“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
- Lk 18:7-8

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

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)
OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

A few weeks ago, we reflected upon October as “Respect Life” month. October is also a month that by tradition has a focus on our Blessed Mother, especially the devotion known as the rosary. It is like an annual reminder for us about this great form of prayer. So, perhaps we can spend a few moments together reflecting on the rosary: what is this form of prayer, why do we have it, how did it come about and what is the meaning of it…?

All forms of devotion to Our Lady can help us to focus upon and to renew our faith and our sense of discipleship. The various “mysteries” of the rosary remind us of the great events in the life of Christ, and of His role as saviour and sole mediator between God and humanity. As one document notes: “the Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centred prayer.” Marian Devotions also help us to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity: of what God has done for us and how we are part of God’s plan. Mary is also seen as a model and example of the Church, and so Marian Devotions help us to reflect upon the mystery of the Church. In other words, Mary is seen as the first disciple of Christ, and the Church models her earthly journey on that of the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. She is the sign of our future, of our hope of life in heaven.

The Rosary, especially since the time of Pope Leo XIII in the early twentieth century, has been greatly commended and encouraged to this day. We also have the memoria of Our Lady of the Rosary in our Church’s calendar on 7th October. The great thirteenth century saint, St. Dominic, is often seen as the originator of the Rosary, though not necessarily of the Rosary in its present-day form. We know that in the Middle Ages, strings of beads called ‘paternosters’ were used to help prayer in church or when walking or riding along. (Often it was the Pater Noster, the Our Father, that was repeated). Monks used to recite all one hundred and fifty psalms that are found in the Bible. At some stage, the “Hail Mary” was substituted for the 150 psalms (the three mysteries and five decades making that number), or the Our Father. When and how this occurred is uncertain.

The Rosary is very much a prayer of contemplation and it models Mary’s own prayer of remembering (“she pondered all these things in her heart”; Luke 2: 19). It is also described as a very “human” method of praying, based upon the idea that a repetition of prayers or phrases can help us to clear our minds and so focus on the mysteries of our faith. The rosary is very much a compendium of the Gospel because we reflect upon the various events or “mysteries” in the life of our Lord and of Mary. It is for this reason that the new luminous mysteries have been added, because there appeared to be a “gap” in including the mysteries of Jesus’ public life between His Baptism and His Passion in the traditional mysteries (the joyful, the glorious and the sorrowful mysteries). These new mysteries therefore are:

I. Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan
II. His self-manifestation at Cana (Jesus’ “first” miracle)
III. His proclamation of the Kingdom of God and call to conversion
IV. His Transfiguration
V. His institution of the Eucharist

This month might be a great time to revisit the rosary as a form of prayer. After all, we can pray the rosary anywhere either using the traditional beads or by using a rosary ring. There are even CDs of the rosary available to play in the car (while driving with due care and attention, of course!).

A couple of helpful resources to deepen our understanding of the rosary include:

Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the “Most Holy Rosary” (you can download the English version of this from the Vatican website)


Fr. Anthony
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.

**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.

**A MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT**
Please join Perpetual Life Care and Gianna Center of Albany for THE GIFT: A MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT. November 19 from 9:30-1:30. A lunch will be provided. $10 per person. St. Clement's Church, Saratoga.

Join us for a special retreat for women ages 12 and older. Learn how beautifully God designed women. Learn science to help identify patterns for your wellness. Learn Biblical truths to protect your gift. Individual, age appropriate presentations for ages 12-14 and 14 and up.

For information, please contact thegiftdmr@gmail.com

**WINE TASTING**
October 22nd 6:30-9:00 pm
Featuring Rev. Dr. Anthony Barratt. Guest Sommelier

**DIOCESE SPECIAL COLLECTION**
Next week, at the Masses of October 22 & 23, parishes in the Diocese of Albany will take up the Annual Collection for the World Mission Sunday. This collection helps so that the Holy Father is able to provide for the needs of missionaries as they go about proclaiming in word and in action the Gospel of Mercy. Please be generous in this collection.

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

**PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION**
Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

Let us come to Him and let us not be afraid!
Let us come to Him and say from the depths of our hearts: “Jesus, I trust in You.”
-Pope Francis
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!

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.

On Tuesday, November 15th 2016, author Eve Tushnet, author of the book “Gay and Catholic” will be speaking (7pm in the Parish Center)

About “Gay and Catholic“:

In this first book from an openly lesbian and celibate Catholic, widely published writer and blogger Eve Tushnet recounts her spiritual and intellectual journey from liberal atheism to faithful Catholicism and shows how gay Catholics can love and be loved while adhering to Church teaching.

About Eve:

Eve Tushnet lives in Washington, DC, where she was raised somewhere between atheism and Reform Judaism. She cofounded her high school's gay/straight alliance and entered the Catholic Church in 1998, during her sophomore year at Yale University. She is a freelance writer and a recovering alcoholic. In 2010, she was profiled in the New York Times' "Beliefs" column.

Tushnet blogs regularly at The American Conservative and Patheos. Her work has been published by the Atlantic, Weekly Standard, Commonweal, and First Things, and she has written for the Washington Post "On Faith" blog and the New York Times "Room for Debate." She has spoken on being gay and Catholic at Carnegie-Mellon University, Georgetown University, Princeton University, Fordham, among others. She has also addressed a group of campus ministers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and spoken with Interfaith Voices, a syndicated public radio show. Tushnet contributed an essay on gay Catholic life to the 2008 anthology Faith at the Edge, and has essays forthcoming in books from Fordham University Press and Notre Dame University Press.
Do you have any home recipes that have always left people smiling?

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.”
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 a 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.

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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☐ 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.

Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

Colonie
St. Clare’s 456-3112 Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am

Latham
Our Lady of the Assumption 785-0234 Sat: 4:30pm
Sun: 7:30am,
9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House 10:30am

Loudonville
Christ Our Light 459-6635 Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am
St. Pius X 462-1336 Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 & 12 noon

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Marriage Encounter

Fall is here, so why not FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN on the next Marriage Encounter weekend November 4-6. For more information contact Ed & Rhonda Staats 279-3243 or www.albanyme.org.

Do you love Christian music?
We are blessed to have the following concerts taking place in our area:

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

March 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM
TobyMac Hits Deep Tour
Times Union Center
TobyMac, Matt Maher, Mandisa, Mac Powell, Hollyn, Ryan Stevenson, Capital Kings

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the White Mass for members of the St. Luke’s Guild, other Catholic physicians and their families on October 29 at 4:30 PM at Our Lady of the Assumption in Latham. A reception with the Bishop will follow the Mass. Further details will follow at which time we would ask you to indicate if you will participate. Should you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Thomas, M.D. at his email: (fjmok@verizon.net) or the Office at StLukes.Guild@rcda.org.

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 17th 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.

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Ruth Perry and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

In Loving Memory
CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

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 Ct

Monday – October 17
6:00-8:00 PM CYO Sign Up-Gym
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday – October 18
6:30-8:00 PM 33 Days to Merciful Love-Lounge
7:00 PM Altar Rosary in the Chapel followed by a meeting in Meeting Room #1

Wednesday – October 19
9:00 AM Class Mass-Chapel
6:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Ctr
7:00 PM Grief Group-Resource Rm

Thursday – October 20
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00 PM Confirmation Large Grp-Parish Ctr

Friday – October 21
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – October 22
6:30-9:00 PM Wine Tasting-Parish Ctr
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – October 23
9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy 8th Grade-Church
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

Monday – October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch
6:30 AM Richard Family by Madeleine Richard
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday – October 18—St. Luke
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Patricia McLaughlin by Family
Patrick & Therese Hunt by Mary Alice Hunt

Wednesday – October 19—Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues
6:30 AM Rose Marie Oleyouryk by Madeleine Richard
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – October 20—St. Paul of the Cross
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Louis N. Paley by Wife & Family
Jozef Chilinski by Maria Chilinski

Friday – October 21—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – October 22—St. John Paul II
4:30 PM Richard Bango by daughter Doreen
William E. VanAlstyne by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt
Nancy Miani by Food Pantry & Acquarius Club

Sunday – October 23—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Ann Carvill by Mary Anne
James Sorta by Don & Susan O’Brien
9:00 AM Constantine Doukas by Dufresne & Cavanaugh
Funeral Home
Robert A. Fahr by Meg & Will Fahr
Famulare & Calderalla Families by Wife & Son
11:30 AM Marie Hopko by Dan & Barb Greene
5:30 PM Earl V. Skiff by Sissy Gorleski
Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
Team #6 — Steve Green, Richard Ostiguy & Tom Dame

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
Team #3 — Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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Like altar 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.