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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)

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

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THE EPIPHANY &
A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Well, 2016 has already arrived, probably leaving many of us still thinking “where, on earth, did 2015 go to…?!?” As our new year opens up ahead of us, we continue to celebrate the great season of Christmas. (By the way, do remember that the season of Christmas begins and not ends on Christmas Day, even though the stores and other places may well have already taken down their Christmas decorations on Christmas Eve.) In fact, in our Church calendar, the season of Christmas really continues until next weekend when we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

This weekend our festivities continue as we celebrate “the Epiphany” of the Lord. This strange word comes from the ancient Greek language and it really means the appearing or the showing forth of something or someone. So, this weekend, we commemorate the epiphany or the manifestation of Jesus. Not only this, but we also mark the revealing of Jesus to the nations: Jesus Christ is the universal savior: for all times and all places: He is the “incarnation” of God’s love and mercy. This is symbolized in the coming of the three kings who have travelled a long distance from foreign lands and also by the giving of their gifts. The gifts indicate who Jesus is and what he has come to do. The well-known hymn, “we three kings” explains all this to us. If you have a moment, read over the hymn to discover what the gifts signify.

As mentioned, we also begin a new year and most of us make some sort of resolution for the year ahead. I would like to make a suggestion for a sort of religious resolution, or a St. Ambrose Parish and School resolution. It is a resolution that can involve everyone and, in fact, needs everyone if it is to work. The suggestion is to continue the wonderful efforts that have been made especially over the last few weeks to welcome, encourage and engage those around us who, perhaps, we only see rarely at St. Ambrose or any other church. We know that they are our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ and that we, like a family, are in a way incomplete without their presence with us.

In fact, Pope Francis in his visit to the USA back in September issued an urgent appeal and a challenge for all of us to attract others to a new or a renewed relationship with the Lord. This is given an extra dynamic as we continue our “Year of Mercy.” During this special year we are asked to see with fresh eyes just how central God’s mercy is in our faith. So, perhaps we might think about how we can be more aware of and then celebrate God’s mercy in our lives, as well as help others who are very much in need of that mercy to experience this love and mercy for themselves.

We can realize that we have received the gift of faith from others (parents, grandparents, family or friends). Not only this: we are called to bring that gift of love to others. We are to be the revelation or epiphany of Jesus to all those whom we meet. It will not be with gifts of gold, frankincense or myrrh (well, probably not!) but instead through our time, our words, our prayers and our actions. All these can show forth and manifest the love of God. These often small things can be like a shining star that guides and helps others to discover the very presence of God in their lives. As this new year begins, perhaps we can resolve to finds ways to show forth that love of God (and once again, especially His mercy!) that we have experienced and that we celebrate to others. As one of the dismissals at the very end of Mass tells us: “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!”

Fr. Anthony
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Night of Praise**

**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

**at 7 p.m. in the Church**

Experience a powerful night of praise to celebrate God’s greatest gift.

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**A Special Invitation...**

With gratitude in our hearts for God’s great love and mercy, let us come together for a night of praise and worship. We will sing songs of Christmas praise and adoration and listen to some scripture reflections on the Nativity. We pray it will be a night of community, gratitude, joy and worship!

Please join us from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Church on Thursday, January 7, 2016.
In this image, Joseph and Mary are reimagined in a contemporary setting. While the backdrop and clothing seem more in line with the inner-city, there is a truth to what we see. Mary is a pregnant teenager (notice her high school sweatshirt) who is travelling outdoors and without shelter. Joseph is a workman (a more precise translation of the Greek term “teknon” used in the Gospels) who is trying to find a place for them to stay because there’s no room at the inn (see the motel sign in the backdrop).

In fact, the image is full of references to the nativity story and the prophets: the shoot from the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1), the star of Bethlehem, the manger, Herod (up for “election”), the Holy Spirit, the “Gloria” of the angels, and so on.

Joseph and Mary were not well-off but poor refugees who struggled in preparing for the birth of Jesus. It’s also the kind of family that God chose when He came into the world through the Incarnation of the Son of God. Whenever we see any family poor and struggling, may we see in them the Holy Family. To serve families is to serve the Holy Family, as Jesus reminds us that what we do for the least of those among us, we do to Him (Matthew 25:40).
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Merry Christmas from the LIFETEEN Core Team Have a Sealful Joyfull Christmas Season

Time is running out! - Get your tickets now! Only 5 days left!

Tickets on sale now Jan. 8th
They're coming back! Save the Date!!
The Premier Irish band

Hairy Dog
Tickets $29 per person
Pub style available
Wings, food will be
for purchase. Pub Fries.

Onion Rings,
Sliders, Flat Breads,
Chili, Turkey wraps and much more. Come and enjoy a night of raffle drawing, silent auction, great fun and friends to share; all while supporting the mission trip to the

Support the St. Ambrose Family, Lifeteen Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.
Adult Raffle
Tickets are $100.00 ea.

Each ticket has 1/12 chance of winning. There will be only 200 tickets sold.

one winner; First Prize $5,000
two winners; Second Prize $1,000
four winners; Third Prize $500
ten winners;
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

2015 In Review

Students make hearts for recovering cardiac patients

RACE for EDUCATION involves the whole community!

School buses of all sizes usher in the first day of school

St. Ambrose School fields new intermural soccer team for grades 5-8

Parish Nurse Nancy Acemoglu, RN

January 3, 2016
Happy New Year
Loving Community

Wishing All the Best in 2016!

As the New Year begins, one can’t help but contemplate what it will be.

Will it be peaceful, will there be changes or challenges, or could it be a time of renewal?

How fortunate are we to be given the gift of Faith which allows us to hope and keep going. I found this little verse on my desk, that I thought I would share...

Acceptance doesn’t mean giving in or giving up. It means giving yourself completely to God’s plan for your life, trusting that He always wants what’s best for you, and will help you meet every challenge with courage.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

-Jeremiah 29:11
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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Name: ____________________________
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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.

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.

EPHESUS OF THE LORD

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 about 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.

If you or a member of your family is a patient in any of the area hospitals, please call the Parish Office at 785-1351 so Father or Deacon can make a visit.

Please also inform the hospital that you are a member of St. Ambrose Parish. Hospital visitation is done on a weekly basis and it is important to us that all our parishioners are visited.

Epiphany of the Lord

ADAPT-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 of receiving a Catholic Education. Thank you. Terri McGraw, School Principal 785-6453
“We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

December 20, 2015 $21,459.45
December 21, 2014 $19,352.88

“Thank you for being so generous!”
Thank you to all who are responding so generously to our financial need. Your generosity 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.

Emmaus House
Albany Catholic Worker
45 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12202
(518) 482-4966
catholicworkeralbany@gmail.com

Mass for Peace - Wednesdays (Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2) - We’ll gather for Mass at 7 PM. Before Mass, please join us for a potluck supper at 5:45 PM at Emmaus House. Sponsored by the Albany Catholic Worker. All are welcome!

Items Needed - The Albany Catholic Worker distributes items to low-income families throughout the Capital Region. Please consider donating diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, tissues, toothpaste, bars of soap, cereal, etc. Donations may be brought to Emmaus House. For more information please call (518) 482-4966 or send an email to: catholicworkeralbany@gmail.com.

New Sanctuary for Immigrants Drop-In - Every Wednesday starting January 13 - Are you an immigrant (or know one) who needs help? Please visit with members of our New Sanctuary Group. We assist with legal concerns, education, employment advocacy and access to healthcare. Office location: Our Lady of the Americas Shrine Church 274 Sherman Street, Albany, NY 12206 Phone: (518) 465-3685, extension 10 email: ns4immigrants@gmail.com

Monday – January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton
6:30 AM Bernard Bellerose by Theresa
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday – January 5—St. John Neumann
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Dimma Fredericks by Susan Barbone

Wednesday – January 6—Christmas Weekday
6:30 AM Patricia McFall by Ann & Jim
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – January 7—Christmas Weekday
9:00 AM Grenchus Family by Mary Anne
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Friday – January 8—Christmas Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday – January 9—Christmas Weekday
4:30 PM Charles & Gloria Barber by Children
Margaret Barber by Bob & Judy Grimsley
Susan Creed by The Smith Family

Sunday – January 10—The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM Teresa & Vincenzo Polizzi by Clara
James J. Falasco, Sr. by Judy Kendrick
9:00 AM Helen Bonson by Family
11:30 AM Arthur Giulianelli by Bob & Sue Hartmann
Richard Quinn by Barbara & Isaiah Bennett
5:30 PM Parish Intention

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.

Please check the Lost & Found container in the Usher’s Room at the back of church ~ it is FULL of lost items. Thank You!
Calendars & Schedules

Sunday – January 3
Life Teen Breakfast after all Masses
10:00-11:00AM Teacher Workshop
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen XLT - Parish Center

Monday – January 4
7:00 PM Core Team - Chapel

Tuesday – January 5
6:30 PM Prayer and Worship—Sacristy
6:45 PM Edge – Parish Center

Wednesday – January 6
No events scheduled

Thursday – January 7
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group
6:00 –9:00 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN
7:00-8:00PM Night of Praise

Friday – January 8
7AM- Midnight Eucharistic Adoration
7:00PM 10:00PM Hair of the Dog

Saturday – January 9
No events scheduled

Sunday – January 10
10:15AM Faith Formation
6:30 PM Confirmation Large Group

Stewardship of Offertory
Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give.
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

Keep the Legacy Alive
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Liturgical Roles for Week Ending January 10, 2016

Money Counters, Sunday, January 10th
Team #7—Tom Thouin, John Beaumont, Paul Tessier

Money Counters, Monday, January 11th
Team #3—Joe Hogan & Rene Comtois

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         #2 –Diana Spenard
Altar Servers: J. O’Brien, D. Cushing, L. Francesconi, J. Paradis
Users: D. Mason, J. Couch, M. Commerford, Volunteer
Media Ministry: TBD

Sacristan: Bob Lamiamo
Lectors: #1-Patty Lincoln
         #2-Valerie Gyurka
Altar Servers: V. Cook
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Szwoed, E. Mahoney, D. Daub, G. Gentile, J. Bodnar, C. Chabot, B. Evers
Users: J. Bodnar, N. Brock, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron
Media Ministry: TBD

Sacristan: Renee Hallock
Lectors: #1-James Colen
         #2-Kimberly LaBombard
Altar Servers: M. E. Belsis, A. Hallock, M. Hayes
Users: J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs,
Media Ministry: TBD

Sacristan: Fran Fiegler
Lectors: #1-Patricia Frank
         #2-Ruth Lapierre
Altar Servers: N. Koroso, M. Mahar, P. Adams
Users: R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda
Media Ministry: TBD

Sacristan: Mark Trudeau
Lectors: Volunteers
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