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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–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS HERE ALREADY…!

Do you find it amazing that here we are, once again, at Labor Day weekend…? As we were thinking last week, where did this summer go…? It is so true that this time of year seems to be very much a time about beginnings and endings. Labor Day is, of course, a sort of unofficial end of summer and those with camps will be busy sorting out things as the summer season comes to a close. Parents and grandparents also are thinking about beginnings as children and young people prepare to go to begin or to return to school or college (and many have already gone). Our prayers, of course, for all our students as they begin the new academic year.

The origins of Labor Day can be found in the Labor Movement and the cause for just and fair employment, especially in the nineteenth century. The first official Labor Day occurred in 1882 in New York City when Peter J. McGuire, the founder of the carpenters’ union suggested an annual day for workers when they could meet to discuss conditions of work and air any grievances. Eventually, the day became a recognized national holiday.

From a religious perspective, Labor Day is a time when we can reflect on work and how we are God’s “co-workers” in bringing about His Kingdom. It is a great time of the year to do this as we do indeed experience all those new beginnings and endings in our family life. Did you notice by the way that the original Labor Day was proposed by a carpenter...how appropriate! From our Christian perspective, work is never just “work”: it can also be a means of growing as a spiritual person as we seek to offer what we do to God and use our gifts and talents for others. Work is also about our stewardship of creation and of realizing how God can take what we do and bless it. That is why we use the prayers at the preparation of the bread and wine at Mass: “Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received this bread we offer You, fruit of the earth and work of human hands…” Even the word “liturgy” comes from the word for “work” and a number of psalms celebrate the “marvelous works” that God has done. The prayer for the Mass suggested for Labor Day puts all this so well:

O God, who through human labor,
never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation,
listen to the supplication of your people and grant that all men and women
may find work that befits their dignity,
joins them more closely to one another
and enables them to serve their neighbor.
Through Christ, our Lord.

So, perhaps we can spend some time in prayer over this weekend and during the coming week, reflecting on the nature and importance of work to us as human beings, praying for those who cannot find work and thinking about how we can be the Lord’s disciples and co-workers at work, at school, at home and in our neighborhood. There are also plenty of things to read such as the US Bishops’ letter about work called Economic Justice for All, or an number of teachings from various Popes about work (you can read all of these on the Vatican website).

Every prayer for you and your families, and a happy and safe Labor Day weekend!

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.

ALTAR ROSARY NEWS
On Tuesday, September 6th in the Chapel, Fr. Anthony will celebrate Mass at 6:00 PM to begin our new year. Immediately following, we will enjoy fellowship together in the rectory. We will be collecting our annual $10 dues at that time as well. The money is used to pay for our inspirational speakers and our service projects for those less fortunate in our community. We look forward to seeing our current members and we sincerely invite any women of the parish to spend the evening with us.

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.

NEWS FROM THE ALBANY DIOCESE’S CONSULTATION CENTER
Monday, September 26, 7:00—9:00 PM
SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP
Presented by Garra Lloyd-Lester, Assistant Director of the Suicide Prevention Center of NYS
At Our Lady of the Assumption Church
498 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham
Sponsored by The Consultation Center, Our Lady of Assumption Parish and The Suicide Prevention Center of NYS
For more information or to register call the Consultation Center at 518-489-4431

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Mary Grace Barbaro, Rose Marie Oleyourooyk, Nancy Miani and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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.
September 4, 2016

**CONFIRMATION**

Oh it’s here and we’re ready! Are you?

Calling all Parents of teens who desire to receive the amazing, overwhelming, life changing sacrament of Confirmation.

**September 14th at 7pm**

In the Parish Center, is a our first meeting to give you all the information you will need to enter into this process. Please be sure to come and be sure to check out the website at [www.stambroselatham.com](http://www.stambroselatham.com)

There you will find forms and registration information you will need. If you have any questions you can call us at 518-785-1351 x309 or my cell at 518-359-0213. You can text us, email us, tweet us, Instagram us or just open the window and shout really loud.

We’ll be there!

And speaking of shouting really loud, please tell anyone you know who may not have seen this that St. Ambrose is shaking with excitement and ready to share with everyone the exciting things that happen here. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, stop strangers on the street and tell them too, our doors are open and what’s inside is the greatest thing on earth.

**September 11th**

Next, we have the EDGE ministry and we’re so excited about it we could just bust.

Sunday’s starting at 10:15am to 11:15am

**children's faith formation**

Opening day of our Faith Formation for grade school students is

**September 11th**

10:15am to 11:15am

We'll all meet in the gymnasium to start the day and meet the teachers, meet other families, make new friends and talk to old friends. If you haven't registered please contact Justina Treventi at the Parish Office—518-785-1351 for information and any help you may need to join us. All are welcome of course and if you have a neighbor who might not have heard then please let them know and share with them our contact information.

Hey do you like Christian Music!

Check this out ...

We are excited to participate in the Movie presentation of WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA: An Evening of Unity and Prayer for our Country. Join Chris Tomlin, authors/pastors Max Lucado and Louie Giglio and many more national faith leaders and musical guests for WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA: An Evening of Unity and Prayer For Our Country. Playing exclusively and one night only in theaters and select churches nationwide Tuesday, October 25. Experience the sold-out event filmed at Madison Square Garden, plus exclusive back-stage footage and interviews that will inspire, challenge and encourage your family, church and community.

To purchase tickets visit [christomlin.com](http://christomlin.com), click on NY and select Church of St. Ambrose. Ticket price is $8.00 ($7.00 plus $1.00 fee) and you have the option of purchasing Chris Tomlin's new album “Never Lose Sight” in either CD or digital download format for only $3.99. Movie begins in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:10 pm—all are welcome!
"We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

August 28, 2016 $15,215.38
August 30, 2015 $15,206.58

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INVITATION
Blessed Sacrament School, located in Albany, will be celebrating the Centennial of its founding on the weekend of September 17 & 18th, 2016. On Saturday, Sept. 17, there will be a reunion for all of the Alumni beginning with Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, 609 Central Ave at 6:00 pm, followed by a reception in the School Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration on Sunday, Sept. 18 at a noon Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger. A reception will follow in the School Hall for everyone. If you are a member of the alumni, we would be happy to hear from you.—please call 482-3375 or visit our website www.bss100.org. We invite those who are interested in continuing the legacy of Catholic education in the Albany Diocese to participate.

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.

TRANSITION OF TABLE OF THE LORD
Sunday, September 18th, will be the last broadcast of the televised version of Table of the Lord. The Diocese will begin live streaming the Mass each week on its website (www.rcda.org), beginning Sunday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. Please check The Evangelist, the diocesan website, and social media for more information in the coming weeks. Those with cable can watch Mass on EWTN. The Diocese will work with parishes and individuals to find solutions for those who cannot access the Mass either online or on cable. Email comments or questions to communications@rcda.org or call 453-6618. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal.
The amount raised thus far is $149,665 with a total of 421 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.thebishopsisappeal.org
Many thanks for your support!
Fr. Anthony

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## Liturgical Roles for Week Ending September 11, 2016

### Money Counters, Sunday, September 11th

**Team #8 — Lawrence Girard, Susan O'Brien, Sandi Trzcinski, & David Piusienski**

### Money Counters, Monday, September 12th

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

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**Sunday — September 4**

- After 7:30 AM Mass a Brief Adoration to follow

**Monday — September 5**

- Labor Day
- Church & School offices closed

**Tuesday — September 6**

- 6:00 PM Altar Rosary Mass-Church
- 9:00 AM School Mass-Church
- 6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

**Wednesday — September 7**

- First Day of School
- 11:00 AM School Dismissal
- 11:00 AM Communion Service
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 6:30 PM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday — September 8**

- Regional Food Bank Mtg-Parish Ctr
- After 5:30 PM Mass a Brief Adoration to follow
- Saturday—October 1

**Friday — September 9**

- Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
- After 9:00 AM Mass a Brief Adoration to follow

**Saturday — September 10**

- Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
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- Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Sunday — September 11**

- Life Teen Seniors Only Night
- Faith Formation Kick off
- Parish Ctr Meeting Rms
- NO Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
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**Thursday — September 8**

- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
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- Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Friday — September 9**

- St. Peter Claver
- Weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
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**Saturday — September 10**

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**Sunday — September 11**

- 5:30 PM Life Teen — People of St. Ambrose