"The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church"

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- Terri McGraw, Principal
- Kelly Sano, Secretary

**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)

**Church of St. Ambrose**
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- E-Mail: parishsecretary@stambroselatham.com

**Office Hours**
- Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
- Friday 9:00am–12:00 Noon (Summer Hours)
- Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
THE NARROW GATE (OR TURNSTILE!)

New York City has the subway and in London there is the underground (or, to use the local language, “the tube”). It is a great way of getting around a city, although I must admit that I prefer to use a bus or even to walk. Yes, it is slower than zipping along under the city in a train, but above ground one can take in the sights and sounds that are simply missed underground. The other problem with the subway or “the tube” is actually getting to the trains. Both in London and in New York one has to negotiate all those stairs and then there are the turnstiles, which, if you are carrying things, can be very problematic as their jaws close in on you or your suitcase or shopping bag!

I share these ramblings of mine about subways because the turnstile, to me, gives a clear, modern-day equivalent of Jesus’ image and words two thousand years ago about entering by the “narrow gate” and of how difficult or tricky this can be! I have, for example, often watched tourists with their backpacks or suitcases trying to negotiate through a narrow turnstile and becoming all caught up. I do not think that it is too much of a stretch of the imagination to see the baggage that those tourists are carrying that then gets caught up in the turnstile (or gate) as an image of us and our baggage or entanglements that prevent us from entering through that narrow gate that Jesus speaks of.

What do I mean? Well to enter by the narrow gate, that is to enter into a relationship with Jesus, means that we need to shed a good deal of baggage and clutter; otherwise we get all caught up and cannot move forward. We need, with His help, to shed all sorts of things that we may be dragging around with us and that simply will not (and should not) fit through the narrow gate. Things such as anger, bitterness, past hurts, a strange or wrong image of God, habits or attitudes that we know are mistaken or damaging, addictions and many other things.

Those words of Jesus are many things, including an invitation and an encouragement to shed the load that can drag us down and that prevents us from entering through that opening into a new and life-changing relationship with Him. Many things can help us in that process of shedding such as the sacrament of reconciliation, the Eucharist, prayer, taking part in a retreat; or of giving of our time to others (especially those in need) that actually takes us out of ourselves and helps us to see a bigger picture. Perhaps a project this week might be to think of one thing, one item of excess baggage that prevents us from going through the narrow gate and, with God’s help, to do something about getting rid of it…!

Fr. Anthony

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

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE
The 44th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany, New York.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office.
**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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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**
Beginning Friday, June 24th through September 2nd, the Church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays.

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**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.

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**Are You Registered In The Parish?**
People may consider themselves registered parishioners because they have been coming here for a while, were married here, received their sacraments here or attended St. Ambrose School. If you have not filled out a REGISTRATION FORM you are not in our census. REGISTRATION FORMS are available at the parish office or website www.stambroselatham.com or simply complete the REGISTRATION REQUEST below & drop it in the collection basket & we will mail you the form. Thank you.

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**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 only thing better than working with youth in ministry is praying for them.

Every Monday night at 7pm in the Chapel here at St. Ambrose a group of adults meet to pray for the ministry that happens here. We pray for the Catechists and we pray for the kids; we pray for the families and we pray for the church. We pray that we will all remain avid students of the Holy Spirit and that God will continue to bless this church family in abundance as He has and that we will be grateful and acknowledge His gifts by using them to bring the good news to everyone we can. Would you like to join these adults? Anyone is welcome to attend and pray with us. It lasts about 45 minutes so we’re done by 7:45pm. You may not ever imagine yourself in ministry but you may want to help in prayer and petition to our Lord. It is our first best effort and if we can pray for you then that is even better. Come join us and let’s knock on heavens door together.

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 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.

Mission Trip

Calling all Adults wanting to be involved in our next mission trip. You don’t have to go to help make it happen so contact the Lifeteen Office at 518-785-1351 x309 and let us know. We will be having a planning meeting in mid-September to begin the process. May God have His hand on us as we try to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.
**“We Are A Tithing Parish**
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

August 14, 2016  $16,169.89
August 16, 2015  $15,079.36

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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**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.

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**Diocese Special Collection**
2016 Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Strengthening the Church at Home

Many dioceses right here in the US do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. They struggle to fund basic and essential pastoral works such as parish faith formation, seminarian and lay ministry training, and evangelization; and are unable to attend to the needs that are unique to the communities they serve. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease the struggle and form vibrant faith communities.

As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection.

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- _____ 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.

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Sunday – August 21
After 5:30 Mass
Brief Adoration to follow

Monday – August 22
7:00 PM
Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday – August 23

Wednesday – August 24

Thursday – August 25
6:00-8:30 PM
AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM
Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – August 26
7 AM-Midnight
Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – August 27
3:00 PM
Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – August 28
8AM-1PM
Faith Formation Book Pick-Up-Lounge
After 5:30 Mass
Brief Adoration to follow

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**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2016**

**MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**
TEAM #6—STEVE GREEN, RICHARD OSTIGUY & TOM DAME

**MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH**
TEAM #1—TINA ZANDRI & MARIAN DAVIS

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