17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 6:30am
Holydays and Holidays subject to change
(see bulletin)

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

A SUMMER SCHOOL ON THE MASS AND THE EUCHARIST

For most of this year, we have been following the Gospel of Mark during our Sunday Masses and we will continue to do until we get to the end of our church’s year and begin the season of Advent again. (Mind you, let us not think of November and December quite yet as we continue to enjoy the summer!) However, because Mark’s Gospel is the shortest of the Gospels, it is not quite long enough to cover all 34 weeks of the cycle of readings for Ordinary Time. So, for the next five weeks, beginning this weekend, we take a break from St. Mark’s Gospel and hear instead from chapter six of St. John’s Gospel.

Why this Gospel and why this chapter? Well, chapter six of St. John’s Gospel begins with the well-known miracle of the feeding of the five thousand and then continues with a very important teaching of Jesus about how he is “the bread of life.” There is also a great deal about the Eucharist, for example when Jesus talks about eating his flesh and blood. So, this five week diversion into the Gospel of St. John can also provide us with the opportunity to renew and refresh our understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist: a sort of mini summer school on the Eucharist.

To help us with this, we are going to use the time at Mass when we have the homily to explore in a structured and systematic way our faith and understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist. We will reproduce the homily in the bulletin so that folks can look at it again if they wish. We will also have a four week faith formation series for those who would like to explore even further (see another section of the bulletin for more details). Hopefully, this will really help all of us to deepen our faith and appreciation of the Eucharist, which is, after all means so much to us because it is “the source and the summit of the life of the Church.”

To start us off, here is the plan we are going to follow.

| July 26th | Gospel: John 6: 1-15  The Feeding of the Five Thousand  
Focus: The Mass Part One (Overview: called out, overview, ritual, sacrament) |
| August 2nd | Gospel: John 6: 24-35  “What sign can you do, that we may believe?”  
Focus: The Mass Part Two: Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist |
| August 9th | Gospel: John 6: 41-51  “I am the living bread that came down from heaven”  
Focus: The meaning and understanding of the Eucharist as sacred meal and as food |
| August 16th | Gospel: John 6: 51-58  “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”  
Focus: The meaning and understanding of the Eucharist as “real presence” |
| August 23rd | Gospel: John 6: 60-69  “The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life”  
Focus: The meaning and understanding of the Eucharist as sacrifice and memorial |

Fr. Anthony

Happy Birthday
Fr. Anthony!
Prayers and wishes for a grace filled year!
July 28th
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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**Stewardship Update**

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

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“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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**John 6:1-15 The Feeding of the Five Thousand**

In today’s gospel a small boy’s gesture of generosity, of offering what he himself was given, is blessed by God and transformed into more than enough to meet the needs of all those who had gathered. What gifts have we been given that if offered might be blessed and transformed to “feed” a hungry world? In praying with the scriptures today, can we find the courage to offer what we have been given?

“Consider God’s generosity towards you rather than your own unworthiness in His sight, and live in His strength, rather than in the thoughts of your own weakness.”

St. Vincent de Paul

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**Counseling**
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.
**Faith Formation News**

**This Summer: Rest Your Body….Feed your Spirit!**

Starting July 29th, we will have a 4 week series that will help guide us into a deeper understanding of the Eucharist!

**JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST**

Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parish Center

July 29th, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th

**Topics include:**
- Eucharistic Discipleship
- Eucharistic Conversion
- Eucharistic Encounter
- Eucharistic Mission

Our goal is that you will be prepared to encounter the Eucharist in a whole new way!

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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.

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**Monday – July 27—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – July 28—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Janet Estep by The Staff of the Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home
  - Jane Mara by Bernard & Kathryn Lanza

**Wednesday – July 29—St. Martha**
- 6:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – July 30—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM John Rafter by Mary Anne

**Friday – July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola**
- 6:30 AM MASS
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – August 1—St. Alphonsus Ligouri**
- 4:30 PM For the Intention of Fr. Anthony on his Birthday & 30th Anniversary to the priesthood by the Parish Family
  - Joanne Wilcox by Bob & Pat McGee
  - Eileen V. Commerford by Sharon Burgess
  - Santo Famulare by Antoinette & Theresa Muscatelli
  - Elaine Broderick by Pat & Kathy

**Sunday – August 2—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- At each Mass For the Intention of Fr. Anthony on his Birthday & 30th Anniversary to the priesthood
  - 7:30 AM Teresa & Vincenzo Popolizio by Clara Michael McNamara by Betty Mahoney
  - 9:00 AM Jerome Benek by McLean Family
  - Clare Finnegan by Marietta & Nicholas Caladim
  - Judith Wesley by Theresa Kent
  - 11:30 AM Kaye Williams/Paul Spoth/Mary Klingenberger by the Members of the Albany Curling Club
  - 5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

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**JULY 26**

**The Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim**

God of our fathers, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving.)
Our meeting on July 9th went well. Officer Rebecca Rucker from the Colonie Police Dept. spoke about scams that people should be aware of and watch out for. We need to be reminded every once in a while as things tend to go to the back of our mind. We will play BINGO after our business meeting next month and will go out for lunch to the restaurant at the Point. **Our next meeting will be August 13th at 10 am.**

Don’t forget we are looking for new members, so bring a friend to see what we are all about. With some new members we could maybe resume doing some bus trips. Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.

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**Happy 30th Anniversary of Ordination Fr. Anthony!**

*With our love, prayers and gratitude...*

*Your Parish Family*

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Thank you for your generous response to the 2015 Bishop’s Appeal. Amount raised so far is **$119,819** and there are **381** 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](http://www.thebishopsappeal.org)

*Many thanks for your support!*

*Fr. Anthony*

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**St. Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church**


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**Ushers Breakfast**

**Sunday, August 30th @ 10:15am**

**Parish Center**

All Ushers are invited (with spouses) to attend our 1st Breakfast at the Parish Center. The youths put on a great breakfast at a very low price. We will have a good chance to talk and have a good time. **Let me know if you are planning to attend and how many.** John Estep 783-9266

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**Sunday, September 20th**

*More info to follow!!!
Have you been thinking about Confirmation for yourself or for a member of your family? Each year we look closely at the manner in which we lead teens into the sacrament of confirmation and this year we are very excited to begin again the work or witness and teaching. Please contact the Life teen office to be sure you are on our records and on our mailing list for the publications we will be sending out during the month of August. Look for the things in the back of the church and listen to the announcements we will have. We are very happy to speak to your family about the great impact this sacrament will have on the person but also on the whole family. God has always been so very generous with His gifts of grace and blessing but most especially through this great Sacrament He empowers us to live out our Christian Life with intention and motivation. We are the Anointed people who proclaim the Good News.

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 2015

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
TEAM #9 — J. DAGGS, V. GYURKO, B. MAHONEY, C. CHABOT, C. ALIBERTI

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, AUGUST 3
TEAM #2 — JAN & MIKE RAYBALL

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