22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–12:00 Noon (Summer Hours)
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO…?

As we chalk up yet another weekend in August and Labor Day weekend will take place next weekend, I am pretty sure that we are all saying the same thing: where did the summer go…?! This will be true whether we are thinking about the return to school or college (or perhaps even beginning at a new school or college), or whether we will be returning to the usual routine after the summer months. We probably say the same thing at this time of year every year, especially since the summer season in upstate New York seem to be all too brief. Mind you, what a great summer we have had!

It has certainly been a busy summer here at St. Ambrose with all sorts of events and activities. We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School (and many thanks again to all those who worked so hard to make sure that it was a success). We also had the School Summer Camp and we hosted the Isaac Jogues Youth Conference. There have been many other projects, as well as many activities to maintain and to improve the church, the school and the grounds (renewed thanks to the Garden Club for all that they do!).

As we all take a collective breath to prepare for what we might call the “new year”, perhaps it is also a great time to pause, to reflect and to pray. For example, we can think of all those who are transitioning in some way at this time of the year (a new school, or going to college, or beginning a new job, or relocating). We can also pray for all the regular activities and day to day things that may be resuming after the summer break such as our faith formation programs, or our parish school as the new academic year commences. There will be a number of exciting new projects and additional events such as an ongoing theme this year of deepening our sense of being disciples of the Lord: these too can be in our prayers.

In all these things, let us place them before our Lord (dedicating all our activities to him) and ask for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Let us also remind ourselves of the vital importance of prayer, especially when we seem to be so busy. With even a few moments of prayer each day, the Lord will help us to keep our focus and perspective and will ensure that all this “busy-ness” has depth and meaning.

One last thought or request…I would also ask your prayers for all those who will be beginning or resuming their formation for the priesthood at the end of this month. We can remember Sam Bellafiore who has been with us over the summer and Tim Blanchard (recently professed as a Franciscan), but also many others in formation. Please also keep that intention of vocations in your prayers. As you know, we are not facing a crisis in the numbers of priests: the crisis is here already! We do have a number of potential candidates (six new ones have emerged over the summer which is excellent news), but we really do need to keep up those prayers…!

Fr. Anthony

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**Labor Day Weekend Closings & Changes**

**Friday, September 2**
- NO Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday, September 5**
- Church office closed
- There will be NO 6:30 AM Mass
- There will be a 9:00 AM Mass

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**Save This Date!**

**Parish Festival**

September 25th

More info to come!
As we enter the last month of summer vacation and we begin to prepare our classrooms for the fall, I am reminded of how helpful the Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Price Chopper Tools for Schools, Hannaford Helps Schools and ShopRite for My School Programs are for our teachers and students. We could not participate in these great programs without your support. Each clipped label/box top and purchase of specifically marked products has gone a long way toward enhancing our teaching resources. Thank you so much for your support of Catholic Education and St. Ambrose School...Terri McGraw, Principal

St. Ambrose School

Come On In
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 30th
9-11 am

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE RETREAT RENEWAL
Weekend of October 21, 22 & 23 for those who have had a spousal loss through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come to a peaceful, beautiful setting and experience the power of Healing.
For more information please call Nancy Acemoglu, RN @ 785-1351 x304
Limited space available.
This is a gift to yourself.

Anyone who wishes to stay in touch with seminarian Sam Bellafiore, here is his address:
Sam Bellafiore
c/o St. Joseph’s Seminary
201 Seminary Ave
Yonkers, NY 10704

Bus Trip! - St. Matthew’s Church in Voorheesville is going to the Radio City Christmas Show, Saturday, November 12th, 2 PM Matinee! For more info contact Peggy McQuade at st.mattswelcome@gmail.com or 765-2805 x14.
Welcome back!
Faith Formation @ St. Ambrose (Pre-K to Grade 8) will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:15 am

Book Pick up starts THIS Sunday (8/28) at the morning Masses (8am to 1pm)!

What do you need to know?

- If 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.

- You can find our weekly schedule online (which includes parent meetings, special events and sacrament dates) at: stambroselatham.com/documents

- Safe Environment training will be held Sunday, October 2nd during class (opt out form included in link above)

- Book pick-up will be held beginning August 28th – please see the attached calendar for exact times. Registration fee of $50 for one child or $60 per family will be collected at that time.

- There is no fee for EDGE but please come to book pick-up to pick up information for the year.

- We are in need of a few parents to take turns helping us ensure a safe environment as “gatekeepers”. If we have 4 – 6 volunteers we would gladly set up a rotating schedule.

- Please consider sharing your faith with our young parishioners! Call the faith formation office to learn more about becoming a catechist.

- If you or a friend or family member are in need of receiving sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) please let us know and we will be happy to make the arrangements!

Contact us if you have any questions (and you can stop and see us by the Parish Center Sunday morning!).

FaithFormationAA@stambroselatham.com
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August 15, 2016 (Assumption)  $ 1,060.00
August 21, 2016  $18,234.34
August 23, 2015  $13,349.98

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

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

PAShNurse at Heart
DO NOT FORGET,
WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.

Stewardship
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Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues?

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### Calendars & Schedules

**Sunday – August 28**
- 8 AM-1 PM: Faith Formation Book Pick-Up-Lounge
- 10-12 Noon: Faith Formation Catechist Meeting-Parish Ctr
- After 11:30 AM Mass: a Brief Adoration to follow

**Monday – August 29**
- 10 AM-1 PM: Faith Formation Book Pick-Up-Lounge
- 7:00 PM: Core Team-Chapel

**Tuesday – August 30**

**Wednesday – August 31**
- 4 PM-7 PM: Faith Formation Book Pick-Up-Lounge

**Thursday – September 1**
- 9:30 AM: Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
- 12-4 PM: Faith Formation Book Pick-Up-Lounge
- 6:00-8:30 PM: AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 7:00-9:00 PM: Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday – September 2**
- 7 AM-Midnight: **NO** Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – September 3**
- 3:00-4:00 PM: Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – September 4**
- After 7:30 AM Mass: a Brief Adoration to follow
- After 5:30 Mass: Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

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### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending September 4, 2016

**Money Counters, Sunday, September 4th**
- **Team #7—** Tom Thouin, John Beaumont & Paul Tessier

**Money Counters, Tuesday, September 6th**
- **Team #2—** Jan, Mike & Pat Rayball

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