“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said in reply, “The Christ of God.”*  
- Lk 9:20


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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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- Terri McGraw, Principal  
  Kelly Sano, Secretary
The ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Brian Kelly, Pat Rice, Francis Vivacqua and Stephen Matthews takes place over this weekend (on Saturday, 18th June at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral in Albany). It is, of course, a moment of great joy and thanksgiving for them, their families and friends and for the wider family of the Church. Please do keep our four new priests in your prayers as they begin the ministry of love and service as a priest in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the source and model of all priesthood. Perhaps we can take just a few minutes to reflect on the sacrament of Holy Orders and especially what priestly ordination means…

At the Mass of ordination, our new priests make five promises connected with their ministry and their way of life: to work with the Bishop, to exercise the ministry of the Word worthily and wisely, to celebrate the mysteries (especially the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation), to pray without ceasing for the people and to be united more closely with Christ each and every day. The special grace of ordination is given to help them in the three, principal tasks (or “munera”) that a priest has; namely of teaching/preaching (the Word of God and our faith), sanctifying (through prayer and celebrating the sacraments) and shepherding (being a spiritual guide and leader).

The joy of having seminarian Sam Bellafiore with us over the summer months is, of course, a reminder about the need to keep those who are in formation for the priesthood in our prayers. As has been mentioned at Mass a number of times, it is truly wonderful that the Diocese now has 15 seminarians (we have not had such a number in quite a few years). With this in mind and remembering the Bishop’s invitation to every parish to help create a “culture of vocations”, please do come to our next meeting to discuss how we can promote and enable this culture of vocations in our parish. With this initiative, we are not looking to set up yet another committee as such, but rather to share ideas and enthusiasm about how we can help to create a culture of vocations, especially here at Saint Ambrose parish and school. The meeting takes place on Wednesday, 22nd June at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center: please do come to share ideas, thoughts and experiences.

Finally, please also continue your prayers for all those who serve as ordained priests and for all vocations, but especially vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life.

Fr. Anthony
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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**Special Mass**

Bishop Scharfenberger will be offering a special Mass for the feast day of St. Josemaria, the Founder of Opus Dei. It will be on **Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.**

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I would like to thank all the members of Martha’s Ministry who helped out with Holy Week, First Communion & Confirmation. Your continued support is truly appreciated. Thanks also to our parish family who baked & cooked for Holy Week. A special thanks to Rose Anne for taking over in my absence. We are blessed to have such a generous parish family who are always there when needed. Thanks again to all & I hope you have a wonderful summer……..**Donna Sabatino**

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**Attention ALL Altar Servers**

We are looking for servers to help at the weekday morning Mass during the summer break. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Frank at **Frank.Garceau88@gmail.com**

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**Beginning Friday, June 24th through September 2nd, the Church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays.**

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**A Father's Day Prayer**

**God,**

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

**Amen**

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**Readings for the Week of June 19, 2016**

**Sunday:** Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Gal 3:26-29/ Lk 9:18-24

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/ Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40/ Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday: Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/ Lk 1:5-17


**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7, 20-21/ Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/ Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 25th to July 29th

Visit www.stambroselatham.com/VBS to register and to sign up for updates!
A prayer to remind us all who we are and who God made us to be. Say this prayer every day and know it’s truth to your core.

I am deeply loved, divinely appointed, abundantly equipped and profoundly cherished by God. No enemy plan, scheme, or obstacle can keep me from God’s highest and best will for me. As I follow the voice of my Savior Jesus Christ, I see the invisible, accomplish the impossible and love the unlovable. I am a living breathing miracle because Jesus Christ lives in me!

Amen

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference


July 15-17

EDGE Service Week

Nothing says love like service and nothing makes our hearts sing like sacrificing for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus came to us as a “servant King” saying as “I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you so you should also do.” … John 13:15

So off we go to different location in our Capitol District serving those who need our help. We will have those locations posted on the web site soon but for now please save the dates

August 1 thru 4

Be excited—it’s going to be awesome seeing the face of our Lord in the people we serve. Come join the fun!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Just a “sample” of what we have learned this year:

Hi! This is Isadora, Antonio, Vladimir, and Jessie and we are studying 7th grade mathematics. We conducted a survey last week so we could learn how to do a survey and how to look at the results. We wanted to share the results with you.

**Survey Question**: What is your favorite planet in our solar system?

**Hypothesis**: It’s possible that Earth will be the favorite planet by our survey because it is our home planet. Our least favorite planet will most likely be Neptune because it isn’t the first planet that comes to mind as the most popular planets and it just isn’t talked about very much.

**Sampling Strategy**: We emailed all the parents, parish staff members and Catholic School Office staff to pose our question. They voluntarily responded to our survey. We randomly asked students and teachers for their opinion.

**Conclusion**: Earth was the most preferred planet of the St. Ambrose Community. Our hypothesis was correct but our assumptions were wrong about Neptune.

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**Nurses Notes...**

**Nancy Acemoglu, RN**

The precious love of a Father

God showed us by example and his love, the importance and love of the Father. Today, as I reflect on this day, I remember my wonderful Dad, and the love and guidance he showed to me right up to his last day.

I recall my Husband and the Father that he was, and those moments, never leave me, ever. He was amazing, and when he was tied up, he would say, I’m sending my representatives, our two sons. That indeed he did, and I am most grateful to God for the continuation and the circle of new life. I am in awe of my son now as a Father, and I see life and the joy of new life through my little granddaughters eyes.

Happy Fathers day to all lovingly.

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These “Young at Heart Women, are an example of Gods love fulfilled. New Members welcome. Please call 785-1351 x304. Exciting events planned for this summer.
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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| 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

Name: __________________________________________
Street: __________________________________________
City: __________________________________________
Zip: __________________________________________
Phone No: _______________________________________

Please Check
☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Want Envelopes
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Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

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

June 12, 2016 $16,678.40
June 14, 2015 $15,377.96

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

Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is $117,040 with a total of 334 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

Sisters of Life
Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available and the pain and sorrow need not endure for a lifetime. For women: There are "Days of Prayer and Healing" and "Hope and Healing Retreats" available in Spanish and English through the Sisters of Life. For dates, locations and confidential registration call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men: call 877-586-4621 (toll free) or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org. If you would like additional information regarding the Sisters of Life, please visit: sistersoflife.org.

Volunteer

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.
Sunday – June 19—Father’s Day
After 5:30 Mass  NO Life Teen Meeting—Parish Ctr

Monday – June 20
7:00 PM Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – June 21

Wednesday – June 22
6:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Ctr
7:00 PM Culture of Vocations Meeting-Church

Thursday – June 23
9:30 AM Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – June 24
7 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – June 25
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
The Bellafiore Family by Sam Bellafiore
6:00 PM Communion Service at Our Lady of the Assumption
Mary Ann Cushing by Harry, Keith & Kevin
Jean Rigaud by Patti & Joe
Connie Rose Mauger(6th Anniv) by Suzanne Mauger
Tommy Mauger (30th Anniv) by Suzanne Mauger

Sunday – June 26—13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
Mary Ann Cushing by Harry, Keith & Kevin
The Bellafiore Family by Sam Bellafiore
6:00 PM Communion Service at Our Lady of the Assumption
Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Serino
Maxwell & Family
Brian Schwenzfeier by Katherine & Kristine
Mass of Thanksgiving by Vittorio & Family
Joseph Rootes by Marty & Brian
Richard Family by Madeleine
Joseph Rootes by Marty & Brian
Mrs. Ralph Serino

4:30 PM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Joan Ciarcione by Jim & Carol Harkness
Carol Tansey by Jim & Carol Harkness
11:30 AM Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Serino
Mass of Thanksgiving by Vittorio & Family
Brian Schwenzfeier by Katherine & Kristine
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5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
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**MASS INTENTIONS REGISTER**

is currently open for anyone that wishes to schedule a Mass for a loved one.

Parish Office hours are

Monday—Thursday 9am—6pm
Friday 9am—4pm

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“Quotes, etc.”

You formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!...Psalm 139:13-14

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**KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE**

Please remember St. Ambrose Parish in your will
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