Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."
—Jn 14:23


Pentecost

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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
Today we keep another great feast, that of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Fifty days ago we celebrated Easter and during that time we have been hearing about the risen Jesus’s appearances to his disciples. Jesus has now returned to the Father (as we reflected upon last week when we explored the meaning of the Ascension of the Lord). Now Jesus fulfills his earlier promise that “the advocate, the Holy Spirit” will be sent to the disciples (John 14: 15-31). The feast of Pentecost concludes the fifty days of our season of Easter (the word “Pentecost” comes from an ancient Greek word “pente-koste”, meaning fifty days.) Well, all of this is fine and good, but what exactly do we celebrate today…?

The feast of Pentecost, like so many of our feast days and prayers, actually has its roots in a Jewish celebration, namely that of the “first fruits” or “the weeks”. This key feast was celebrated some seven weeks after the Sabbath of the Passover. It was a time to give thanks to God for the first fruits of the spring harvest and to renew the covenant or relationship between God and His people. This gives a clue to many of the things that we celebrate today, especially if we look again at our readings, hymns and prayers at the Mass for Pentecost.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles were renewed and, in fact changed, in their relationship with God. Before the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were weak and frightened men, cowering in the upper room in fear (as we are told at the beginning of our First Reading in Acts 2: 1-11). After they had received the Holy Spirit they were strengthened and became bold and powerful witnesses to the risen Jesus. In this sense, Pentecost is called “the birthday of the Church.” They received not the first fruits of the spring harvest, but the fruits or gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, wonder and awe. This giving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is continued in the church through every generation and place seen, above all, in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Gospel also tells us that the apostles receive the authority to become special instruments of God’s love and mercy as the Holy Spirit is breathed upon them (John 20: 19-23). This also is continued in the Church through the sacrament of ordination. Those who are to be ordained are literally ordered (that is both changed in their very being and also commanded) to be ministers of that same love and mercy through their leadership, their teaching and preaching and through the celebration of the sacraments.

This radical renewal of relationships extends even further. We can notice, for example, how when Peter preaches on the day of Pentecost, each person present understands him in his own language. In other words, the division that can be caused by all the different languages spoken in our world (as we hear in the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11: 1-9) is now overcome by the one message and one language of Jesus Christ. After all, the Holy Spirit is often called the “bond of love” or the “Spirit of unity”. So, today, with this wonderful feast of Pentecost, we also celebrate the unity that following Jesus and having faith in him can bring: we are indeed one family, brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ.

As our season of Easter comes to its close, let us give thanks for the first fruits or the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received. It is a good time to renew our appreciation of those seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and also to realize, once again, that these gifts are given to us to be shared with others. All of us have received that mission, or even commission, to preach the Gospel. We often do this simply by trying to live and to witness to our faith in the everyday events and encounters that make up our daily life. Let us, like the apostles, not cower in some upper room, but rather boldly go out and witness to our faith. Finally, let us remember our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and their families in our prayers as our candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 22nd May at the 5.30 pm Mass.

Fr. Anthony
A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

Today’s Gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, “We will come and make our home with you.” Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

Pentecost Sunday
God sends us out into the world with our own unique gifts and talents. How will I use my God-given gifts and talents to build the Kingdom?

Memorial Rose Garden
If you would like to order a rose bush in memory of a loved one, please complete the order form and return it to the office with your $25 donation.

I would like to order a rose bush:
In Memory of ________________________________
Or as a living memorial ________________________________
Your name: ________________________________
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Please note that this Memorial Rose Garden for the parish is being maintained by volunteers.

Diocese Special Collection
Next week we will take up the Collection of the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports organizations that provide affordable shelter, important services to the poor & training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of generations of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, support for families & faith formation your donations help to restore the Church & build the future in the region. Please give generously to this Special Collection next week.

As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection.

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.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal.
The amount raised thus far is $62,415 with a total of 206 pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this annual appeal depend on you and your generosity. Your gift helps St. Ambrose Parish pay its diocesan assessment of $172,616.
Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at: www.thebishopsappeal.org
Many thanks for your support!
Fr. Anthony

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during April and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: Ava Ryan Bakerian, Tegan Patricia Waters-Gardinier, Stella Brooke Winters and Liam James Egan.

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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

Scenes from First Communion 2016
Thank God Almighty there is hope for us all! Please join me and pray for our new Confirmation Candidates as they are in their final week of preparation to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that have been inside of each of them since Baptism. What a beautiful site to see our young church so vibrant and alive and to know these are the young men and women who will be the very body of our great church and community family. Please pray for them by name and we will all grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therese Biazon, Cameron Brochu, Claudia Cannif, Blake Clickner, Domenico Cunsolo, Joseph DeLollo, Dylan DeNault, John Dota, Nathaniel Einstein, Andrew Fraterrigo, Philip Fraterrigo, Dylan Guerin, Rachel Catherine Hayes, Celeste Hessinger, Aiden Hipwell, Brandon Hunt, Heidi Landry, Victoria Rose Lumia, Madisson Manzelli, Elizabeth Mattison, Jason Meal, Kimberly Michalski, Zachary Mitchell, Michael Mysliwiec, Margaret Nuss, Joseph Penn, Rachel Peterson, Danielle Pollay, Marygrace Polsinelli, Kimberly Reilly, Katie Rucinski, Catherine Searles, Christopher Sevinsky, Sarah Siple, Lea Sopok, Michael Stiso, Hannah Teeter, Meghan Van Wormer, Timothy Vartigian, James Von Bevern, James Watson, Alexis Weary, Jeremy Weissman, Kelsey Wells

COME HOLY SPIRIT, AND FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL, AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR DIVINE LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED, AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

OH GOD, WHO BY THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSTRUCTED THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL, GRANT, THAT BY THE SAME SPIRIT WE MAY BE TRULY WISE AND EVER REJOICE IN HIS CONSOLATION. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

“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. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told 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.”

Used Kids Books and DVD Sale

Saturday, May 21st
9am – 1pm
St. Ambrose School
Meeting Room
(enter through School entrance)
Sponsored by the
St. Ambrose School
Environmental Club.

What kid doesn’t love new books to read or movies to watch? Recycle items you are finished using and then come find some new stories to dive into!
Books $0.25 to $1; movies $2.

Money raised will benefit the recycling programs within the St. Ambrose School.

Donations accepted:
Wed 5/18 – Fri 5/20 during normal school hours in the school lobby

Items accepted:
Kids books up to Young Adult, kids magazines/comics, DVD’s G and PG ratings only.

NO Adult books, reference books, cooking books or inappropriate content. Items not sold will be donated.

Parish Nurse
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

Nurses notes...........

Update on Pastoral Care
Lovely corsages were distributed to the good Sister’s of St. Joseph Infirmary for Mother’s Day. This is a connection we continue to hold dearly in our hearts, remembering our dear Sister Jean Cummings, CSJ, who has gone home to the Lord, but was a solid loving, selfless presence here at St. Ambrose for many years. She was a true example of humility, and God’s presence on earth. She is so dearly missed.

I approached our wonderful Altar Rosary Society President Cathy Boudreau about helping complete this project, and the corsages were amazing, beautifully constructed and filled with love, thank you all.

Speaking of Pastoral Care, our Chair Verna Lewis Elgidely has already started in Bereavement Support and visitation. She brings a great presence and understanding to those in need from many years of Faith-filled experience. Having received many degrees in this area in Ministry and Theology, as well as a Doctorate from the Theological Foundation in Indiana.
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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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)

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Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2016

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Dorothy M. Borden, Priscilla E. Hogan and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

“The right to life is the first among human rights.”
Pope Francis
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Blessed Sacrament School, located in Albany, will be celebrating the Centennial of its founding on the weekend of September 17th & 18th, 2016. The School, which has operated continuously under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy, provides superior Catholic education for children from the surrounding area in addition to many children from immigrant families. If you are a member of the alumni, we would be happy to hear from you & share the details of our upcoming 100th Anniversary events with you. Please visit our website:  www.bss100.org. We also invite those who are interested in continuing the legacy of Catholic education in the Albany Diocese to visit our website.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, MAY 22ND
TEAM #8—LAWRENCE GIRARD, SUSAN O'BRIEN, SANDRA TRZCINSKI & DAVID PIUSIENSKI

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, MAY 23RD
TEAM #3—JOE HOGAN, RICHARD OSTIGUY & RENE COMTOIS

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**A Culture of Vocations**

What does it mean to create a “culture of vocations”?

We are going to gather as representatives of our St. Ambrose community to talk about vocations. We are not looking to form yet another committee but would like to prayerfully brainstorm ideas to help create a “culture of vocations” at St. Ambrose.

We will meet for discussion on:

**May 25th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.**

Please consider attending...

All are invited to come, listen, share and pray.

Come Holy Spirit!