“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

“Whenver town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” - Lk 10:8-9


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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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Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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THE FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND ST. PAUL:
A FOCUS ON ST. PETER

In the middle of last week, on Wednesday, June 29th, we celebrated the annual feast of Saint Peter and St. Paul, the “princes of the apostles.” In some countries it is such an important feast, given the huge debt we owe to these two saints, that it is a holyday of obligation. Perhaps we could spend a few minutes reflecting on and learning about just one of these two wonderful saints. Last year we explored the life and influence of St. Paul; so this year let us look instead at Saint Peter. As with all our saints, in looking at their life it is good to admire them, but also learn from them about how we can follow Jesus and be his disciples.

Like many of Jesus’ first disciples, St. Peter came from a town called Bethsaida in Galilee, on the shores of Lake Tiberias. He was a fisherman, along with his brother Saint Andrew. It was Andrew who told Peter all about Jesus after spending a day with the Lord. Peter came up to Jesus and Jesus looked at him: a look that changed Peter’s whole life (John 1: 40-42)! Jesus renamed Peter (his original name was Simon): he is now “Cephas” or “Peter”: literally the “rock” (on which Jesus will build His church). Jesus changes Simon’s name because he is choosing him and giving him a new purpose and mission. We can say the same thing about the successors of Saint Peter: the popes. They too change their name when they become Pope because, as with Peter, they now have a new mission and purpose given to them by God.

But this can also be our first lesson. In our baptism, we too are “named.” In fact, “what name do you give your child” is the very first question the parents of a baby to be baptized are asked. In baptism, we are called by God and given a special purpose and mission: we call it our Christian vocation. It is the unique and God-given calling God has for each of us to be his disciples; how we are to follow Jesus, to make a difference and to be Jesus’ coworkers in building up the Kingdom of God.

We can recall how Saint Peter did not always get things right: we might say that Peter did not change as quickly as his name! After professing his faith in Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:18), he then remonstrated with Jesus because Jesus was telling his disciples of how he was to be put to death. Jesus even calls him an “obstacle” to his mission (Matthew 16: 23)! At the Last Supper, Peter is reluctant to have his feet washed, perhaps because he did not grasp the meaning of what Jesus was doing (John 13: 6-11). Of course, we all know how Peter denied Jesus three times during Jesus passion; but also how Peter was then reconciled with the Lord (and himself!) when the risen Lord appeared to Peter and the apostles by the lake shore (John 21: 15ff.). What comes out from reading about Peter in the Scriptures is that he is a warm, loving, and also an impetuous man, but one whose heart is always open to God’s love.

Well, we do not always get things “right” when trying to follow the Lord, or in discerning what God wants of us. What is more, God calls all sorts of different people, with different gifts and personalities (including us!) to be his coworkers and friends. Like Peter, we need to have a heart that is open and willing to love and to serve the Lord. If we mess up, like Peter, we can turn to the Lord for forgiveness, or help, or perhaps guidance, and try again to follow the master.

Peter also gave his life for Jesus. He was executed during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Nero in 64 AD. Peter was crucified but, as Tradition has it, he did not feel worthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus and so he asked to be crucified upside down. We know that the great basilica of Saint Peter’s in Rome has been built over the place of Peter’s burial. Well, we may not be executed for being a Christian, as Saint Peter was (although we know that this very day Christians are being persecuted and killed for their faith in various parts of the world); but the Lord does ask us to be his faithful and bold witnesses to the world (remembering that the word “martyr” actually means witness).

As we conclude our reflection on Saint Peter, let us place our heart, our life in the Lord’s hands as did Saint Peter and ask the Lord for his help and guidance. Let us be open to the ways that Jesus is asking us to follow him and let us ask the prayers of Saint Peter. In short, let us, with God’s grace, be true to a name (and so a calling) that we all share: “Christian.”

Fr. Anthony
~ You’re Invited ~

Rite of Candidacy and Sending Sunday, August 7th at 4 PM - Church Reception to follow in the Parish Center

The Rite of Candidacy is where the Church formally recognizes the seminarians as a candidate for ordination to the priesthood.

Sending is the custom of gathering the seminarians of the Diocese, who have been home for the summer, to pray with the community as they head back to their seminaries for fall semester formation.

This year St. Ambrose will be hosting this important event!

Please come and share your love, your support and your prayers with Sam and 12 other seminarians as they continue on their journey to ordination. Invite your family and friends...let’s fill the church!!

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Edwin Lansing, Julia C. McKeown, Ann R. Pascale, John Marinucci and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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

Parish Office closed
There will be NO 6:30 am Mass
There will be a 9:00 am Mass

In Loving Memory

Why does a man become a priest? Because he saw a clever poster that says, “Consider a White Collar Job”?

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during June and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: Claire Adele Wood, Emily Claire Spinner, Emily Theresa Blom, Monica Mihaela Kucharczyk and Connor Daniel Pfoltzer.

 Needed Immediately

Ill woman in her 40s in desperate need of sneakers size 6 1/2 and humidifier. Also, ill woman likes Mickey Mouse items. It is her Birthday this week. Please contact Nancy at 785-1351 x304. Thank you in advance for your giving heart.
Welcome back! Faith Formation will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:15 am.

What does that mean for you?

♦ Because you participated in faith formation last year, you are already registered for class this year. However, if you would kindly let us know of any updates to your family information we would greatly appreciate it.
♦ You asked for it, we are providing it—The Edge is coming to Sunday mornings. This exciting program will be offered to students in 6th—8th grade. If you were in 5th or 6th grade last year you will automatically be placed in The Edge program.
♦ Please consider sharing your faith with our young parishioners. Call the faith formation office to learn more about becoming a catechist.

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Questions? Contact the faith formation office at 785-1351 x307 or email: faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

2016 Vacation Bible School
July 25th to July 29th

Visit www.stambroselatham.com/VBS to register, pay and to sign up for updates!
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!

Beginning September 11th

Middle School Ministry will be on Sunday mornings starting this fall, September 11th from 10:15am to 11:15am.

It’s a whole new date and time with a whole new look at ministry and families and Jesus our Savior. We’ll have lots of information available soon so stay tuned. For now, have a great summer and we’ll see you in August for our service week.

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

Pick up your registration forms today at the front of the church or at the front office.

Open to all high school age students from entering freshman to exiting seniors.

Come for the food, the fun, the awesome music, the national speakers, great friendships or any other reason. Just come!

July 15-17

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little; when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of the things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim. Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas where storms will show Your majesty; where loosing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push back the future in strength, courage, hope and love. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Come see what all the buzz is about at St. Ambrose School

Registering students K-7

Call today to set up a tour!

School Office
Summer Hours
Monday–Thursday 9am–1pm

Yankee Fans!
YANKEES VS CLEVELAND BUS TRIP
Sunday, August 7th—Game Time 1:00 PM
Bus leaves Our Lady of the Assumption parking lot, 498 Watervliet-Shaker Rd, Latham at 8:00 AM, returning immediately after the game. Tickets are $130 & include seating in the Jim Beam Section above & behind home plate, with access to the Suite, bus fare, coffee, juice & snack prior to boarding & non-alcoholic beverages on the bus.

Contact Joe Thouin at thouin.ja@gmail.com or home at 233-7119. Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

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.
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: 7:30pm, 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
- Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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.

Save This Date!

September 25th

More info to come!
"We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

June 26, 2016  $15,613.65
June 28, 2015  $13,379.26

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

The amount raised thus far is $125,925 with a total of 355 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

ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 9-10, ST. AMBROSE WILL WELCOME FR. THOMAS LAKRA TO MAKE A MISSION APPEAL FOR THE SALESIAN MISSIONS.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE SALESIAN MISSIONS...

WHO WE ARE
We are more than 28,000 Priests, Brothers, Sisters and novices serving in the spirit of our founder, Don Bosco, an Italian Catholic priest who devoted his life to fulfilling the needs of orphans and vulnerable children. Since our beginnings in 1859, the Salesians of Don Bosco has become the second largest order in the Catholic Church.

WHAT WE DO
We enable poor and suffering children to live better lives and build brighter futures. We operate more than 3,200 schools and technical training centers; more than 70 colleges; more than 90 clinics and hospitals; more than 330 orphanages and shelters; and a wide variety of social and economic development activities. We are regarded as the single largest provider of vocational and technical training in the world. And when disaster strikes, we are among the first on the scene with relief supplies, temporary housing and medical care.

WHERE WE WORK
We have an active presence in more than 130 countries spanning five continents. Our work takes us to some of the most impoverished and dangerous locations on the planet. We serve in big cities with thousands of homeless and runaway children. And we reach out to remote corners of the globe that have been forgotten and neglected by the rest of society. Quite simply, we work where we’re needed most.

Welcome Fr. Lakra!
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Calendars & Schedules**

**Sunday – July 3**
- After 5:30 Mass **NO** Life Teen Meeting—Parish Ctr
- **tbd**

**Monday – July 4**—Independence Day
- Church Office closed

**Tuesday – July 5**
- 9:00 AM-1 PM Blood Drive-Parish Center
- 6:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Center

**Wednesday – July 6**
- 6:00 PM Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
- 7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel
- 7:00 PM Core Team-Lounge

**Thursday – July 7**
- 9:30 AM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 6:00-8:30 PM Core Team-Lounge

**Friday – July 8**
- 7 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – July 9**
- **At 4:30 Mass—Salesian Missions Appeal**

**Sunday – July 10**
- **At All Masses—Salesian Missions Appeal**
- After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

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**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending July 10, 2016**

**Money Counters, Sunday, July 10th**
- Team #7—Tom Thouin, John Beaumont & Paul Tessier

**Money Counters, Monday, July 11th**
- Team #2—Jan, Mike & Pat Rayball

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Pope Francis’ gesture of humility was one of the truly moving moments in the beautifully sung, incensed-filled liturgy that was held in the open air, in the Apostolic See of Etchmiadzin, a small city of 56,000, that has been the center of Armenia since Christianity was proclaimed the state religion in 301.

For me, it is bittersweet; having stood in that very spot several times since the collapse of the Soviet Regime in 1991, on our family trips with, “Save the Armenian Children Project.” As I watched the sites on television, so distantly in a far out land to most, I could envision the sites as the Pope and Catholics walked the entrance of the simple beautiful nature of the Old Testament places and remembered the scrubs and lines of bushes and trees of figs and crimson sweet pomegranates, the most succulent of fruits, that have remained for centuries, and recalling each time, feeling the deep presence of the Lord on these ancient grounds.

It is so very close to my heart, me an “American girl”. It is here I witnessed the depth of these ancient brown, wide-eyed people and elders as they stood for hours on end in the Churches and Monasteries, which had no seats.

What was so striking, I thought, was that you could visually see them in deep conversation with the Lord and feel His presence. Could it be their tenacious faith after witnessing years of atrocity, a genocide of more than 1.5 million people, and a devastating earthquake which left many orphaned and children in the streets injured with out medical intervention and homeless? The vast amount of territory is probably equivalent to an image of four of our towns, leveled to the ground in minutes, with open graves of those who were swallowed in an instant. How can one forget these sites? It is impossible and yet we were not sure what the Lord was asking from us. The answer came boldly, what we witnessed we could never forget, and we needed to do something about it. Throughout all this past of death and destruction, our Lord’s face remained crystal clear in their eyes, and on their lips.

These memories, can never be forgotten, they dwell in the depth of my being, and I will always thank the Lord for the love of my husband which taught me so much and widened my horizons and introduced me to a land of profound Christians.

As quoted, “The journey toward unity necessarily involves imitating the love of Christ who, ‘though he was rich’ (2 Cor. 8:9) ‘he humbled himself’ (Phil 2:8). And so, Pope Francis added, “following Christ’s example, we are called to find the courage needed to abandon the rigid opinions and personal interests in the name of the love that bends low and bestows itself, in the name of the humble love that is the blessed oil of the Christian life, the precious Spiritual balm that heals, strengthens and sanctifies.”

Before leaving this land which Pope Francis has described as beloved, he expressed the ideas that it was a grace to find himself on these heights, “where, beneath the gaze of Mount Ararat, the very silence seems to speak. Here the khatchkar - the stone crosses - recount a singular history bound up with rugged faith and immense suffering, a history replete with magnificent testimonies to the Gospel, to which you the Armenian people are heirs”...Get ze hayastan. “Long live Armenia”.

Nurses Notes.....
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

“Pope Francis’ trip to Armenia”, “My Memoirs”