questions—Why do you feel that way? Where did you read that? Why do you think that's true? Questions are an invitation to discussion.

- Invite people to new experiences—Have you ever tried praying? How did that go? Why did you stop? Would you like to come to experience what our Church is like now? Have you ever seen our chapel? Would you like to come visit my parish’s chapel for a couple minutes?

- Learn about the worldview shared by people who no longer practice or have never practiced the faith. In what ways can the Gospel answer the longings of the human heart in their circumstances?

-Tom Acemoglu
Do you have a child in high school? Perhaps a niece, nephew or grandchild in high school?

Would you like them to grow in their faith and have an experience of a life time? This youth conference is their chance. Invite them, encourage them, persuade them to attend and bring their friends. This weekend event has given the opportunity to thousands of teens to see what Jesus Christ has for them in their lives and how they can have a personal relationship with Him. It is all about Love because God is Love and He desires our friendship to get ever stronger.

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect every thing. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.” Pedro Arrupe SJ

Our Bishop is very excited about this awesome youth event and he’ll be there Friday night and Saturday to hang out with the teens and share the Sacramental Graces of our great church. In a meeting with him recently he said—

“I want to see the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference become the “World Youth Day” of the Albany Diocese” Bishop Scharfenberger

Jesus said “I have Come to set the earth on fire, and oh how I wish it was Already blazing! Luke 12:49

St Isaac Jogues Youth Conference
FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Open to all teens going into High School from incoming freshman to graduating seniors. We’re looking for the first 100 teens to attend so register right away. You don’t want to miss out on this amazing summer event.

July 10-12, 2015
Pick up a flyer in the back of Church.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

CALLING ALL ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL ALUMNI!

We want to stay in touch with you!
Keep us informed of where you are, what you are doing and what is new in your life!

Our doors are always open if you want to come back and see what is new or to experience a bit of nostalgia.

Contact us today at school@stambroselatham.com

Thank you for Supporting our Race for Education!

Parish Nurse
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

Nurses notes...

This past week our Diocese with the cooperation of the College of St. Rose hosted a week of Enrichment for Staff, Parishioners and Volunteers to continue formation that will be beneficial in their areas of ministries...

There were a number of very worth while courses offered. One of the presentations dealt with forgiveness. The Presenter was most effective in his explanation of the mechanisms involved such as hurt and the capacity to heal, which may result in forgiveness. He encouraged the participants to be like Jesus, a true model of forgiveness. He said one must understand anger first and that forgiveness can’t be forced.

Anger does take energy, and it can either attack one, or allow good. Emotions are neither positive nor negative. They can be pleasant or painful. Sometimes they can be stored since childhood, and cause unfinished business. By not forgiving, emotions can be detrimental to one’s health causing heart attacks, strokes and cancer.

He reminded us that our first models of forgiveness perhaps were our parents. When someone hurts you, you can hold on to it or embrace forgiveness and move forward.

According to the Mayo Clinic, in regard to forgiveness, bitterness and resentment, if held in, may cost a person.

Embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy.

As the scripture says.
“Create a clean Heart within me.”
We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during April and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: Arianna Clara Eastman, Angel Arrobang Gonzales, Daniel Patrick Nielsen, Cody William Trudeau, Asher Liev McIntyre, Anthony Raymond Velten Jr. and Michael Carter Bryk.

Catholic Singles Weekend
June 19-21
Pyramid Life Center, Paradox NY
all inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting at a great price.
For info email cathsing@yahoo.com.

ST ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE
AFLAZE
“I have come to the earth to set it ablaze. How I wish it were already ignited”
(Luke 12:49)
July 10-12, 2015 on the grounds of St. Ambrose, Latham
This weekend event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith and connect more deeply in a personal relationship with God. The conference includes dynamic music, inspiring speakers, awesome praise and worship, great food and lots of fun. Contact your parish's youth minister or pastor for more information or visit our website @… www.joguesyouthconference.com
What a great way for teens to spend a summer weekend becoming a “Soul on Fire”

The Evangelist Subscription
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Please check:
_____ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.
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Please cut out, make check payable to St. Ambrose Church, drop it in the Collection Box or mail to the Parish Office.

Parish Picnic
September 20th
More info on the way!!!
Around the Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP
The Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus is offering a $300 scholarship to an 8th grade student from our parish planning to attend a Catholic High School. Applicants must be members of our parish and may be attending any school. Additional detail about this scholarship is available at www.lathamcoloniekofc.com and then clicking "What We Do". Applications are also available at the School office. Parent membership in the Knights of Columbus is not required to apply.

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney’s office. Additional information for reporting may be found at http://www.rcda.org/ReportSexualAbuse. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Theresa Rodrigues, at (518) 453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

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.

Stewardship UPDATE

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

May 24, 2015 $12,630.63
May 25, 2014 $14,512.16

“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.

The Bishop’s Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to the 2015 Bishop’s Appeal. Amount raised so far is $105,225 and there are 293 pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this appeal depend upon you. Your gift directly helps St. Ambrose Parish to pay its share of the important work of the Diocese, which is assessed this year at $174,360. Pledge cards are available and you can also donate online at www.thebishopsappeal.org

Many thanks for your support!

Fr. Anthony

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Each year our school is approached by parents who strongly desire a Catholic education for their children but simply cannot afford one. You can make a difference in a child’s life by sponsoring all or part of a child’s tuition. Please consider helping a student in need to receive a Catholic Education. Thank you.

Terri McGraw School Principal 785-6453

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.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Monday – June 1** — St. Justin
6:30 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – June 2** — Weekday
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Kristina Senecal by Don & Susan Radigan

**Wednesday – June 3** — St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
6:30 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – June 4** — Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Grace Kulzer by Tom Charles King by Moira & Daughter

**Friday – June 5** — St. Boniface
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – June 6** — St. Norbert
4:30 PM Rita Allen by Kevin & Kym Dommer
Joseph Pyska by Lloyd Bishop
Tina Riccio by Jeanette Crola & Family
Peter Hallock by Renee, Rachel & Abby Hallock

**Sunday – June 7** — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30 AM Teresa & Vincenzo Polopolizio by Clara
9:00 AM Betty Comtois by Rene, Tom & Renee
11:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving by Vittorio Renda & Family
Julian & Purificacion Armas by Oscar & Sofia Almonte

5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

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**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending June 7, 2015**

**Money Counters, Sunday, June 7**

**Team #10 — Rene Comtois, Rich Haggerty, Dana Renda & Suzanne Trzcinski**

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**CALENDARS & SCHEDULES**

**Sunday – May 31**
- After 5:30PM Mass Life Teen-Meeting Rm

**Monday – June 1**
- 7:00PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – June 2**
- 6:00PM School Spring Concert-Parish Ctr
- 6:45PM The Edge-Meeting Rms

**Wednesday – June 3**
- Mary’s Circle of Love (last one)-Lounge
- 6:30-8:30PM AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN-Mtg Rms

**Thursday – June 4**
- 9:30AM Parish Ctr
- 7:00PM Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday – June 5**
- 7AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – June 6**
- 8-12 Noon...LIFE TEEN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER-Parish Ctr
- After 5:30PM Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, June 1**
- Life Teen Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 2**
- School Spring Concert-Parish Center

**Wednesday, June 3**
- Mary’s Circle of Love (last one)

**Thursday, June 4**
- Life Teen Breakfast Fundraiser

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**Readings for the Week of May 31, 2015**

- **Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
- **Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
- **Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- **Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- **Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcede, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
- **Friday:** Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- **Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- **Next Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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