"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me..."
- John 17:22-23a

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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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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Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
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Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Yes, the month of May is here and Memorial Day is not too far away! It is a good time to reflect on this month of May which, by tradition, is also called the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother. There are many reasons why this is so, but perhaps it is because May is a month of hope and promise as we transition into the summer months (hopefully!) and we can think of Mary’s part in our hopes and in God’s promises being fulfilled. Devotion to Mary is very much part of our Catholic life and faith and it is wonderful to think that we live in a diocese whose cathedral and patronage is under the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We also have the beautiful shrine to our Blessed Mother in the church grounds: why not go as a family and say a prayer at the shrine, asking for the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

There are many ways to appreciate the importance of Mary in our life of faith. The principal or main title given to her is Mother of God. It was officially given to her at an important meeting of the Church called the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD, to show her place and role in the incarnation we celebrate each Christmas. We of course use this title every time we pray the “Hail Mary”. As we celebrate Mothers’ Day during this month, it is also good to think of the role of Mary as our mother and the mother of the Church.

Mary is also known as the first and greatest disciple of the Lord. We can think of her presence at so many of the key events in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. She is also a great woman of faith as we hear in her words when the archangel Gabriel comes to her at the Annunciation: “I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word.” At the end of her earthly life she was taken up body and soul into heaven: a fitting conclusion to her discipleship and a great sign of hope for us and for our loved ones when our journey on this earth is complete.

Mary is also a great woman of prayer and she is our intercessor. We ask for her prayers and guidance, just as we would a trusted and wise friend or confidant; although we also know that her prayers have a special place and efficacy! There are many prayers that we use such as the “Hail Mary”. During this month of May, perhaps we can discover or re-discover some other prayers such as the “Angelus” (normally recited at midday) or the “Memorare” of St. Bernard. There are some prayer cards available at the Blessed Mother shrine in our Day Chapel to help us, or why not look up some prayers online. Last, but by no means least, we are following Bishop Scharfenberger’s suggestion of having a Marian consecration in the parish. This began on 28th April and will finish with a special Mass on 31st May. It is not too late to join in if you wish. Details can be found on the parish website or just ask Fr. Anthony.

So, during this month of May, let us refresh our devotion to our Blessed Mother. Let us imitate her example and confidently ask for her prayers for ourselves, our families and our friends and for our parish and school family:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. AMEN.

Fr. Anthony
Happy Mother's Day!

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day and we give thanks to God for all that our mothers give to us. At all Masses this weekend we will be having a special blessing for mothers and a small presentation for them.

Our meeting on April 14th was great. Our speaker was Justina Treventi, Faith Formation Administrative Assistant, speaking about the history of our church and looking for more information. All went well. We went to lunch at the Restaurant at the Pointe after the meeting. People liked going to lunch so much, we will try going after each meeting. May 12th will be our next meeting. We will play BINGO at the end of the meeting. Please join us and check it out. We will be going to lunch at the “Café at the Top of the Hill” after our meeting. Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.

Bethlehem Wood Carving

WILL BE VISITING ST. AMBROSE ON BEHALF OF THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF THE HOLY LAND ON MAY 14 AND 15

For centuries, the Christians of Bethlehem district have earned their living by carving olive wood religious art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land, making it difficult for Christian artisans to support their families. Due to the lack of work, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Christians are now less than 2% of the population in the Holy Land.

Since the start of its mission, Bethlehem Wood Carving has helped hundreds of struggling families. Through his own experience as founder, Louie has worked to make it possible for Catholic Christians in the Holy Land to maintain a livelihood in their ancestral homes in the land of Christ. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Catholic Christians. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Józef Chilinski, Clara Ferrara and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.
Marian Consecration @ St. Ambrose
April 28th to May 31st

Gather, grow, and prepare for the Consecration as a community!
Mondays: 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Lounge) Starting May 2nd
Tuesdays: after 9am Mass and devotions Starting May 3rd

FIRST COMMUNION 2016

Special thanks to all of the families and catechists, our school and religious education program, and our priests and ministries who all made this day something really special.

These children made their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year. They worked really hard and God has blessed our community abundantly by allowing them to be our reminder that He’s really with us in the Sacraments.

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The Church that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ established was not set in place to do something but to be something.

We are Mission!

Building new homes on Orange St. Downtown Albany with Habitat for Humanities

We went to the Dominican Republic and built a home. And when we came home we did not stop there..

Check out the Before and after pics. Amazing transformation. Many hands make light work. The Food Pantry Garden is alive and well again this year. Please join the families who are adopting a section of the garden to care for and maintain for the summer. It’s a great way to have your family serve the greater church family.

If you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself serving our Lord as we help others contact the Lifeteen Office for upcoming events.

How about cooking for 200 at the Community Church in Cohoes? Great fun and lots of laughs as our family from St. Ambrose worked to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. What great things God has for us when we serve!!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

God Bless
our second grade students as they receive their
First Holy Communion:
Cormac Clarke
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Kaelyn Dugan
John Elma
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Ryan Hanley
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Join us for our
May Crowning of Mary
Monday, May 9th
8:30 am

Parish Nurse
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

Nurses notes..
The gift of Mothers
Today we remember God’s gift to us when he gave us mothers. She was the one who held you so closely in her arms and carried you for all those months in anticipation.

A mother is a blessing, the precious gift of love. I can’t help but remember my mother, gentle, kind and understated. I miss her everyday...A mother can recall the actual moment, her baby’s heart beat was detected.

Life comes in a full circle. As a grandmother, one sees the extension of love transcend to our grandchildren. So whether your mother is living, or has passed, is near by or far away, in a profound way, her presence is remembered. As especially in the month of May, we thank God for our Blessed Mother, who is our role model.

Poem to Our Lady
Lovely Lady dressed in blue-
TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY!
God was just your little boy, tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night? Did you ever try telling stories of the world? Oh! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things—little things that happen? And do the angels’ wings make a noise? And can He hear me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me—for you know.
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(Recited in Catholic School at the age of 6)
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Join us for our May Crowning of Mary Monday, May 9th 8:30 am
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

**Colonie**
- St. Clare’s: 456-3112
  - 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**
- Christ Our Light: 459-6635
  - Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am
- St. Pius X: 462-1336
  - Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 & 12 noon

Parishioner Registration/Update Request

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Parents of young children spend a lot of time teaching them manners. It is part of the socialization process in which three-, four-, and five-year-olds learn to come outside of themselves. They begin to recognize that there are others in the world, and that unlike in their infancy when all attention was focused on them, they now discover that they must interact with others who also have a claim on the social order. By teaching young children not only the words, but also the concepts of "please" and "thank you," parents assist their youngsters in finding a place in society. Children learn that they need to share, that not everything belongs to them. They discover that they must interact with others to get things to work properly. "Please" and "thank you" acknowledges that outsiders also have rights.

All this brings us to Sunday’s Gospel. There are only a few places in the New Testament in which we actually hear Jesus pray. The Gospel today is one of those. As he addresses the Father he prays not only for the disciples gathered with him at the Last Supper, but he also prays for us. He asks that we may be one and that we may be brought to perfection. Across two thousand years of time, Jesus is asking his Father to take care of us today!

"Please" and "thank you" are key words in prayer. They are actually part of three of the four traditional forms of prayer. Petition (asking for ourselves) and Intercession (asking on behalf of others) are "please." A prayer of thanksgiving is, of course, "thank you." The fourth type of prayer is adoration or praise. In his prayer, Jesus is interceding for us with his Father. It is the kind of prayer we can emulate, getting us out of ourselves as we ask God to be attentive to the needs of so many others in this world.
CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – May 8—Mother’s Day
After 5:30 PM Mass  NO Life Teen

Monday – May 9
7:00 PM  Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – May 10
6:45 PM  EDGE - Parish Ctr
7:00 PM  Altar Rosary in the Chapel followed by a Meeting in Meeting Rm 1

Wednesday – May 11

Thursday – May 12
10-12 Noon  Young At Heart-Parish Ctr
6:00-8:30 PM  AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM  Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – May 13
7 AM-Midnight  Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – May 14
9-12 Noon  Altar Server Jesus Day-Church

After 4:30 PM Mass  BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING in the Parish Ctr

Sunday – May 15
After ALL Masses  BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING in the Parish Ctr
After 5:30 PM Mass  XLT—Adoration/Reconciliation

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LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
TEAM #7—TOM THOUIN, JOHN BEAUMONT & PAUL TESSIER

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, MAY 16TH
TEAM #2—JAN & MIKE RAYBALL

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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

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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.
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### Charismatic Renewal Celebration 2016

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Date:** May 15th, 2016

**Time:** Praise and Prayer 4:30 pm, Mass @ 5:00 pm

**President:** Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D.

**Location:** Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany

**Music:** “Joyful Heart”

All are welcome!

For information call Jack E @ 518-334-6503 or Diane S @ 518-663-5125.