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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
Friday 9:00am–4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today we celebrate “Corpus Christi”, the feast of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. In this great sacrament we have an abiding memorial of the presence of Jesus to us in every place and age. Here we have two key words that tell us about the Eucharist: memorial and presence. The Eucharist is a memorial: not just a remembering in the usual way, but a making present, here and now of our Lord. Our Lord said: “Do this in memory of me”: and so we do. The Eucharist is also about the presence of Jesus – a real presence. Again, we remember the words of Jesus: “This is my body…this is my blood.” All the sacraments make Jesus present in some way and continue His saving work, but it is only in the Eucharist that we have this real or what is often called a “substantial” presence of Jesus. In the Eucharist, Jesus is really present “body, blood, soul and divinity.” His sacrifice for us on the cross and the fruits of that sacrifice for us are also present to us in a special, sacramental way.

Sometimes people have a problem with this realism and presence: do we really eat Jesus’ body and drink His blood? How can Jesus be present in the Eucharist when He is in heaven, or how can He be present in so many places at once? We need to remember that His presence is a sacramental one; a presence that is certainly real, but that also transcends time and space. Jesus is truly present to us in a new way in the Eucharist – a presence that is substantial and real, and this presence is under the appearance of bread and wine that symbolize His body and blood.

We can also recall that the Eucharist is about action and imitation. The final purpose of the Eucharist is to feed us and sustain us so that we can follow Jesus more faithfully. When we receive the Eucharist, the priest or minister says, “the body of Christ”, and we respond “amen” (meaning “so be it”). The Eucharist is indeed the body of Christ, but then so are we. The amen that we say should also mean that we will try and be more like Christ and so build up His body, the Church. In the Eucharist then, we are called to become more and more like the one whom we receive: Jesus Christ. After all, we call the Eucharist “Holy Communion” and so it is! It is a holy communion between Jesus Christ and all of us and it should also be a real sign of the communion of love that exists between all the members of the Church community.

So today we give thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist. It has been described as the “source and summit” of the life of the Church. Let us never take this great gift for granted and let us renew our own thanksgiving each time we receive Holy Communion. Remember too that the Day Chapel is open during the week (from around 5.45 am until the evening) so that you can come in and spend a few moments of prayer before the sacrament. Finally, many thanks must go to all our parish Eucharistic Ministers who help at Mass and who take Communion to the homebound and the sick.

Fr. Anthony
**Memorial Day Prayer**

Dear God, on this day we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom. Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world. As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake.

St. Martin, St. George and St. Joan of Arc: pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be. Amen.

This weekend at our 9:00 AM Mass we will be offering special prayers in observance of Memorial Day. Please join us!

**Memorial Day Weekend**

- **Monday, May 30th**
  - There will be **NO** 6:30AM Mass
  - There will be a 9:00AM Mass
  - Church & School offices will be closed.

**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 $45 donation.

**I would like to order a rose bush:**

In Memory of: _______________________________

Or as a living memorial ________________________

Your name: _________________________________

Phone: _________________________________

Please note that this Memorial Rose Garden for the parish is being maintained by volunteers.

**September 25th Parish Picnic**

More info to come!
Please come to our closing Mass for this special time of Consecration to the Blessed Mother on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30pm in the Church!

Save the Date!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
July 25th to July 29th
Visit www.stambroselatham.com/VBS to sign up for updates!

PRAISE HIM IN HIS MERCY
The Name of God is Mercy
Night of Praise
On Thursday, June 16th, come celebrate the love of the Father and the great gift of His mercy. Join us from 7 pm to 8pm in the Church.

A Message to God, in His Mercy...
Seek and You Shall Find

What's happening?

(Write your intention in the space provided)

Please bring an intention back with you to Mass next week. You can leave it in the back of the Church or in the collection basket.
If you just graduated 5th grade you are welcome to join in on all Middle School activities. Welcome to the awesome EDGE Ministry where we take learning about Jesus to a new level. Come Join the fun.

**The Summer Schedule for the EDGE Ministry**

**May 31st**
EDGE Meeting—Becoming an Avenger Part 1

**June 7th**—no meeting

**June 11th**
**EDGE BIG DAY AWAY**
Go to our website and check out this day. We’re going to see just how big our faith is; how big our Church is; How big our God is!

Www.stambroselatham.com

**June 14th**
EDGE Meeting—Becoming an Avenger Part 2

**June 21st**
EDGE Meeting—Welcome Freshman!

**June 28th**
EDGE Meeting—Congratulations Grads! July—still in the planning stage

**August 1st - 4th**
**EDGE Service Week**
We spend all week working for those people who need our help. Check the web site for more details—Www.stambroselatham.com

If you just graduated 8th grade you are welcome to join in on all High School activities. Bring your friends and see what Lifeteen is all about.

**The Summer Schedule for Lifeteen High School Ministry**

**May 29th**
Family Mass at 5:30pm then Memorial Day Cookout with games and a special guest

**June 5th**
Family Mass at 5:30pm then a Dodge Ball Tournament

**June 12th**
5:30pm Mass then Honor our Seniors night

**June 19th**—Father’s Day—no meeting

**June 26th**
5:30pm Mass then Drive In Movie Night

**July 3rd**—Holiday Weekend—no meeting

**July 10th**
Mass at 5:30pm of course then Prepare the Way for the Youth Conference

**July 15-17**
St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference.
This is the event of the summer and everyone going into high school and everyone who graduated this year is invited to join hundreds of teens from around the Diocese in this massive weekend extravaganza. National Speakers, Full Band with amazing music, Bishop Scharfenberger and a ton of other Priests will be there and did I mention a couple hundred other teens! Don’t miss this event of the summer!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

The Race is On
To reach our goal of $25,000!

C’mon join the fun!

Father’s Day
Sunday, 19th June is Father’s Day. As in past years, we have some special Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the church exits. These include a card (to send) and an envelope on which to write the name(s) you would like to be remembered and to place an offering inside (if you wish to do so). The intentions will be remembered during Masses on Father’s Day. Please remember to return the envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offertory basket as soon as possible so that the intentions can be included in the Masses.

Catholic Singles Weekend
And Friends
June 17-19, 2016
Pyramid Life Center, Paradox NY
All inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting at a great price. For info, e-mail cathsing@yahoo.com.

Readings for the Week of May 29, 2016
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1-2/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17

Gift Bearers
When you have a Mass said for a person or family and you would like to bring up the gifts at the offertory, please let the Ushers know when you arrive at church, and they will let you know when you are needed.
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.

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.

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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|                |          | Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House 10:30am |

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THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ___________
Zip: _____________________________
Phone No: ____________________________

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

May 22, 2016
$17,366.11

May 24, 2015
$12,630.63

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

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.

In loving memory...

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Joan Ann Senick and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
BY BUD OZAR

In today’s gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is $98,770 with a total of 284 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
Calendars & Schedules

Sunday – May 29
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Memorial Day Cookout

Monday – May 30—Memorial Day
Church & School offices closed

Tuesday – May 31
6:45 PM EDGE - Parish Ctr

Wednesday – June 1
9:00 AM Class Mass-Chapel

Thursday – June 2
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – June 3
7 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – June 4

Sunday – June 5
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen—Parish Ctr

Liturgical Roles for Week Ending June 5, 2016

Money Counters, Sunday, June 5th
Team #10— Rene Comtois, Rich Haggerty, Dana Renda & Suzanne Trzcinski

Money Counters, Monday, June 6th
Team #2—Jan & Mike Rayball

Sacristan: Joe Leonbruno

Lectors:
#1-Joe Leonbruno
#2-Frank Carlino

Altar Servers:
Celeste, Ruth & Mary
Hessinger

Eucharistic Ministers:
L. Sharp, J. Proctor, I. Murray, MS Ray, B. Sage, D & G Spenard,

Ushers:
J. Couch, M. Commerford, D. Mason, Volunteer

Media Ministry:
Gary L.

Sacristan: Bob Lamiano

Lectors:
#1-Cecilia Pracher
#2-Ken Fusci

Altar Servers:
Jacob & Noah Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:
E. Mahoney, G. Gentle, B. Evers, D. Daub, J. Bodnar, C. Chabot, V. Gyurko

Ushers:
P. Szvedo, R. Haggerty, V & M DesChamps

Media Ministry:
Kathy G.

Sacristan: Fran Fiegler

Lectors:
#1-James Conlen
#2-Cathy DuBois

Altar Servers:
Madeline Stallmer, Abby Hallock & Alexa Tahoe

Eucharistic Ministers:
A. Medici, K. Matheson, K. LaBombard, S. Earl, M. Girard, M. Rosenthal, A. Robinson

Ushers:
J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs

Media Ministry:
Tenn C.

Sacristan: Pat Rayball

Lectors:
#1-Dorothea Carr
#2-Mary Anne Egan

Altar Servers:
Nicole Piusienski, Akhil & Sarah Jacob

Eucharistic Ministers:
A. Schwenzefer, M. King, N. Hooley, D. Rootes, J. Tengeler, S. Almonte, S. Rayball,

Ushers:
D. Fuda, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cavonough, R. Selkis

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Suzi T.

Sacristan: Mark Trudeau

Lectors: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

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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

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