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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
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

“No servant can serve two masters. It will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” – Le 16:13
Our Gospel reading today once again takes us back to customs and practices at the time of Jesus as Jesus tells the crowd another parable. Many landowners and those who had large properties or estates would usually employ a steward to make sure that things were managed properly. As we may imagine, stewards had a great deal of responsibility and power and they were most certainly placed in a position of great trust. Often stewards would have been employed by the family from one generation to another: a son taking over the job from his father.

Sadly, we hear of a dishonest steward in the Gospel story or parable. Despite the relationship that he must have had with his master and despite the trust and responsibility that he had been given, he has been busy cheating his master and now he is being found out. He is obviously a very shrewd man as he sits down and considers all his options for the future. He comes up with a plan to save his skin and to avoid complete disaster.

As we know, Jesus uses parables as stories that then contain a message or a moral. So, what can we learn from this rather strange and puzzling parable of the dishonest steward? Well, it is probably not really about giving shrewd advice or guidance with respect to what to do when dishonesty or cheating is found out! Rather, it is about our good stewardship and being shrewd concerning all the gifts that we have been given by God. Perhaps we can go even further back than this, because the parable is also about realizing that we are stewards in the first place! Everything that we have and are is, in fact, a gift from God: we are not possessors but stewards. This is true for our spouse, our children, our personal gifts, our property, or our bodies; as well as for the spiritual gifts that God has given to us.

This year, we are thinking a great deal about being disciples of the Lord (it is a theme for our focus on creating a culture of vocations in our parish and school and also for our parish and school festival next weekend). A key and very practical way of growing in discipleship is to realize that we are stewards of the many gifts that God has given to us.

The Lord asks us to use all these gifts that he has entrusted to us wisely and well. If we do not do this, then we are like the dishonest steward in the parable, cheating our master (and ultimately ourselves too.). God also asks us, every so often, to make an account of all those gifts that he has given to us; not like the dishonest steward who does this because he is going to be fired, but rather so that we can appreciate afresh all that has been given to us on trust and to give thanks to God for the gifts that we have. After all, it is so easy to take things for granted, especially the many gifts that we have: family, friends, good fortune, as well as spiritual gifts such as the Eucharist, the sacraments or prayer. In fact, it is a great exercise at the end of every day to sit down just for a couple of minutes and to give thanks to God for the blessings and gifts we have received that day.

Let us then truly realize and appreciate that we are stewards and not possessors of everything we have and everything we are, and let us be good and honest stewards of all that God has given to us!

Fr. Anthony

A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don’t be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we “cannot serve two masters” and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

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

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

A Special Invitation...

**Bishop Scharfenberger will join Fr. Anthony to share some reflections.**

Come and sit with Jesus for awhile...

**With gratitude in our hearts for our Father’s great love and mercy, let us come together for a night of song, praise and worship.**

“When you say to God, ‘Our Father’, He has His ear right next to your lips.”

St. Andre Bessette

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**ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!**

There will be a table at the **Parish Festival**, on **September 25th**, for anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server. There are some changes happening to the duties of Altar Servers beginning in October. In an attempt to have everyone ready for these changes, we ask that all servers attend at least one **“Server Informational Meeting”**. These are scheduled **AFTER Mass** on the following dates:

- September 10th/11th after 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm,
- September 18th after 9 am, September 25th after 11:30 am and again at 2 pm during the festival. Please join us!

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**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, 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!

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**Do you love Christian music?**

We are blessed to have the following concerts taking place in our area over the next couple of months:

- **October 13**
  - Upstate Concert Hall, Clifton Park
  - Switchfoot and Relient K

- **November 14**
  - Lake George Forum
  - Big Daddy Weave, Plumb and We Are Messengers

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**A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will turn the work of marriage into fun and romance!

For more information call Ed & Rhonda at **518-279-3243**.

Upcoming dates: **November 4-6, 2016**
Let us know you are coming!

You don’t need to RSVP to come but it will better help us prepare food and events!

Name: ________________________________

Number of people attending (approximate): ___

You can:

- Drop this in the collection basket during Mass
- ...or Email your reply to “faithformationAA@stambroselatham.com
- ...or RSVP on the parish website (stambroselatham.com/parish-festival)

What will be happening at the Fest?

- Food
- Family activities
- Faith
- Tours
- Games
- Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the setting of the parish’s foundation stone!
- Celebrating who we are as a parish family!

We would love if everyone could bring a non-perishable food item but the day is free to attend!

Volunteer signup sheets in the back of the Church!

Bring your family!
Bring your friends!
No cost to attend!
Share your community and let others experience the love here!
Sunday Night is the Night!!
LIFETEEN/ Confirmation is filled with ...

ESCAPE THIS ROOM

HONOR INTRIGUE

If you’re in high school you must come to this event. It promises to be the event of the summer with all of the above, including tons of food, LIVE MUSIC and friends everywhere! Starting with the 5:30pm Mass.

If you already went to Mass then come at 6:30 for tons of food and fun. See you all there. The core team is dying to meet you ...

We can’t wait to meet you!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

~ Another year has just begun
So much to learn
And so much fun
Welcome back EVERYONE! ~

At St. Ambrose School, we live by some additional “BEE ATTITUDES”

BEE CURIOUS
BEE CREATIVE
BEE COMPASSIONATE
BEE CONFIDENT
BEE A FRIEND
BEE FIT

NURSES’ NOTES...
NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN

How exciting to see the new school year begin with the little ones with crisp new uniforms and shiny shoes, which won’t be shiny for long, as I see them running happily in the school yard.

It has been a beautiful summer with great weather and flowery gardens and birds chirping. Here it has not slowed down and there are a lot of hurting people, and many deaths. If I may ask for you to pray for the families, it is so important and greatly appreciated.

Our family lost our beloved Aunt Angie, a great example of love and kindness, part of our immediate family, and such an important part of our holidays. Her funeral was celebrated at St. Isaac Joques on the Lake like my Dad’s funeral, and our family thanks you for the cards and remembrances in her honor.

COAT COLLECTION
to benefit needy families
October 22nd & 23rd only

A bin will be placed in the back of the Church. All sizes, adults and children, as well as snow pants. In conjunction with Catholic Charities to help area families. Call me for further information at 785-1351 x304.
MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ambrose Parish, Latham, New York believe that, through our faith and baptism, we have been called to give witness to the values of Jesus as expressed in the gospel and teachings of our Church. As individuals and as a Parish Family we strive to:

- Develop our spiritual life, spread the Gospel message,
- Respect the human dignity and rights of all persons
- Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children
- Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

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.

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 EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

| Name: ____________________________ |
| Address: ____________________________ |
| City: ____________________________ State: ____________ |
| Zip: ____________________________ |
| Phone No: ____________________________ |

Please check:
- _______ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.
- _______ Add my name to the subscription list, here is my $18.00/yr.

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

Finding Our Place in the Family
Saturday, October 1, 2016
10 am until 2 pm
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, NY

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger is pleased to invite you to the Diocese of Albany’s upcoming Summit on the Family Finding Our Place in the Family
"We Are A Tithing Parish Following "God's Plan for Giving"

September 11, 2016  $19,230.83
September 13, 2015  $16,941.90

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

SEPTEMBER 24/25, 2016
“CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION”
REASON – FAITH – SERVICE-LEADERSHIP

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

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

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

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.

“Quotes, etc.”
“A person is a person no matter how small.”
Dr. Seuss

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.thebishopsappeal.org
Many thanks for your support!
Fr. Anthony

We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – September 18
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
5:30 Mass Life Teen/Confirmation Kick-off starts with 5:30 PM Mass in the Church

Monday – September 19
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday – September 20

Wednesday – September 21
6:00-9:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Ctr

Thursday – September 22
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00-8:00 PM NIGHT OF PRAISE-CHURCH

Friday – September 23
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – September 24
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – September 25
PARISH FESTIVAL FOLLOWING 11:30 MASS
11:30 AM BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT MASS
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
TEAM #10 — RENE COMTOIS, RICH HAGGERTY, DANIE RENDA & SUZANNE TRZCINSKI

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
TEAM #2—JAN, MIKE & PAT RAYBALL

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Family Mass
September 25th at 11:30 AM
...followed by our Parish Festival—hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks (no cost)!
Bring a salad or dessert to share!

Blessing of Backpacks at mass. Students and educators bring your backpack to Mass and we will have a special blessing as we begin the new school year.

Please join us and invite a friend or a neighbor!

Blessing of the Backpacks