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Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
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Pastor's Page

ADVENT IS HERE AND SO…
“WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR”

This weekend we begin our short season of Advent, as we prepare for the advent or the coming of our Lord. We prepare, of course, for Jesus’ coming to us at Christmas; what is usually called the first coming of Christ. We can also think of His final coming at the end of time or, as we say in the Creed at Mass, “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” Many spiritual writers such as St. Bernard also reflect that in between this first coming at Christmas and last coming at the end of time, Jesus in fact comes to us in many ways: in prayer, in people and events, in the Sacred Scriptures and, of course, in the Eucharist. Advent then, is very much a time when we focus on Jesus’ coming to us in all these ways and, of course, His presence among us at every time and in every moment of our lives.

An image that may help us is to see Advent as very much like a journey. As with any good journey, we not only have a final destination in mind (the coming of Jesus), but also we use a map (or even a GPS!) to guide us on our way there. Advent does indeed follow a route or a plan and so it has a structure for each Sunday to help us to journey well. To help us to journey through the season and to prepare for Christmas, the usual “Word Among Us” booklets will be available to guide our prayer and reflection each day during this holy season. We also have our parish retreat and mission from 11th-13th December. Our focus during this Advent might be that of discipleship: of seeing what God asks of us and having the courage to follow this.

So, what is the structure or theme for each of our Sundays during Advent that can help us with this? The theme or guide for the first Sunday of Advent is to watch and wait for the Lord. For many of us, it is a timely reminder that as Christians, we need to be like Mary as well as Martha in the Gospels (cf. Luke 10: 38-42). Martha was so busy with things that she did not have time to listen to Jesus, whereas Mary sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to him. We too often need to slow down and listen to the Lord, to sit at his feet for a while, even if it is just for five minutes a day! It is good to remember that we have a wonderful asset at St. Ambrose in the form of our Day Chapel. The chapel is open on weekdays from around 5.45 am until 9.00 pm. Why not come and spend a few minutes there, watching and waiting on the Lord?

In the second week of Advent we think again of John the Baptist and his mission to prepare a way for the Lord. John decreased as the Lord increased: we are called to do the same; that is to let the Lord grow in our life. Our third week places before us that great and important attitude of joy: we rejoice for the Lord is coming, he is near to us. We recall that this joy is not something superficial, or as Bernard Bassett called it “contingent” (on things going well or on others), but rather a gift and an inner peace and strength that is there regardless of life and its ups and downs. In our fourth and final week, we celebrate the annunciation of the good news that God is indeed with us. This is true not just at Christmas, but for every moment of our life.

This time of year is so very busy at school, at home and at work and all those shopping days to Christmas are disappearing rapidly! The Church wisely gives us this special season of Advent to help us in all this busyness to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. So, let us use this time well, let us journey through Advent well and let us prepare well so that as the Lord comes to us, we may have hearts and minds open and ready to welcome him. Let our prayer be the same one as the very first Christians: “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Fr. Anthony
Suddenly,
A great company of the heavenly host appeared with
the angel, praising God and singing,
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on
earth peace to those on whom
his favor rests.”

Anyone who would like to sing for the 8:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass, there will be two rehearsals,
Thursday, 12/15 and Wednesday, 12/21 at 7:00 PM in
the choir loft. All are welcome. Any questions please
email Mark at mlangevi94@gmail.com or see Tom
after any Mass.

The Altar Rosary Society will be
preparing the Church for the Advent/
Christmas season and we would like to
invite the parish family to participate.
We will be decorating the altars in the
church, chapel and McCormick Center
with beautiful live poinsettia plants. If
you wish to help us with this endeavor,
for a small donation, you may purchase
a plant in memory of a loved one or in
your family's name. Information on this project can be
found on the handouts located at the Church entrances.
Thank you and God Bless.

Commissioning of Lectors – December 3rd and 4th
Next weekend at all Masses, Fr. Anthony will commission the Lectors of our St. Ambrose community. The commissioning
rite confers a special blessing on the Lectors as well as recognizes their commitment to proclaiming the Word of God. Let
us remember them with gratitude in our prayers this week.
Prepare the Way!
Welcome to the 1st Sunday of Advent!
A couple of quick ways to prepare:

- **Mark the date: beginning on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 11th, 12th, and 13th)**
  we welcome Rich Curran, who is leading this year’s parish retreat! Rich wowed our diocese at this year’s Spring Enrichment and we’re really blessed to have him here at St. Ambrose!

- **Do you have an Advent Wreath?**
  It’s a great way to keep the spirit of the season in our homes! Remember: Advent is NOT Christmas…our hearts are getting prepared to invite Jesus into our hearts in a special way at Christmas. Looking for some Advent prayers? Check out: [http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers/](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers/)

- **Pick up your copy of the Word Among Us at the back of the Church!**
  The parish wants to help YOU make Advent and Christmas spiritual and meaningful. Let’s make the most of this special time and let’s do it together!

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“Rich is the best, most dynamic Catholic speaker to youth and adults in our country today.”

**Liz Tingquist**
Director of Youth Ministry
Tickets for our Mission Trip Raffle will be on sale soon! They will be $25 each and there are 47 cash prizes to win. YES, I said 47 cash prizes which gives you a 1:12 chance to win! The first place prize is $5,000.00. Please get ready to buy your winning ticket. We’ll be out front of church soon with smiles on our face. Thank you so much for supporting this awesome ministry and mission work.

CONFIRMATION
Have you registered yet?
Have you and your parents met with Mark yet?
Have you started the first phase, Parish Life, of prep yet?
Do you have your Sponsor?
Are you registered for the retreat yet?

If you answer no to any of these you are behind and need to catch up. Please contact the Lifeteen Office and see what you are missing. 785-1351 x309

Mission2017
Does mission work interest you?
Do you have a passion for teens?
Do you have a desire to combine those two things?
Give the Lifeteen Office a call and we’ll help make that happen. And if you know any high school teens who would like to join in on the mission trip have them give the office a call. Space is limited, call now.

Parents Please Notice:
On Sunday November 27th there is a very special EDGE meeting being planned that includes you. Please accept our very special invitation to stay from 10:15am to 11:15am that morning with your child for this great kickoff to our Advent season.
Being a part of a Parish Family is amazing and awesome in so many ways and on this day at this meeting we’ll embrace the joys and the anticipations all families have when something exciting is about to happen.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Nurses Notes
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

November 26, 2016
To be Thankful

When I gaze out the window at the trees, I think how thankful I am for thee.

As wild flowers grow outside on their own, I see how carefully God’s presence is shown.

I’m thankful for all the love that’s passed, and grateful that it really does last.

Each phase of life is a mystery, as some must go, and new little ones learn how to be.

So when I think of what makes up my heart, it’s all these little pieces that are all a part.

The Angel requests have been placed on the Christmas tree in the Parish Center Lobby. All gifts will benefit those in need.

Please tape original Angel to wrapped Christmas gift and return them by December 8th so that they can be delivered.

As always we need helpers to sort and deliver. Thank you for all you continue to do to help those in need.
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.

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- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

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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.

Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

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| 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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Due to Thanksgiving holiday, November 20th will be reported on week ending 12/4/16.

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

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

Parenting Pointers

Your Thanksgiving meal is probably over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during Advent that you can use extras around your home (food, toys, tools…) to ease the lives of those who don’t have as much.

Compassion is a gift we can all give this Holiday Season. The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance to those families in need of help. Please help us to make a difference in their lives by contributing to the Poor Box.

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.
**Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016**

**Sunday:**
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:**
Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:**
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:**
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday:**
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:**
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:**
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/
Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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**Sacristan Ministry**

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.