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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
First of all, I would like to wish everyone every joy and blessing as we begin our celebrations of this great and wonderful season of Easter: the resurrection of our Lord and the life that this brings to each one of us. Perhaps this year the season of Easter has a special meaning as we continue our Jubilee Year of Mercy. After all, Jesus’ death and resurrection is, in a way, the key that opens that door of God’s love and mercy to us.

Also, I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to help make sure that our Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgies and special events and activities were celebrated and put together so well, and also that the church has been decorated so beautifully. A further word of thanks must go to the many kind and generous people who have contributed to all our parish and school outreach efforts to those members of the local community in need.

As we begin our “fifty days of festivities” that will end on Pentecost Sunday, let us continue our efforts that we made during Lent to deepen our faith and our relationship with the Lord and so to be open to the workings of His love in our hearts. Easter is indeed a time of renewal and newness of life, not least in terms of our spiritual life. It is a time, spiritually speaking, to open up the windows, dust off things and to let the light in! As St. Ambrose wrote some 1600 years ago: “the life that we live is not now an ordinary life, but the life of Christ: a life of sinlessness, of simplicity and every other virtue…we have risen with Christ, let us live in Christ.”

During Easter then, we can reflect on our faith, but as we do so let us keep some particular community members in mind as they contemplate important steps in their journey of faith. We congratulate Donald Harrison, Gregory Seeley and Guia Otero who recently were received or who completed their initiation into the Church. We also pray for Jennifer Mealey as she continues her preparation for the sacraments. We can also remember our First Holy Communion children and Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive these life-giving sacraments very soon. Let us pray also for all our children and young people at St. Ambrose and other schools and colleges, especially those who will soon be graduating. Finally, let us renew our thanks and prayers for all those who are involved in the education and spiritual formation of our children and young people. This is such a wonderful task, but also an awesome responsibility.

Once again, as the days continue to lengthen and the newness of life that Spring brings comes to our area, may we also allow the light of the risen Christ and the new life that He brings to work within us, our family and our friends. We can echo what is probably the earliest message and preaching of the first Christians: “The Lord is truly risen, alleluia!” May we all indeed experience a happy, holy, joyful and blessed Eastertide.

Fr. Anthony
URGENT: MEDIA MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Media Ministry is in desperate need of volunteers at the 4:30pm, 9am and 11:30am masses. If you have a love for the Mass and a heart for worship and can click a mouse - please consider giving your time to this ministry. Help us keep this ministry available at these masses by calling Mary Alice Hunt at 518-859-6743 or stopping by the choir loft to check us out at any mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY services will be held on April 3rd at 2 PM at St. Pius X Church, Crumitie Rd, between Route 9 (Loudonville Rd) and Albany Shaker Rd, Loudonville. There will be a Holy Hour, Rosary Chaplet and Mass. There will be no confessions. Father Jeffrey L’Arche, M.S. will be the Celebrant. A good will offering will be collected for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. For information, call 462-4108. Please do not call the Parish Office.

CARONDELET CONFECTIONS PARTY
St. Joseph’s Provincial House
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Latham, NY 12110
Sunday April 3 ♦ 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tickets are $15 and on sale in the Development Office.
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2016
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
        Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
        or Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
            Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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Marriage Moments
Growing old together: "I wanna make you smile whenever you're sad: carry you around when your arthritis is bad. All I wanna do is grow old with you. I’ll get your medicine when your tummy aches. Build you a fire if the furnace breaks. Oh it could be so nice, growing old with you." From: The Wedding Singer.
Because of what Jesus did on the cross... we have been made right with God.

Because He rose from the grave... we know that our death isn’t the end.

Because He ascended into Heaven we know that we can be with Him and the Father...

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“because of his mercy
he saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior.” ~Titus 3:5-6

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

What makes a Catholic education different?
People often ask me this question and my response is always the same. It is very difficult to quantitate the various aspects of a Catholic school environment but you sure can feel the difference. The outcome can be summed up in one word, confidence. Students who know they are a child of God possess an inner confidence that encourages them to try new things, make life-long friendships, challenge themselves, academically and succeed! A prayerful, nurturing environment further supports young learners. This is why we say at St. Ambrose School we are

“Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

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

Parish Nurse
Nancy Acemoglu, RN
“Nurses Notes”

In the writings of Fr. Herald Joseph Brock we are reminded that not only in the face of death that life’s meaning becomes clear; because, by itself, death remains a crushing, answerless enigma. Something is necessary; the gift of the Cross. The Cross holds the key that unlocks the mystery of suffering and death. It is a beacon that shines with the bright light of hope in the dark valley of human despair. It is the staff on which we lean for strength when the weight of sorrow is too heavy to bear. It is not simply that we carry the Cross, the Cross carries us, too.

May each person be blessed and renewed with the gift of hope and love of family, as we commemorate our Lord’s Resurrection.
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.

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.

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Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am

**LATHAM**
Our Lady of the Assumption 785-0234
Sat: 4:30pm
Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House
10:30am

**LOUDONVILLE**
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Due to early transmittal of this bulletin,  
Palm Sunday will be reported next weekend.

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

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.

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Like altar serving, being a Sacristan is a very beneficial way to help out your church community, and an active way to participate in Mass. Sacristans perform the following duties:

- Setting up the church before Mass. Typically, sacristans arrive at church half hour before anyone else. They light the candles, arrange the books, ready the linens and basically perform a little simple organizing before Mass begins.
- Prepare the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass.
- Coordinate all Mass participants make sure Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are ready.
- Cleaning the holy materials after Mass in the sacristy.
- Before the sacristan leaves the church everything is set back in its place and secured.

Decide if this is something you think you can do. Setting the table of the Lord is a ministry that is essential for the Mass. We are in need of sacristans for all Masses. Our schedules are flexible so after training you can let us know what Mass works for you. Our schedule is posted ahead several months at a time for your convenience. Please contact the Sacristan Coordinator Pat Rayball 708-9615 for more information.

Spring Enrichment will be held this year at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, May 18–20 and - new this year - at five other sites across the Albany Diocese on May 21. Spring Enrichment is a series of courses, workshops and keynote addresses on various aspects of faith.

Spring Enrichment is targeted to catechists, youth ministers, teachers and anyone in parish ministries and other aspects of Church life. This year’s theme is, "God always knocks on the doors of our hearts," a line from Pope Francis’ remarks last September at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

Learn more at www.rcda.org/springenrichment or by calling the diocesan Catholic Schools Office, (518) 453-6602.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday – March 27—Easter
10:15 AM  NO  Faith Formation
After 5:30 PM Mass  NO  Life Teen

Monday – March 28
7:00 PM  Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – March 29
6:30 PM  St. Issac Joques Meeting-Parish Ctr
6:45 PM  NO  EDGE - Parish Ctr

Wednesday – March 30
7:00 PM  Grief/Loss-Resource Rm

Thursday – March 31
6:00-9:00 PM  AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM  Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – April 1
7 AM-Midnight  Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – April 2

Sunday – April 3
8-12 Noon  BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER-Parish Ctr
10:15 AM  Faith Formation
After 5:30 PM Mass  XLT-Adoration/Reconciliation

Liturgical Roles for Week Ending April 3, 2016

Money Counters, Sunday, April 3rd
Team #9— Jannie Daggs, Valerie Gyurko, Betty Mahoney, Carolyn Chabot & Clara Aliberti

Money Counters, Monday, April 4th
Team #2—Mike, Jan & Pat Rayball

4:30PM  SACRISTAN: TBD
LECTORS: 
#1-Nancy DiMarino
#2-Ralph DiMarino

ALTA SERVERS: 
J. O’Brien, L. Francesconi, D. Cusing, J. Paradis

Eucharistic Ministers: 

USHERS: 
Volunteer, D> Mason, J. Couch, M. Commerford

MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD

7:30AM  SACRISTAN: TBD
LECTORS: 
#1-Cecilia Pracher
#2-Valerie Gyurko

ALTA SERVERS: 
Mr. Vincent Cook

Eucharistic Ministers: 
D. Daub, J. Bodnar, J. Rys, P. & R. Szvedo, P. Lincoln, C. Chabot,

USHERS: 
J. Bodnar, N. Brock, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron

MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD

9:00AM  SACRISTAN: TBD
LECTORS: 
#1-Cathy DuBois
#2-Marion Rosenthal

ALTA SERVERS: 
M. & J. LaBombard, B. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: 
K. LaBombard, S. Earl, M. Girard, R. Hallock, A. Robinson, R. Zmijewski, J. Cyraic

USHERS: 
J. Estepe, B. Johnson, T. Malecki, K. Fuchs

MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD

11:30AM  SACRISTAN: TBD
LECTORS: 
#1-Ruth Lapierre
#2-Patricia Frank

ALTA SERVERS: 
K. Egan, A. Kurian, M. Mullen

Eucharistic Ministers: 
S. Almonte, S. Rayball, M. King, MG Renda, D. Pliusienski, N. Agner, N. Fisk,

USHERS: 
R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda

MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD

5:30PM  SACRISTAN: TBD
LECTORS: 
Volunteers

ALTA SERVERS: 
Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: 
E. Bullis, M. Searles, D & MA Frament, S. Kolcow, R. LeClair, J. Finn

USHERS: 
Volunteers

MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD
Our History ....... Our Stories

St. Ambrose Church

We Need You! We are hoping to collect the history of the parish and we would love for your stories to be something accessible to the rest of the Parish. We hope to have these stories saved for generations, to remember times passed and to inspire those in the future. By including your story, please know that we may use it online, in print, in video, or through the media ministry here at the parish. More than anything else, you will be giving us here a way to better understand you and to better understand who we are as the people of St. Ambrose parish.

Please use this space to tell us your story. Include dates, parish or school events, ministries you may have served, sacraments you may have received here, etc. Use extra pages if needed.

We are also looking for old pictures (we will return them). Please drop them off to the office or email them to evangelizationandcatechesis@stambroselatham.com. Would you like to tell us your story in person? If so, please call 785-1351, extension 307 to make an appointment.