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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
IT IS STILL SUMMER…BUT BE ALERT AND PREPARED!

The summer seems to be racing by at such a rapid pace (but then it always seems to do so!) and what an amazing summer we have had weather-wise. I think that we are beginning to enter what we call those “dog days of summer.” Hopefully, you have had some opportunity to get away, or to relax a little, or to visit with family and friends. On the horizon now are thoughts of the Fall and perhaps of getting ready for the return to school (the ads have been on the TV for some time already). With all this in mind, the Gospel today might seem to jar a bit and yet it is also very timely, with all that talk about being alert, prepared and ready.

Jesus uses several images to remind his disciples (including us, of course!), to be ready and waiting for his return. It can be very easy for us to go into a sort of autopilot mode or become complacent in terms of our faith, or our prayers, or our relationship with God. This can then also numb our awareness and dampen our enthusiasm in trying to live as Jesus’ disciples, especially in all the daily events and circumstances of our life.

Sometimes, however, events can disturb this numbness or wake us up. For example, we have endured a summer of violence both at home and further afield. There is almost a dread of turning on the TV or of looking at the news online in case we see yet another dreadful case of violence or hatred. Such things are certainly a wake up call for the need to proclaim instead a Gospel of hope, joy, love and peace: the perfect antidote to evil. As the Archbishop of Rouen in France said after the murder of Father Jacques Hamel said: “…the Catholic Church has no other arms besides prayer and fraternity.”

Pope Francis, in his visit to Auschwitz and during the time of the World Youth Day celebrations, spoke about the need never to forget and to be proactive in meeting violence and evil with goodness and the truth and joy of the Gospel. (Did you notice by the way, how little coverage the wonderful World Youth Day had on the media. When was the last time that over 2 million young people got together in one place and did this to prayer and to witness to their faith; yet there seemed to be very little mention of this “good news”.)

So, Jesus’ words in the Gospel are so timely and so encouraging for us. The Lord asks us to be alert and aware as his disciples and also to be active and proactive in proclaiming and living the Gospel. We might say that it is actually an invitation by Jesus for us to be His antidote to violence or hatred. We can do this by following his example of love, prayer, compassion and service in all out daily actions, dealings and words. The days may be getting noticeably shorter as the summer continues on, but we know that the light of Christ can shine ever brighter: a light that is very much needed and desired.

Fr. Anthony

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
**You’re Invited**

*Rite of Candidacy and Sending*

**Sunday, August 7th at 4 PM** - Church Reception to follow in the Parish Center

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!!*

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**FOOD PANTRY STATS**

The Food Pantry served **101** households in **July**. This included **201** adults and **174** children. As always the generosity of St. Ambrose parishioners is deeply appreciated and helpful. The ongoing need is great and all food and monetary contributions are much appreciated as we strive to feed the hungry in our community.

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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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**The Sacrament of Baptism**

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during **JULY** and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: **Emmarie Rose Ratigan**, **Cary Thomas Lynch**, **Natalya Grace Greer**, **Allison Taylor Brust**, **Collin Daniel Lynch**, **Charlotte Marie Plata**, **William John Plata**, **Giuliana Violet Colegrande**, **Anthony Ryan Quinn**, **Luca Francis Pascale** and **Anna Charlotte Dauphinais**.

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**Marriage**

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers from the St. Ambrose Parish Community to **David Gouveia Carvalho** and **Teresa Marie Coppola** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of **Beatrice A. Vinciguerra**, **Narron G. Pieck** and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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**Please plan to join us for our next Night of Praise!**

**Thursday, September 22 - 7 to 8 PM**

To prepare for our night of praise we will be ending one Mass each weekend with a brief time of adoration. Stay for a few moments if you can...

- **August 21** ♦ 5:30 PM Mass
- **August 28** ♦ 11:30 AM Mass
- **September 4** ♦ 7:30 AM Mass
- **September 11** ♦ 9:00 AM Mass
- **September 18** ♦ 4:30 PM Mass
Anyone who has done VBS over the years know it’s a lot of work and involves so many volunteers to serve a whole lot of kids. It’s impossible to thank everyone by name, but on behalf of the parish I’d like to offer a thanks to all of the helpers and families who sent their kids. We really hope that the week was a blessing for your family.

One quick thing.

It’s a funny thing, but as much as the kids were (hopefully) blessed, it was the volunteers who showed so much joy, initiative, and appreciation for what they were doing. They challenged themselves and learned how to do new things.

Keep that in mind, if you could: God wants to bless you here and you’ll probably feel most blessed when you serve. When you say “yes” to serving, even if you feel scared and ill-equipped, God will do amazing things in you. Pursue service, especially in and through the parish. You’ll learn how to do new things, you’ll experience the Holy Spirit first hand, and you’ll get blessings that you never even thought of before.

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

July 31, 2016 $16,992.29
August 2, 2015 $18,376.76

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

The Bishop’s Appeal
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY

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

The Evangelist Subscription

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Please check:

_______ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.

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Please cut out, make check payable to St. Ambrose Church, drop it in the Collection Box 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.

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.
Calendars & Schedules

Sunday – August 7
4:00 PM Rite of Candidacy & Sending in the Church followed by a Reception in the Parish Center.
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting—Parish Ctr

Monday – August 8
7:00 PM Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – August 9

Wednesday – August 10
7:00 PM Culture of Vocations-Lounge

Thursday – August 11
10—12 Noon Young At Heart-Parish Ctr
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – August 12
7 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – August 13

Sunday – August 14
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

Liturgical Roles for Week Ending August 14, 2016

Money Counters, Sunday, August 14th
Team #3—Barbara Stampfl, Richard Lasky & George Parker

Money Counters, Monday, August 15th
Team #2—Jan, Mike & Pat Rayball

Sacristan: Sharon Burgess
Lectors: #1-Michael Lupian
#2-Frank Carlino
Altar Servers: Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford
Ushers: G. Spenard, J. Minnick, E. Potyrala, Volunteer
Media Ministry: Kathy R. / Tenn C.

Sacristan: Bob Lamiano
Lectors: #1-John Bodnar
#2-Rich Zmijewski
Altar Servers: Jacob & Noah Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Gentile, C. Chabot, V. Gyurko, P. Lincoln, RA & P Szwedo, E. Mahoney
Ushers: P. Szwedo, R. Haggerty, V & M DesChamps
Media Ministry: Gail C.

Sacristan: Geneva Guerrette
Lectors: #1-Regina Brown
#2-James Conlen
Altar Servers: Madeline Stallmer, Abby Hallock, Alexa Tahoe
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Rosenthal, S. Earl, K. LaBombard, M. Girard, R. Hallock, A. Robinson, R. Zmijewski
Ushers: T. Maleksi, J. Grady, F. Fraser, Volunteer
Media Ministry: Volunteers Needed

Sacristan: Pat Rayball
Lectors: #1-Raphel Peralta
#2-John Natale
Altar Servers: Nicole Piusienski, Akhil & Sarah Jacob
Eucharistic Ministers: MG Renda, D. Piusienski, N. Agner, N. Fisk, A. Schwensfeier, L. Natale
Ushers: D. Fuda, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cavanaugh, Promise C. Caja
Media Ministry: Premila

Sacristan: Mark Trudeau
Lectors: Volunteers
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers: J. & M. Searles, E. Bulls, D & MA Frament, J. Proctor, L. Sharp
Ushers: Volunteers
Media Ministry: Nancy R. / Mary Grace

Mass Intentions
Intenciones de la Misa

Monday – August 8—St. Dominic
6:30 AM Richard Family by Madeleine Richard
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday – August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Sue Laverne by Bob & Nancy Styczynski

Wednesday – August 10—St. Lawrence
6:30 AM Nathan Lebron by Joe & Caroline Gomez
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – August 11—St. Clare
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Brian Schwenzfeier by Melody & Hal O’Brien & Family

Friday – August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – August 13—Saints Pontian
4:30 PM Luigi Pepe by Wife Maria
Lynne Anslow by Melody & Hal O’Brien
Julia Clouse by Cousin Susan Gurski

Sunday – August 14—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Sam Alberti by Children
9:00 AM Edna McDonald by Stephen & Helen Krill
Brian Schwenzfeier by Peggy & Mark Austin & Family
11:30 AM Robert Gullie, Sr. by Family
Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Seino
Vincent Caciotti by Family
5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose