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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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Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
Lent as a Time of Transfiguration…

A Project Suggested by Bishop Scharfenberger

We are already beginning our second week of our journey through Lent and our wonderful readings this weekend invite us to focus on transformation and transfiguration. At every second Sunday in Lent, we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus before his disciples Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Jesus is transfigured or transformed in front of his closest disciples: His inner beauty and awesome power as Son of God and Son of Man shines out. The disciples are both afraid and awe-struck at the sight. And yet, just a short time after this they see Jesus transformed again, this time in his suffering as He carries His cross and is crucified, before they then see the risen Lord transformed again in His glorified body at Easter. There is so much to think about as we are given this Gospel to help us in our journey through Lent to Easter.

So, we are given this Gospel to remind us about how God’s love and mercy can transfigure or transform us: our inner beauty as sons and daughters of God can shine out! It is also a reminder that the Lord asks us to be His agents of that same transformation and transfiguration; to share the good news of what we have received. In other words, we are to be evangelizers and disciple-makers. Peter thought that it was wonderful to be present at Jesus’ transfiguration and perhaps wanted to stay on the mountain, making a shrine there. Instead, Jesus takes Peter and the other two disciples back down the mountain: they cannot stay there for He must continue His mission and ministry (and so must they!).

Thinking of all this, Bishop Scharfenberger has shared with us a way that we can focus on this transformation and transfiguration, both for ourselves and our families and friends, but also so that we can be better examples and disciple-makers. Here are some excerpts from the letter in which he puts forward this suggestion…

“This Holy Year of Mercy is a grace that keeps giving. I would like to offer you a gift that you can share with your family, parishioners and loved ones, which has touched my heart deeply: an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary….The process I used was an updated version developed by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC. May I invite you to share this experience with me, which will culminate in a celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, April 4th, at 6:30 P.M. in our Cathedral? This year’s feast, which I think of as the Dawn of Mercy, falls the day after Divine Mercy Sunday. It recalls the moment of Mary’s free and total “yes” to be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It can also be our “yes” this Holy Year to let Mary’s heart be our personal holy door to the heart of Jesus Christ, who is Mercy Incarnate. Here’s how we can do it together…

Beginning on March 1st, Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent, you and those with whom you share the experience can enter into an easy-to-follow daily prayer and reflection process that fits perfectly into the culmination of Lent with the Easter Season. It’s called 33 Days to Morning Glory. As a good retreat-master, Fr. Michael leads us step-by-step to the Consecration in his very personal and readable book. For all of the resources you need, please visit www.rcda.org/Offices/parish_services/Marian%20Consecration.html, our dedicated web page, or call Renée, our Coordinator for Parish Services, at (518) 453-6609. Fr. Michael’s speaking schedule will be posted on our dedicated website for the Consecration.”

Fr. Anthony
Prayer Warrior Ministry

Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and is looking for community interaction? Then this is the ministry for them! The Prayer Warrior Ministry is a group of parishioners who, due to short or long-term conditions, can no longer attend mass with the community, but long for community interaction. We are a group who will pray daily for the intentions of our parish and the world, using scripture readings combined with intentions gathered from our Parish Intention Book. This ministry is open to all members of our community, as well as those who are homebound. Please join us for a brief 30 minute information gathering on Thursday, February 25th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7 PM in the Church. This week the stations will be led by Faith Formation Catechists.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The next weekend of February 27 & 28 Fr. Paul Wilderotter will be here on behalf of FOOD FOR THE POOR. As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection. Envelopes will also be provided for those who wish to make an individual donation.

Save the Date

For

2016 Autumn Gathering

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016
Place: LaSalle Institute, Troy
Time: 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

More Details Will Follow!!!
Office of Lay Ministry Formation

Lent 2016

Our Hearts Turned to God
Speaker: Brian Evers
**Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM in the Parish Center**

This night offers the parish a chance to reflect on changing the course of our lives and turning away from those patterns in our life that move us away from God.

Sacrament of Mercy
Speaker: Fr. Anthony Barratt
**Wednesday, March 9th at 7 PM in the Parish Center**

Jesus left us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring healing to our brokenness. Fr. Barratt will guide us through how we celebrate and receive His great gift in the Sacrament.

The Light is On For You!
**Tuesday, March 15th**
**7pm to 8:30pm**

**Parish Reconciliation Service**

3:16 Songs to the Beloved
Night of Praise
On March 16th, come celebrate the love of the Father and the great gift of His mercy. Join us at 7 PM in the Church.

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world”

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**On February 9, 2016, the following students received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey toward receiving the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at their First Holy Communion on May 7th.**

Jeanette Bermejo  Benjamin Fondacaro  Braeden Novak
Madelyn Bevins  Brodie Garland  Peyton O’Brien
Jeffrey Boeck  Aiden Guzi  Ava Pacifico
Wesley Carlo  Ryan Hanley  Mahina Pascazio
Cormac Clarke  Arianna Hoffman  Gianna Pepe
Jude Coppola  Ashlyn Horan  Richard Rafferty III
Finn Crowther  Peter Kennedy  Ava Rocco
Gabriella DiBacco  Ajay Kurian  Molly Ryan
Tanner Donovan  Juan Miguel Lorenzo  Patrick Ryan
Kaelyn Dugan  Marissa Mackay  Sofia Spera
John Elma  Lily Maynard  Jeremiah Strock
Mya Endres  Carolyn Merolle  Rosa Tropiano
Cameron Erano  Henry Mora  Brianna Venditti
Are you being called to share your faith?
We asked some of our catechists to share some thoughts on what they enjoy most about being a catechist:

- “keeps me connected to the church community”
- “sharing my faith with young people”
- “love the faith”
- “by sharing my faith with others, I continue growing in my own faith”

The faith formation team has a variety of programs and opportunities waiting for you:

- Pre-K thru 6 — Sunday mornings
- The Edge (grades 6—8) - Tuesday evenings
- Life Teen (high school) - Sunday evenings
- Confirmation (grades 10—12) - monthly
- Youth Ministry Core Team — Monday evenings
- RCIA — Sunday mornings
- Adult Formation — ongoing throughout the year

To learn more about joining the faith formation team as a classroom volunteer, catechist, leader, or guest speaker call us at 785-1351, ext. 307 or email us at faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Our Week in Review

Tuesday evening our 2nd grade students received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Their little halos were beaming as well as their sweet little faces!

Wednesday morning the school and parish community gathered together to begin our Lenten Journey as we received ashes and prayed to ‘repent and be faithful to the Gospel.’

Thursday morning our Odyssey of the Mind teams performed their long term problem. Their creativity, ingenuity and humor wowed the students, parents and teachers. Team No Cycle Recycle will represent St. Ambrose at the Region 7 competition on March 5th at Shenendehowa East High School. We are so proud of everyone’s efforts!

The 100th day of school is celebrated in a hundred different ways. How would you celebrate?

Of course, we showed our love and care for our friends in a way that would make St. Valentine very proud!

Registration for 2016-2017 is now open!
Call today for a tour 785-6453!
It would be our pleasure to share with you all St. Ambrose School has to offer children 3 years old through grade 8.

Parish Nurse
Nancy Acemoglu, RN
“Nurses notes”

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong.

Because someday in life you will have been all of these...

There has been a special request for about 20 candles to be used in a faith program for the elderly. If you have any to spare or you would like to help with this Project, you may leave them in my office. Thank you...
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 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.

Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

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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.

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

Ash Wednesday (2/10)  $ 1,724.25
February 14, 2016  $13,617.60
February 15, 2015  $13,047.25

Renewed thanks for your generosity and many thanks to everyone for the generous response to the Increased Offertory Campaign.

MASS OF PEACE—Wednesday, March 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 (45 Trinity Place, Albany) sponsored by the Albany Catholic Worker…482-4966.

All are welcome!

A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

Jesus “went up the mountain to pray” and he was “changed.” Prayer has the power to change us. This lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Sunday:  Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Tuesday:  Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:  Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:  Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:  Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:  Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/ Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
1st Scrutiny:  Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – February 21
10:15 AM  
NO Faith Formation
After 5:30 PM Mass  
NO Life Teen

Monday – February 22
7:00 PM  
Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – February 23
6:45 PM  
EDGE - Parish Ctr

Wednesday – February 24

Thursday – February 25
6:00 – 9:00 PM  
AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
6:30 PM  
Prayer Warrior Ministry Mtg-Parish Ctr
7:00 – 9:00 PM  
Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – February 26
7 AM- Midnight  
Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross lead by Faith Formation Catechists in the Church

Saturday – February 27

Sunday – February 28
10:15 AM  
Faith Formation
After 5:30 PM Mass  
Life Teen

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 of receiving a Catholic Education. Thank you.

Terri McGraw - School Principal 785-6453

NEW SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANTS DROP-IN

Every Wednesday

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—465.3685 x10.

Entrance: 274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. E-mail: ns4immigrants@gmail.com).

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
TEAM #4— BILL SAGE & JUDY VAUTRIN

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH
TEAM #3—JOE HOGAN, RICHARD OSTIGUY & RENE COMTOIS

4:30PM  |  7:30AM  |  9:00AM  |  11:30AM  |  5:30PM

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Sharon Burgess  

LECTORS:  
#1-Joe Leombruno  
#2-Frank Carlino  

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M & M Commerford  
Rachel Dwyer  

Eucharistic Ministers:  
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JA Conroy, J. Hogan, L. Sharp, B. Sage, M. Riley  

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G. Spenard, J. Minnick,  
E. Poyrylca, Volunteer  

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Gary L.  

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Jacob & Noah Smith  

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C. Pracher, J. Bodnar,  
E. Mahoney, G. Gentile,  
J. Rys, P & RA Szwedo  

USHERS:  
P. Szwedo, R. Haggerty,  
V & M DesChamps  

MEDIA MINISTRY:  
Julie / Julie  

SACRISTAN:  
Donna Sabatino  

LECTORS:  
#1-James Conlen  
#2-Regina Brown  

ALTER SERVERS:  
M & J LaBombard  
Ben Miller  

Eucharistic Ministers:  
R. Zmijewski, A. Medici,  
R & P Ostiguy  
D. Sabatino, N. Styczynski, MK Frederick  

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F. Fraser, Volunteer  

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Premila J.  

SACRISTAN:  
Pat Rayball  

LECTORS:  
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#2-David Piusienski  

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Marisa Mullen  

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R. Lapierre, D. Piusienski,  
M. King. S. Almonte  

USHERS:  
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Rene M.  

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Mark Trudeau  

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M. Searles,  
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