“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

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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Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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Jesus said in reply, “One was cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” - Lk 17:17-18

Pastor’s Page

JESUS AND THE TEN LEPERS:
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING THANKFUL

I am sure that most of us, if not all of us, have experienced times when we have really put ourselves out to help a person, but received no thanks. Depending on the situation and on how we are feeling, we can be really hurt and offended and perhaps even go away muttering something like “…well, that is the last time I help that person!” Sometimes, not only are we not thanked, but we seem to suffer for doing good, as in the saying “no good deed goes unpunished!” Turning things around, we may also have experienced a guilty feeling when we realize that we have not thanked someone when they have helped us.

So, I think that we can easily identify with our Gospel this weekend. Jesus has just cured ten people of that awful disease called leprosy (or Hansen’s disease as it is known today). It is a terrible disease as it disfigures the body and, at the time of Jesus, there was no known cure. The disease was so feared that anyone who contracted it had to leave their family and friends and live in isolation. We might say that they suffered not only physically, but also socially and spiritually. It does seem amazing then that only one of the ten lepers who had been cured (and a despised foreigner at that) came back to give thanks to Jesus.

This account of an encounter with Jesus that Saint Luke describes with such clarity can prompt us to think about the great and life-giving virtue of being a thankful person. As children, we are taught to say “thank you” and that is good and right, but it is not just a matter of saying thank you, but much more of being a thankful person. Giving thanks then is not just something that we do, but is also who we are. Being a thankful person or having an “attitude of gratitude” is the perfect antidote to being selfish or self-centred, or of having an attitude of entitlement that can be so destructive.

This is especially true when it comes to our faith and our relationship with God. Being thankful helps us to see that everything we have and everything we are is actually a gift from God. And it is not for nothing that we call the greatest gift that God has given to us, that is Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, the Eucharist: a Greek word that means thanksgiving. Indeed, if we listen with fresh ears to so many of our prayers that we say during Mass and outside of Mass, we can hear how they mention the words thanks or thanksgiving again and again.

So our Gospel encounter is a reminder about the vital importance of developing an attitude of thanksgiving: of not just saying thanks but of being thanks! It is vital because it is life-giving. Notice that the one person who did return was not only healed (as were the other nine), but then Jesus says to him, you are saved: a total healing not just physically, but spiritually. A great way to help us grow in this attitude or disposition of being a thankful person is to begin each day with some sort of prayer of thanksgiving, perhaps or especially when we do not feel there is much to be thankful for. Maybe at such moments, we will not only be healed, but we will also be saved.

Fr. Anthony

CHANGES & CLOSINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
• Church & School offices closed
• There will be NO 6:30 am Mass
• There will be a 9:00 am Mass

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

October 15th & 16th

Next Weekend at all Masses, Fr. Anthony will commission/recommission the Eucharistic Ministers of our St. Ambrose community. The commissioning rite confers a special blessing on the Eucharistic Ministers as well as recognizes their commitment to assisting our priests in bringing Jesus’ body and blood to our community both at Mass and to our homebound. Let us remember them with gratitude in our prayers this week.
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be two Training Sessions explaining in detail the upcoming changes in your duties during the Mass. They are scheduled after the 11:30 Mass on October 9th and 16th. Please plan on attending. Thank you.

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during September and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: Mia Rose McGinniss and Sydney Madison, Sanin.

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers from the St. Ambrose Parish Community to Ian Patrick Collins & Alexandria J. (Barry) Collins; Andrew Michael Glasser & Anne Elizabeth Buser; Shawn Thomas Mealey & Jennifer Ann Darrow Mealey who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

In Loving Memory

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Charles J. Doyle, Jr. and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

FOOD PANTRY STATS

The Food Pantry served 110 households in September. This included 237 adults and 183 children. As always the generosity of St. Ambrose parishioners is deeply appreciated and helpful. The ongoing need is great and all food and monetary contributions are much appreciated as we strive to feed the hungry in our community.

Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of the time, talent and treasure we have received.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is federal regulations concerning patient confidentiality.

If you or a member of your family is a patient in any of the area hospitals, please call the Parish Office at 785-1351 so Father or Deacon can make a visit.

Please also inform the hospital that you are a member of St. Ambrose Parish. Hospital visitation is done on a weekly basis and it is important to us that all our parishioners are visited.

Her Potential is our Passion! Learn more about Academy of the Holy Names at our High School Open House, Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM. Register online at ahns.org or contact Ann Rento arento@ahns.org, 438-7895 x202. 1075 New Scotland Rd, Albany.

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!
Let’s Consecrate Ourselves to Divine Mercy!

Bishop Scharfenberger invites you and the entire Diocese to experience mercy like never before, by our Diocese’s Consecration to Divine Mercy. To complete the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we can join him in a 33-day preparation period, beginning October 11, and culminating with Consecration to Divine Mercy at the Cathedral, Sunday, November 13, at 5 p.m. or on your own. We will use the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. The daily reading takes 3-5 minutes and is pondered during the day. The 33-day preparation can be done alone or in a group. You can order the book via the website: www.shopmercy.org/albany.

Please consider joining our preparation group in the lounge Tues. Oct. 18, 25, 30 and Nov. 8 from 6:30-8pm

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You can obtain a copy of the book at our office during regular hours.

- We are asking for $5 donation for the book. If you can’t afford that, don’t worry. If you’d like to donate for someone else, please let us know.

- If you could, please enroll by contacting Carol Blanchard at 785-5299 or cblanch6@gmail.com. She can also give you more info.

- The Consecration can be done individually or in one of the groups meeting the parish. We’d love it if you checked out one the groups but understand if you can’t.
And now for something new and exciting.

We’re building a Cook Book. Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? Perhaps one that uses honey? St. Ambrose is the patron saint of Bee Keepers so it’s only appropriate for us Ambrosians. Please send it into the Lifeteen Office and we’ll try to include it. It can be for Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner and of course dessert recipes are the best! So please send us your favorite. Include a photo of the dish if you have it as well as some information on where it came from originally. We only have a few weeks to complete the book so send in your recipes today! You can mail it in, drop it off or email it to youthministry@stambroselatham.com. Thank you so much!!

St. Theresa of Calcutta said “If you can’t feed one thousand people then start with just one.”

This Sunday Night for Afterlife (the high school meeting that happens after the Lifeteen Mass at 5:30pm) is all about discovery. Come see for the first time the many places you can find God. Come discover the majesty, brilliance and awesomeness of who God is in our world. We always start the night with Mass and then a meal for all to share. Hope to see you there!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

October 15th 9 am–2 pm
Harvest Fest

October 22nd 6:30–9:00 pm
Wine Tasting

Featuring Rev. Dr. Anthony Barratt, Guest Sommelier

In Memory

All Souls and the Month of November

During the month of November, we traditionally pray for our family and friends who have died. We have some special “All Souls” memorial envelopes available. There will be two Masses offered (6:30am & 9:00am) for all those named on 2nd November (All Soul’s Day) and each day during the month of November. Please use the space on the back of the envelope to write down the names of those you wish to be remembered and then place the envelopes with any offering you wish to make in the collection basket as it comes around at the weekend Masses, or leave the envelopes at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy. Please make sure that the envelopes are returned as soon as possible so that the names can be included in the Mass intentions. The envelopes will be placed at the altar during the month of November and those named on the back of the envelope are prayed for during Mass. There will also be a Book of Remembrance for you to write down the names of loved ones who have died.

On Sunday, 30th October during the 11.30 am Mass, we will have a special remembrance ceremony for all our recently deceased parish members who have had a Funeral Mass or liturgy at St. Ambrose during the last year (the annual “Healing of Memories Mass”). The ceremony will involve some special prayers, the reading of the names of the deceased parish members and the presentation of flower. After the Mass there will be a reception in the McCormick Parish Center. The families concerned should have received an invitation to this event, but if you have not please do contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Also, if you have had a family member (from St. Ambrose or any place) who has passed away in the last year but whose funeral took place elsewhere, you are warmly invited to participate in the ceremony too. Again, please contact the Parish Office giving your name, the name of the deceased family member(s) and how many family and friends you estimate might be coming.
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.

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.

SPECIALISTS IN ORTHODONTICS

Thomas Decker, D.M.D.
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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.

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

Autumn Diocesan Gathering
A Jubilee Day for Disciples of Mercy
Mark October 22nd on your calendar and plan to attend the annual Autumn Diocesan Gathering at LaSalle Institute, North Greenbush/Troy. It is a day for every Catholic and every parish minister! Gather with Bishop Scharfenberger and hundreds of brothers and sisters from throughout the diocese to pray, learn, and be nourished in faith. Br. F. Edward Coughlin, OFM, president of Siena College, will offer the keynote address followed by an array of workshops, exhibits, and a new Parish Ministry Expo where you will discover best practices from other parishes! Register and pay online at www.autumngathering.org or see the September 15th issue of The Evangelist.

Sign up for CYO Basketball will take place in the St. Ambrose school Gym on Monday, October 3rd and October 17th—times for both dates will be from 6 PM TILL 8 PM. To qualify the player's family must be a member on St. Ambrose Parish or St. Ambrose School. If the player is a parish member they must attend faith formation.

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 meeting on September 8th was very short but a new idea was discussed. We will have a breakfast for our November 10th meeting. Think about joining us for a social get together and get to know new people and make new friends. Our BINGO game was fun, cost is $1 per card and we usually play 5 games. We are looking for new members—ask someone you know to come to a meeting to check us out. Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.
CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – October 9
10:15-11:15 AM NO Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass NO Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

Monday – October 10—Columbus Day
1:30 PM Church & School Offices Closed
7:00 PM Nursing Home Mass

Tuesday – October 11
Book Fair—Lobby
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Wednesday – October 12
Book Fair—Lobby
9:00 AM-Noon Grandparents Day-Parish Ctr
9:00 AM School Mass-Church
12 Noon School Dismissal
7:00 PM Culture of Vocations-Lounge

Thursday – October 13
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – October 14
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – October 15
Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses
9:00 AM-2:00 PM School Harvest Festival-Gym
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – October 16
Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday – October 10—Weekday
6:30 AM Jeanne Phillips by Joe & Caroline Gomez
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
1:30 PM Nursing Home Mass

Tuesday – October 11—St. John XXIII
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Ann Carville by Jean Mooney
John Barreto by Maria Chilinski

Wednesday – October 12—Weekday
6:30 AM Rose Marie Olejournyk by Bernard Nadeau
9:00 AM Robert Fahr by Terri McGraw
Grandparents Day School Mass
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – October 13—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Rita & Aim Demers by Yonally Family
John Sully, Jr. by Terri McGraw

Friday – October 14—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus
4:30 PM Ellen Gradoni by Jeanette Crola & Family
Lynne Anslow by Tina Zandri & Bob Gullie
James Cramer by Fran & Dave Placido

Sunday – October 16—29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Sam Aliberny by Children
9:00 AM David Timko by Mr. & Mrs. Robert McGee
Theresa Kane by Trzcinski Family
Margaret Colarei by Kennedy Family
11:30 AM Jean Sully by Justin Treventi
Marie Campbell by the Marshall Family
Roberto Canto by Arrobang Family
5:30 PM Earl V. Skiff by Tina Favreau

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
TEAM #4 — BILL SAGE, JUDY VAUTRIN & DONALD CLEAR

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
TEAM #2—JAN, MIKE & PAT RAYBALL

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Volunteer

Sacristan Ministry

Like altarpiece serving, being a Sacristan is a very beneficial way to help out your church community, and an active way to participate in Mass. Sacristans perform the following duties:

- Setting up the church before Mass. Typically, sacristans arrive at church half hour before anyone else. They light the candles, arrange the books, ready the linens and basically perform a little simple organizing before Mass begins.
- Prepare the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass.
- Coordinate all Mass participants, make sure Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are ready.
- Cleaning the holy materials after Mass in the sacristy.
- Before the sacristan leaves the church everything is set back in its place and secured.

Decide if this is something you think you can do. Setting the table of the Lord is a ministry that is essential for the Mass. We are in need of sacristans for all Masses. Our schedules are flexible so after training you can let us know what Mass works for you. Our schedule is posted ahead several months at a time for your convenience. Please contact the Sacristan Coordinator Pat Rayball 708-9615 for more information.