TWENTY-FOURTH 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

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THE SAINT AMBROSE FESTIVAL
COMING VERY SOON…!

Next weekend (on Sunday, 20th September), we will be celebrating a great event in the life of the parish and school community, namely “the Festival”. We have been talking about this for a number of weeks now and many, many people have been very busy in preparing for the day. By the way, deepest thanks to all who are organizing and helping with the Festival: there is so much work, but then it is such a worthwhile project!

Once again, I would like to extend a personal and heartfelt invitation to you, your family and your friends to come along and to join in the festivities. The invitation is also extended in a special way to people you may know who, for whatever reason or no reason in particular, do not feel a particular connection with St. Ambrose parish and school, or the Catholic church in general. It would be truly wonderful if they could, to echo the invitation of the first disciples on meeting Jesus: “Come and See.”

The various flyers, bulletin announcement and website entries give all the specific details about the Festival: times, activities etc. etc. I would like to share a few thoughts with you about exactly why we are having the festival and what it is about. Well, of course, like any good celebration, it is about many things. For one thing, we are a large community (of over 2,500 registered households) and we could say that we have many communities or groups within this larger community. There are all the various parish groups and activities, for example, as well as what we might call “Mass groups” (most parishioners tend to go to one particular Mass at the weekend). Often two people can meet at an event and chat together, then realizing that they are both St. Ambrose parishioners, but that they have never met each other as one goes to one Mass and the other person to another!

We are also part of a larger local community (such as the town of Colonie), as well as part of that wider community of the Roman Catholic Church. The Festival then is about celebrating and building up our sense of community and common purpose and of renewing our understanding that, above all, our faith is about a relationship with God and being disciples of Jesus Christ. People often ask me about what my vision is as a pastor. For me, it really boils down to something simple yet challenging: to help others become disciples of Jesus and to help them deepen that relationship with him.

But there are more reasons for our festival…Of great importance too is the need not only to maintain and strengthen our parish and school in what we might call an internal way, but also to reach out to those who, in various ways, are more on the edge or outside. So, for example, although we have 2,500 registered households, not all of these, of course, regularly share in the gift of the Eucharist. Many surveys tell us again and again that the second largest religious group in the U.S.A. are so-called “non-practicing Catholics.” Do you know such people? I am sure that we all do, beginning perhaps with our families and friends (it is certainly true for me!). Would it be possible for you to at least invite these family members or friends to come to the Festival…? (I would invite mine, but it is a bit of a long trip for them to make!!)

There are also so many folks who, given the busy and pressured life and culture we live in with all the fragmentation or isolation that life can bring, who are desperately seeking out the spiritual. This should not surprise us as we are made in the image and likeness of God (as the Book of Genesis tells us) and so, to quote Saint Augustine, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God. How can we reach out and welcome such dear people into the Church…? Well, perhaps the Festival might be a way for at least some. So, please let me repeat the invitation for you to invite at least one person you know who has that thirst for God, yet seems to remain “outside” the church, to come along to the Festival.

Many recent popes: Saint John XXIII, Paul VI, Saint John Paul II, Benedict XVI and, of course Pope Francis have repeated this call to reach out to those who are searching for the Lord, as well as to continue to deepen our own relationship with the Lord. May our Festival be one way that we can do this.

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.

We all need to ask ourselves if those who encounter us perceive the warmth of faith in our lives, if they see in our faces the joy of having encountered Christ!

…The new evangelization is a renewed movement toward those who have lost the faith and a sense of the deep meaning of life. This dynamism is part of Christ’s great mission to bring life to the world, to bring the Father’s love to humankind. The Son of God “went forth” from his divine condition and came to meet us. The Church abides within this movement; every Christian is called to go out to meet others, to dialogue with those who do not think as we do, with those who have another faith or who have no faith. To encounter all, because what we all share in common is that we were created in the image and likeness of God. We can go out to everyone without fear and without renouncing our membership in the Church.

No one is excluded from life’s hope, from God’s love. The Church is sent to reawaken this hope everywhere, especially where it has been suffocated by difficult and oftentimes inhuman living conditions; where hope cannot breathe, it suffocates. We need the fresh air of the Gospel, the breath of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, to rekindle it in people’s hearts. The Church is the home where the doors are always open, not only because everyone finds a welcome and is able to breathe in love and hope, but also because we can go out bearing this love and this hope. The Holy Spirit urges us to go beyond our own narrow confines, and he guides us to the outskirts of humanity.

—Excerpted from the new book Walking with Jesus by Pope Francis

Reach out … invite someone who is searching for the Lord to “Come and See” God's love visible in our St. Ambrose community.

See you at The Fest! September 20th, 2015
Let us know you are coming!
You don’t need to RSVP to come but it will better help us prepare food and events!

Name: ___________________________________________

Number of people attending (approximate): ___

You can:

- Drop this in the collection basket during Mass
- ...or Email your reply to “faithformationAA@stambroselatham.com
- ...or RSVP on the parish website (stambroselatham.com/parish-festival)

What will be happening at the Fest?

- Food
- Family activities
- Faith
- Tours
- Games
- Celebrating Fr. Barratt’s anniversary of 30 years of priesthood at 3pm!
- Celebrating who we are as a parish family!

We would love if everyone could bring a non-perishable food item but the day is free to attend!

You are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share!
Parents please—We invite you to stay connected and up to date about everything that is going on with St. Ambrose Life Teen! Would you please...

Join us on Flocknote by texting the word ”TEEN” to 84576

There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. Reply STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. View the Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions at flocknote.com/txt.

Do we have your email? Please send it to us via my email at: youthministry@stambroselatham.com

WEBSITE: http://stambroselatham.com

Attention all Parents of youth in grades 6th, 7th and 8th!

You should have received an informational mailing this past week. If you did not please contact the Lifeteen Office by calling 518-785-1351 x309 or by texting to 518-369-0213 or by emailing youthministry@stambroselatham.com

Our kickoff meeting that is for all Parents and youth is September 22nd at 6:45pm in the Parish Center. Please plan to attend. There are many new things happening with our ministry and we are very excited to share them with you.

Calling all High School Teens.
Join us on September 27th for Mass at 5:30pm and then immediately following we will have a night of getting to know each other, hearing about the awesome things we’ll be doing this year and then spending some time with target practice, swimming and acting like a gerbil. Don’t miss this night. Plenty of food and fun and things you’ve never done.
Do you have any musical instruments you would like to donate to the students of St. Ambrose School? Please contact Mrs. McGraw today.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, OCTOBER 24th
WINE TASTING EVENT

Grief-Loss Group
This WEDNESDAY. September 16th, at 7pm the Grief Loss Group will gather in the Resource Room of the School. All are welcome whether your Loss has occurred recently or in the past. This Group is planned and led by Bernie Amyot, a Professional Grief Counselor who is in Private Practice, and has been on the Adjunct Faculty of Russell Sage College Graduate School.

This week marked the 14th Anniversary of the tragic September 11th atrocity which will never be forgotten. It always brings back a flood of Memories as my Husband and our dear friend, witnessed in Vienna and Yerevan, Armenia, as we were in route with Relief efforts to the Children’s Cardiac Center in Armenia. It was such a turbulent time in both America and Abroad, yet we were treated by those in the Foreign lands with the utmost respect and Compassion. I will always love and Respect those people. May the lives that were lost, remain deep within our hearts, resting peacefully in the Lord’s loving care.
Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women’s Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 AM – 12 Noon at St. Ambrose Parish Center, 347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY. Tickets: $20.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. Guest Speaker is Bishop Edward Scharfenberger. Register by Sept. 9 by sending a check for $20 payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY, 12065. Please include your name, address and phone # and email address. Questions, call Heather @ 877-8034.

Farewell to Fr. Charles Chukwunedum Anene!

Once again, it is time to say farewell to Fr. Charles after his annual months with us over the summer. He will be returning to Nigeria after the weekend of 12th – 13th September to continue his ministry at the seminary there. As always, we give thanks for all his help and for his priestly presence in our parish and we very much look forward to seeing him next year. Please do keep him in your prayers as we will certainly be in his.

Fr. Anthony

Food Pantry Stats

The Food Pantry served 119 families in August. This included 270 adults and 238 children.

As always the generosity of St. Ambrose parishioners is deeply appreciated and helpful. The ongoing need is great and all food and monetary contributions are deeply appreciated as we strive to feed the hungry in our community.

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers from the St. Ambrose Parish Community to Frederick Emil Young III & Christina Marie Gorman, Michael Crawford Bryk & Krystal Ashley Donnahie, Nicholas J. Falco & Kristy M. Daub who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during August and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: Zakala Lee Rootes, Jackson Matthew Church, Hailey Catherine Dillon, Griffin Mitchell Washburn, Carly Elizabeth Peris, Elliot Thomas Wellworth, Gemma Marie Rafferty & Finn Michael Torrey.

Attend first day of classes on Sunday, September 13th at 10:15am

Download our registration/informational packet at

www.stambroselatham.com/faith-formation-news

Contact us at: 785-1351 x322 or “FaithFormationAA@Stambroselatham.com”

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Marie E. Wilson, Jean M. O’Brien and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.
Confirmation
2016 Registration
(Family meeting THIS Wednesday
9/16 @7pm in the Parish Center)

In 9th grade and 10th grade?
Register to begin formation today!
Registration packets are online and
in the back of the Church!
Contact Mark:
youthministry@stambroselatham.com
518-785-1351 x309

Pre-K to Grade 6
Sunday Morning
Faith Formation

Let us know if you did not get our informational
packet and registration form in the mail!

If you’d like to register, pick up a registration
packet in the back of the Church or
visit our website!

First Reconciliation,
First Communion...and beyond!

ATTENTION Catholic Men!
Bishop Scharfenberger will lead a diocesan men’s
night of recollection, "A CALL TO ARMS!" on Saturday,
September 26 at 6PM at St. Ambrose Parish
(347 Old Loudon Rd, Latham, NY). The night will
include adoration, confession, a riveting call-to-arms
talk from nationally renowned Catholic speaker and
author—Mark Houck, Bishop’s mass, and pizza and
beverages. All priests are invited to concelebrate and
all ages welcome. To learn more or RSVP, find our
event page on Facebook /TKM Albany, or email
Matt Ingold at matt@thekingsmen.org.

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

September 6, 2015 $15,969.15
September 7, 2014 $16,672.81

“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 EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name: __________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ____________
Zip: ________________________________
Phone No: ________________________________

Please check:

________ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist,
here is my $18.00/yr.

________ Add my name to the subscription list,
here is my $18.00/yr.

Please cut out, make check payable to St. Ambrose Church,
drop it in the Collection Box or mail to the Parish Office.

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.
### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending September 20, 2015

**Money Counters, Sunday, September 20**  
Team #7 — Tom Thouin, John Beaumont & Paul Tessier

**Money Counters, Monday, September 21**  
Team #3 — Joe Hogan & Rene Comtois

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