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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

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Well, 2017 has already arrived, probably leaving many of us still thinking “where, on earth, did the last year go to…?!” As our new year opens up ahead of us, we continue to celebrate the great season of Christmas. (By the way, do remember that the season of Christmas begins and not ends on Christmas Day, even though the stores and other places may well have already taken down their Christmas decorations on Christmas Eve.) In fact, in our Church calendar, the season of Christmas really does not end until we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

So, our festivities continue as we celebrate “Mary, Mother of God” on this New Year’s Day weekend. As we know, there are many titles given to our Blessed Mother, but the title “Mother of God” is seen as the foundational and most important title. It was officially given this special place many centuries ago (431 AD), although it had been part of our faith and devotion even before that. Of course, we use the title in the most well-known of all our Marian prayers, the Hail Mary. The title is a reminder of Mary’s special place in God’s great plan of salvation and of her role as our mother and intercessor (as in “holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners…”). As the Opening Prayer of Mass today puts it: “may we experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life.” It is a very fitting way then to begin our new year by celebrating this wonderful feast day of Mary, our mother and to ask her prayers.

As we begin this New Year, many of us make some sort of resolution for the year ahead. I would like to make a suggestion for a sort of religious resolution, or a St. Ambrose Parish and School resolution. It is a resolution that can involve everyone and, in fact, needs everyone if it is to work. The suggestion is to continue the wonderful efforts that have been made especially over the last few weeks to welcome, encourage and engage those around us who, perhaps, we only see rarely at St. Ambrose or any other church. We know that they are our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ and that we, like a family, are in a way incomplete without their presence with us.

In fact, Pope Francis is his visit to the USA back in September 2015 issued an urgent appeal and a challenge for all of us to attract others to a new or a renewed relationship with the Lord. At the same time, to do this we need to also grow in our own relationship with Jesus; that is to grow in being his true disciples. We know that this means hearing what God wants of us (our God-given vocation or calling) and then following it with courage and determination. Like Mary, may we welcome God’s messengers as they come to us and then ponder that message in our hearts.

Our new year’s resolution then can be to better realize that we have received the gift of faith from others (parents, grandparents, family or friends) and that we are called to bring that gift of love to others. We are to be the presence of Jesus, through our time, our words, our prayers and our actions. All these can show forth and manifest the love of God. So, as this New Year begins, perhaps we can resolve to find ways to show forth that love of God that we have experienced and that we celebrate to others. As one of the dismissals at the very end of Mass tells us: “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!”

Fr. Anthony
A Special Invitation...
Night of Praise

With gratitude in our hearts for God’s great love and mercy, let us come together for a night of praise and worship. We will sing songs of Christmas praise and adoration and listen to some scripture reflections on the Nativity. We pray it will be a night of community, gratitude, joy and worship!

Please join us from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Church on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

CLOSINGS & CHANGES

- 1/2/2017, Monday, Church & School offices will be closed
- 1/2/2017, Monday, there will be NO 6:30 AM Mass but there will be a 9:00 AM Mass

Our December 8th meeting went really well. We showed a short video of “A Christmas Story in Chalk” by Elva Hurst. It was fabulous and all enjoyed it. After the meeting a group of us went to The Restaurant At The Pointe for a Christmas luncheon and had a very good time.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at 10 AM in the Parish Center. We will have a guest speaker from the “Atria” and she will provide breakfast pastries and give a talk. We would like to invite anyone that would like to come to join us that morning. We always have time for social talking and getting to know each other. Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot #785-6315.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION will be held on Saturday, January 7th. Please join us in the Chapel at 10 am for this devotion to Mary.

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.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Each year our school is approached by parents who strongly desire a Catholic education for their children but simply cannot afford one. You can make a difference in a child’s life by sponsoring all or part of a child’s tuition. Please consider helping a student in need of receiving a Catholic Education. Thank you.

Terri McGraw-School Principal 785-6453
A new way to connect!

Coffee, Books & Conversation is a way to meet new people, hang out, and have good conversation with other people like you. Multiple meeting times are available!

Visit [www.StAmbroseLatham.com/CBC](http://www.StAmbroseLatham.com/CBC) and let us know a time that would be good for you. You can also sign up at the back of the Church.

Enjoy the book and we hope it will spark some good conversation in the coming weeks!

*Merry Christmas from St. Ambrose!*
Politics and Religion!

The two things I was warned about from an early age. Never talk about these things!!! Well I think we blew out of the water. So how about religion? How but for this one let’s do it right. Unlike Politics our faith tops (of our Hearts) and presented to anyone and everyone; in our lives. I have spoken to many people who say things like: “Why is there so few people at Mass? Where are the young people? Where are the men? Where are the families? Why is there so many people who are in our parish but we don’t see them around?” This past week we had a gentlemen, Rich Curan speak to the parish for the parish mission about the importance of sharing our faith and what a difference it can make in our parish family. He asked some very pointed and important questions to us all. Things like – Have you ever told your children and/or your spouse why you are Catholic? Have you shared with them and your close friends, when was the first time you realized God loved you and has a hand in your life? It’s called sharing your witness and it’s easy if you know how and practice on your closest family and friends. And when you ‘see’ and you ‘do’, your actions become your norm and the norm becomes the great invitation to everyone in your life to join in and be a part of the great joy our Lord offers everyone. Here are some ideas. Give it a try and you’ll find yourself realizing it’s easy and awesome to share your faith. Not because you’re trying to tell people what to do but you are, as St. Peter tells us: always be ready to give them the reason for your joy.

Here are some guiding principles to sharing your faith with others:

**Tell it as a story:** Jesus Christ told great stories and parables. He used real life situations to make a point and help communicate what he was trying to say. We all do it with so many of our conversations it only makes sense that we would do it when we talk about ourselves and God. **Begin with what happened:** Or you might say ‘cut to the chase.’ Go to where you first felt God’s presence or when you first felt something you can’t explain just happened. That would be the Holy Spirit dwelling in your midst. **Modify it for your audience:** No one is too young or too old; too cool or too nerdy; too hip or too square to hear your story. But speak to your audience in a way they can embrace you. Simplify where necessary and don’t where you shouldn’t. **Ensure there is sufficient closure:** Try to end your story with mystery, wonder and a solid conclusion. Seems like those contradict each other in some way but our faith Is very much about mystery, wonder and closure. We believe in the things we can not see. We have hope in those things and continue our pursuit after knowledge and understanding. And at the end of the day we are Catholic. We stand together as brothers and sisters in Christ, to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ, to love and to serve. **Embrace natural emotions:** Make it personal and emotional and heartfelt. If ever we share with each other, the stories that matter the most are those that touch our heart strings and bring us into the story by calling to our God given desire to be compassionate, caring and loving people. Use the gifts that God gave each of us to be the image of the living God for those who are listening, in love and selflessness. **Pray and practice:** Sounds so institutional and academic but it’s really true. You won’t find a single person engaged in their faith who would say it can be done without prayer. Truth is nothing can be done without prayer. It is the essential part of all our effort because clearly if we don’t call out to our God we have no place in speaking about Him. Sharing your faith is not about your theological knowledge or your philosophical wisdom but about your personal relationship with our Lord. That can only come through prayer, contemplation and conversation with our Lord. - Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Practice with family and close friends first. You’ll find it gets easier and easier the more you do it. Who knows? Maybe we’ll all find ourselves sharing our faith to each other and some one else will over hear it and ask a question like, ‘So who is Jesus Christ?’ **OPPORTUNITY!!!**
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

From the St. Ambrose School family to your family.

Merry Christmas and our heartfelt wishes for peace and joy in the New Year!

First Grade stockings are hung from the chimney with care.

Thank you to all of God’s children for the gift of love and your care for others. It is a privilege to serve you.

God has truly blessed us with the guidance and integrity of Father Barratt. I have been blessed to have him as my boss. Happy New Year!
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.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

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PARISHES OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

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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.

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.

St. Michael’s Church, Cohoes will present: OREMUS
A Guide to Catholic Prayer
On Sundays from 2 — 3:30 pm for eight weeks, beginning on January 8th and ending February 26th. Registration fee is $20 to cover materials. For registration information please contact Kathleen Burns on 237-0370 (Home), 428-6353 (Cell).

FINANCIAL PEACE IN 2017
Plan Now to Make it Happen!
...become part of the...
Financial Peace University Program that begins on Wednesday, February 1st thru March 29th @ 6:30 pm at St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Crescent, 86 Church Hill Rd, Waterford. For more information or to register contact Stephanie Nolet at St. Mary’s Parish office on 371-9632 x10.

March 21-31, 2017
$3,794 per person including air from Albany Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily Mass daily at the Holy Sites For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano @ 1800-773-2660.

New Year

This year, I resolve to be gentle yet strong-tough on sin, but tender with sinners.

Good grief! I sound like a holy detergent...
**CALENDARS & SCHEDULES**

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**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending January 7, 2017**

**Money Counters, Sunday, January 8th**
Team #1—Ann Miller, John Bodnar, Pat O’Connor, Patty Lincoln, Tom Paolucci

**Money Counters, Monday, January 9th**
Team #2—Jan, Mike & Pat Rayball

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**Sacristan:**

Monday – January 2—Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
9:00 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
Tuesday – January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Bernard Kelly by Ann & Jim McCauley
Wednesday – January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
Thursday – January 5—St. John Neumann
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM For the Intention of Sr. Vivian Giulianelli by Parish Staff
Friday – January 6—St. Andre Bessette
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
Saturday – January 7—St. Raymond of Penaforte
4:30 PM Leon Barber by Pat
Therese Normile by Jean & Pat McKeown
Angelina DeFile by Bob & Pat McGee
Sunday – January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM Teresa & Vincent Papolizio by Clara
9:00 AM Grenchus Family by Mary Anne
Marie Hopko by Monica Wilkes
11:30 AM Nicholas Casale by Flavia Sposito
Nancy LaRow by Susan Hartmann
Nicholas Casale by the Selkis Family
5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Angelina DeFiore by Bob & Pat McGee
Marie Hopko by Monica Wilkes
Nicholas Casale by the Selkis Family

**USHERS:**

R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**

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**Volunteer**

**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.