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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

“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”
THE ASSUMPTION

On Monday (15th August), we will celebrate a very special holy day, namely the Assumption of our Blessed Mother body and soul into heaven. It is normally a holy day of obligation, but when a holy day of obligation falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to go to Mass is usually lifted. Many folks still like to go to Mass and so we have two Masses that day: the usual 6.30 am Mass and then another Mass at 9.00 am. As you know, the Day Chapel also has a very beautiful shrine to our Blessed Mother; so even if you cannot make one of the Masses, do feel free to call in and say a prayer on this special day.

So what did we celebrate on this special feast day? Perhaps we can put it this way. Just as the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother (celebrated on December 8th) is connected with the beginning of Mary’s role in God’s plan (she was conceived without sin so as to be a worthy mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God), the Assumption is connected with the end of her life. As the dogmatic definition says: “…the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, after completing the course of her life upon earth, was assumed to the glory of heaven, both in body and soul.”

We can see the Assumption as a logical consequence and conclusion of all that Mary is and all that she does. She was the lowly and faithful handmaid of the Lord and she was present and active in Jesus’ life, ministry, death and resurrection. Mary is indeed the spotless virgin and mother of God, intimately joined with her Son and, therefore, her Assumption (being taken directly, body and soul, into heaven) is the “crowning glory” of all her privileges and of her life of complete service to God. As one spiritual writer puts it “given all that Mary was and is, being taken directly into heaven just seems to make plain sense!”

The feast is also one of great hope for us. Where Mary has gone, we and our loved ones hope to follow. As one of the prayers at the Mass puts it, “today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.” We can, with God’s help, imitate Mary’s love and service and so prepare here and now for the life to come. We can also ask for her help and guidance as we struggle to follow our Lord and to prepare well for when our life’s journey comes to its end.

Fr. Anthony

CEREMONY OF SENDING AND CANDIDACY

Just a brief note to say “Thank You” to all those who were able to come to the ceremony on Sunday. Bishop Hubbard commented that it was the biggest crowd that he ever seen at this event (not least because of all the St. Ambrose parishioners there!) It was great to be there and to be able to meet and to pray for all our Seminarians and our aspirants (those who are beginning the pre-seminary course).

Fr. Anthony
**PARISH NURSE**  
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
There have been so many requests for school supplies for families in need. Many have several children and not only is it an enormous expense and burden for these items, the children need clothing and sneakers and it is hard for them to start school when others have new clothing and they are without.

If you would like to donate new clothes or gift cards, please contact me. Please know how much each thing you do is so appreciated. The generosity here is enormous. 785-1351 x304

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday — August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 6:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Ray Neubauer by McGraw Family  
  Bea Vinciguerra by Carol Criscione  
  George Murphy by Family
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 5:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday — August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary**
- 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Paul Coneski, Sr. by Mary Ann  
  Henry D. Trahan by Helen McBride

**Wednesday — August 17—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Cecelia & Francis Craven by Erin Craven

**Thursday — August 18—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Paul Coneski, Sr. by Mary Ann  
  Henry D. Trahan by Helen McBride

**Friday — August 19—St. John Eucles**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday — August 20—St. Bernard**
- 4:30 PM Thomas DeVoe by Richard & Debbie DeVoe  
  Jack Stangle by Judy Grady  
  Dennis & Mary Barratt (Wedding Anniv) by Fr. Anthony

**Sunday — August 21—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 7:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Robert Fahr by Smith Family  
  John Doyle by Family  
  Kellyrose Andrews by her Mom
- 11:30 AM Edward Drago by Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home  
  Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family by Mr & Mrs. Ralph Serino  
  Brian Schwenkfeier by the Mattison Family
- 5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

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**September 25th**

More info to come!

**Festival Planning Meeting**

is THIS Monday,  
August 15th at 7pm  
in the Parish Center!

All are warmly welcomed and certainly needed!

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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

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Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Mary V. Truesell and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.
Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Children with Special Needs:

Our parish offers faith formation classes and sacramental preparation for children from Pre-K to High School aged.

We want to be particularly welcoming to families with special needs...

...and are looking for families who would like to send their children to faith formation and help us find creative solutions to serve your family and the wider special needs community. This would include inclusion in our existing classes and helping to guide us to be more helpful for families who would like to participate more and benefit in the community.

Every child should feel able to make their sacraments, every family should feel welcome and essential.

Currently, our formation classes run as follows:

- **Pre-K to Grade 5 classes and Sacramental Prep**: Sunday from 10:15am to 11:15am (between the 9am and 11:30 masses)
- **Edge (Middle School, grades 6 through 8, youth ministry model)**: Sunday from 10:15am to 11:15am (between the 9am and 11:30 masses)
- **Life Teen (High School, grades 9 through 12, youth ministry model)**: Sunday 5:30pm Mass, Life Night (youth group), various other opportunities to serve, socialize, and have fun.

Please feel free to call us up at **518-785-1351 x307** (Tom or Justina).

We would love to help you feel more welcome in our community. Please help to make us be more welcoming and inclusive.

Also, please let us know if you have any experience as a caregiver, aide, or teacher who serves the special needs community.

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for **HALFWAY TO ST. PADDY’S DAY PARTY** with “Get Up Jack”

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

at

St. Joseph’s Provincial House Dining Room
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. ♦ Tickets $20 in advance $25 at the door ♦ Must be 21 to attend.

For tickets call (518) 389-2654
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Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

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.

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 $147,735 with a total of 414 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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We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
Beginning Friday, June 24th through September 2nd, the Church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays.

Lectors Needed

Lectors are needed for all Masses, but most especially the 7:30 am Mass. Also any Lector who would like a workbook for the 2016/2017 Liturgical Year (Cycle A), please call Joe Leombruno or the Parish Office.

Liturgical Roles for Week Ending August 21, 2016

**Money Counters, Sunday, August 21st**

**Team #4—Bill Sage & Judy Vautrin**

**Money Counters, Monday, August 22nd**

**Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois**

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