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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–12:00 Noon (Summer Hours)
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21

From Seminarian Sam

I cannot thank you enough for welcoming me to your amazing parish this summer. During the summer here, a number of people have said they want to know more about what a seminarian’s life is like. Fr. Anthony asked me to share a little in this column before I finish on August 15. I sometimes forget the life I take for granted is totally unknown to most Catholics, so I’m going to try to put some of that mystique to rest and cover a few other things!

Seminarian Life

I just finished my first of four years as a seminarian — someone studying to be a priest — for the Diocese of Albany. When you apply to seminary, you can apply to a religious order (Franciscans, Jesuits, Dominicans) or a diocese (local area of Catholic churches). So if I become a priest, Bishop Ed would assign me somewhere in the Albany area. There are now about 15 seminarians for the diocese, the most in recent memory, so please keep up those prayers!

We love praying for all of you.

Seminary is generally two years of philosophy plus four years of theology — I’m starting the second year of theology. During the year I have classes at St. Joseph’s Seminary (a.k.a. Dunwoodie) in Yonkers, though the Albany seminarians attend various seminaries in Chicago, Boston and Baltimore. We have classes and community prayer Monday to Friday, but we make sure to relax too. Among other things there’s a gym, bar (open four nights a week!), choir, and soccer tournaments with other seminaries, all promoting good friendships that can sustain us if we become priests one day. On the weekends I like to hang around the seminary, run, do a little homework, or make the short trip into NYC.

A BRIEF WORD ABOUT TWO UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 7, at 4 pm St. Ambrose is hosting the annual evening prayer of sending. It’s a prayer service where the diocese officially kicks off the new seminary school year as the seminarians prepare to leave their summer assignments and return to studies. There’ll be prayer, beautiful music, lots of seminarians and then a reception in the parish hall.

Let’s pack the church!

Tuesday, August 9 at 6 pm St. Edward’s Church, Clifton Park is hosting the second annual holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration (6 pm) with Bishop Ed presiding and then followed by a concert for vocations (7 pm). I’ll be singing a little, but you should still come! The concert includes guitar, voice, cello, organ, and piano duets. The concert is free and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.

Prayer

It was on my heart that I just wanted to write to you a little about prayer. Growing in our friendship with God through prayer is the most important part of seminary formation, but it is no less important to the daily life of every Catholic. God wants to sit with us, hear our struggles and joy, just be with us — enough that He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, available at Mass and any time 6 am—9 pm in our day chapel. As the summer goes on, please take some time to sit with Him, be honest with Him and ask Him what He wants of you. He won’t disappoint! Please continue praying to Jesus and His Mother for Albany’s seminarians. Please know of my prayers for you.

Thank you

Finally, thank you so much for welcoming me to your beautiful parish this summer. It has amazed me over and over again how much people at St. Ambrose care about their faith and are responding daily to God’s call. When people around the diocese heard I would be with you and Fr. Anthony this summer, they would say and have kept saying, “You are so blessed!” St. Ambrose is a beautiful place and Fr. Anthony has been a compassionate and wise mentor over the summer. Patient too...he has to deal with my cooking! I believe parishes are one of the Catholic Church’s greatest treasures and St. Ambrose has shown me more powerfully than ever how parishes can transform the world around them. Parishes are crucial for bringing the Good News of Jesus to a world that desperately needs it, so please keep answering His call. You have renewed my energy and zeal for bringing God to the world. I brag about you to my fellow seminarians and to friends all across the country. I’m going to miss you! Thanks for everything, but most of all thanks for being.

I hope that helps remove some of the seminarian mystique! If you want to chat before I leave August 15, let’s get together!

You can e-mail me at sam@stambroselatham.com.

In Him,

Sam
~ 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 Robert D. Neville Sr, Edna M. Clement, Harry Rubino and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

Concert for Vocations
With Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
All are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Concert for Vocations & participate in worshiping Christ during a Holy Hour & praising Him through the musical gifts of our diocesan priests, deacons, sisters & seminarians. Bishop Scharfenberger will preside at a Holy Hour to pray for vocations followed by a concert with musical acts including guitar, voice, cello, organ & piano duets. There is no charge for admission & it will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Our own seminarian Sam Bellafiore will be singing!

Tuesday, August 9th
6:00 pm—Adoration with Vespers & Benediction
7:00 pm—Concert for Vocations
St. Edward’s Church, Clifton Park

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

Thank You to our ADVERTISERS
SOME THOUGHTS FOR CONSIDERATION...

The Prayer and Worship Committee met in June and discussed some ideas that have been suggested by parishioners in recent months. Now we would like to run these ideas by everyone in order to get some feedback. These are some things we might like to start in the fall, if there is a general consensus about them. Please let Fr. Anthony know or call the parish office with any thoughts you may have.

1. To use incense at our weekend Masses on a rotating schedule. One Mass each weekend would include the use of incense. Fr. Anthony could explain about the use of incense and what it symbolizes.

2. To possibly use bells at the time of consecration.

3. As with many other parishes, to have a process where parishioners can purchase fresh flowers to be placed on the altar to remember or celebrate a loved one. There would be fresh flowers each week (except during Lent or other seasons such as Christmas or Easter when the altar is already decorated). The names of the people they were purchased in memory of would somehow be mentioned (for example, in the bulletin and/or via the media ministry).

4. We would like to have a Children’s Liturgy at the 9:00 AM Mass once a month. Each month a different grade level would “host” the Mass. Those in our school and faith formation classes would fulfill the various age appropriate roles at Mass.

Registration has begun for this year Confirmation ministry and here’s how it works.

Go to the website: stambroselatham.com

Click on the sacraments link and follow the confirmation link for the instructions. Real easy and real fast. No more paper or things to loose. Every grade is involved and so you all need to check this out.

Starting this fall we are moving the middle school ministry to Sunday mornings from 10:15am to 11:15am. That will give all families a chance to go to Mass at 9:00am and then attend the ministry or to come to the ministry first and then attend the 11:30am Mass as a family. The best possible setup. This is going to be great and we hope to see everyone involved. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Lifeteen Office at 785-1351 x309. We will be happy to explain or help in any way. Can’t wait to see you all this fall. Have a great summer and enjoy God’s creation.
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

July 24, 2016 $15,979.44
July 26, 2015 $13,818.22

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

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Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is $145,375 with a total of 405 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

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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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Our meeting on July 14, went well, very short business meeting and then had a nice time playing BINGO. There were 9 of us that had lunch at Hill Top Café after our meeting. A nice social get together. **August 11th is our next meeting** and we will have Pauline Kubizne speaking about the Food Pantry which is one of our projects we support. For those interested we will go to the “The Restaurant at the Pointe” for lunch that day.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! 😊😊

Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.

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Please join us for First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday, August 6th at 10:00 am in the Chapel.**

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**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.
### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending August 7, 2016

**Money Counters, Sunday, August 7**

**Team #1—Ann Miller, John Bodnar, Pat O’Connor, Patty Lincoln & Tom Paolucci**

**Money Counters, Monday, August 8th**

**Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis**

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**Sacristan:**
- Bob Lamiano
- #1-Elizabeth Mahoney
- #2-Patty Lincoln

**Lectors:**
- #1-Marion Rosenthal
- #2-Carol Blanchard

**Altar Servers:**
- ME Belskis, W. Fahr, M. Hayes, A. Garland

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- D. Sabatino, A. Medici, A. Langevin, K. Matheson, N. Styczynski, C. Rosenthal, MK Fredrick

**Usurers:**
- J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs

**Media Ministry:**
- Kathy G.

**Volunteers Needed**

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**Monday – August 1—St. Alphonsus Ligouri**

- 6:30 AM: Ann Marie Nadeau by Bernard Nadeau
  - For the Intention of Mary Jane Mara by Amalia Lanza
- 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – August 2—Weekday**

- 6:30 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM: Katie Bascom by Sam Bellafiore

**Wednesday – August 3—Weekday**

- 6:30 AM: Richard Family by Madeleine
- 9:00 AM: Ronald Slingerland by Terri McGraw

**Thursday – August 4—St. John Vianney**

- 6:30 AM: Communion Service at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM: Joseph Coffey Sr. by Beverly

**Friday – August 5—Weekday**

- 6:30 AM: Communion Service
- 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord**

- 4:30 PM: Giuseppe Siena (7th Anniv) by Antoinette Muscattelli
- Jerry Campana by Muir Family
- Julia McKeown by Peter & Mary Riley
- Joseph Coffey Sr. by Beverly

**Sunday – August 7—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 AM: Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara
- Dorothy Gulotta by the Grill Family & Larry Bruno
- 9:00 AM: Daniel W. Grady Sr. (Anniv) by Judith A. Grady
- Edward Esposito by Family
- Peter Hallock by Renee, Abby & Rachel
- 11:30 AM: Brian Schwenzeleier by Howe Family
- Richard E. Schmidt, Sr. by Family
- 5:30 PM: Life Teen — People of St. Ambrose