“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”


Epiphany of the Lord
They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering
the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They
prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they
opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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
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Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
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THE EPIPHANY: A REFLECTION

As we reflected upon last week, it is a strange thing that many people think that Christmas is over on the 25th December. True, this date marks Christmas Day, but, as the famous song “the Twelve Days of Christmas” puts it, it is the first (not the last day) of Christmas. The Christmas decorations and the Christmas jingles in stores may have long gone, but we continue to celebrate the great season of Christmas for several weeks after Christmas Day. During the season, we have had many great feast days and events: St. Stephen (the first martyr), St. John (the great Gospel writer), the Holy Innocents (slain by King Herod in a fit of fear and jealousy) and, of course, New Year’s Day or as it is in our calendar, the Motherhood of Mary (“mother” is, in fact, the oldest title given to our Blessed Mother).

This weekend our festivities continue as we celebrate “the Epiphany” of the Lord. This strange word comes from the ancient Greek and it really means the appearing or the showing forth of something or someone. So, this weekend, we commemorate the epiphany or the manifestation of Jesus. Not only this, but we also mark the revealing of Jesus to the nations: Jesus Christ is the universal savior: for all times and all places. This is symbolized in the coming of the three kings who have travelled a long distance from foreign lands and also by the giving of their gifts. The gifts (gold, frankincense and myrrh) indicate who Jesus is and what he has come to do. The well-known hymn, “we three kings” explains all this to us:

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine
Its bitter perfume breathes
A life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Finally, we realize that we too have received the gift of faith from others and that God manifests Himself and His love to us in many ways: in His Word, in the Eucharist and the sacraments, though prayer and religious experiences that we may have had, and through people and events each and every day. Not only this: we are called to bring that gift of love to others. We are to be the revelation or epiphany of Jesus to all those whom we meet. It will not be with gifts of gold, frankincense or myrrh (well, probably not!) but instead through our time, our words and our actions. All these can show forth and manifest the love of God. These often small things can be like a shining star that guides and helps others to discover the very presence of God in their lives. As this New Year has begun, 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 end of Mass says: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!”

Fr. Anthony
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.

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

February 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Newboys
Palace Theater

February 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Casting Crowns with Danny Gokey & Unspoken
Glens Falls Civic Center

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

We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during December and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are:

Scout June Farren, Lindsey Kathryn Gaynor, Kennedy Marie Sharp and Amelia Mary Lizzi.

“We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

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 Marion F. Zanghi, James J. Galante Jr., Harry J. Cushing Jr., Edward J. Roskiewicz and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

Food Pantry Stats
The Food Pantry served 90 households in December. This included 188 adults and 162 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.
Scenes from Christmas 2016
Extraordinary—By Lenora LeMay—1/2/17

From time to time I have contemplated writing a short story about the unique, funny and awkward moments I have experienced over the past six years while serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in my church. For example there are those cute moments where you have a child standing in front of you and they look about the age where they could have received the sacrament of Holy Communion but there is no indication if they are waiting for a blessing or Communion, so I am left with a desperate search of eye contact with a parent to give me some clue as to how to appropriately proceed with this beautiful child. Or the times where a person stands before me and I have no idea from the posture if they desire to receive in their hand or via tongue. I find myself in an awkward situation of waving my hand with the sacrament between mouth and hands approximately 2 or 3 times before I figure out the location. This ultimately leaves me in a battle between wanting to burst out in a giggle and feeling like I have been less than reverent with our Lord. Most recently I found myself very content dwelling within my “inner prayer closet” or my prayerful “zone” while taking the Holy Communion between thumb and forefinger from the ciborium. While raising it up I was pulled out of my peaceful place of prayer like the Starship Enterprise in warp drive only to be highly aware of the nice twee gentleman standing before me. I was a bit awestruck by the incredible head of hair that he had which was dark with loose curls and sticking out about 6 inches in every direction. The sight drew out of me a huge smile with which to utter, “The Body of Christ.” So why I have to ask, would that happen? My only conclusion was maybe I was to say a prayer for him and I did.

It does occur to me however, the better story lies in why and how am I here in the first place. I would say it started with a thought one day that maybe I should serve God in that way. But like many of my fleeting thoughts I let it go to see if it was truly just a thought or if it was a nudge from God. The thought continued and turned more into a desire of the heart. My issue initially was hesitancy because I struggle with shyness and I can be a bit clumsy. This leads to thoughts accompanied by anxiety that I am surely going to mess something up so bad that it will cause the altar to break in two and the Priest will need to tear his robe in reparation for my colossal mistake. Did I mention I have a big imagination? In spite of all my objections the desire continued and I had to remind myself that I am trying to live a life that always says ‘yes’ to God in whatever He asks. I, therefore, often live in places outside of my comfort zone. This was one of them. I also know that God’s Grace has not let me down and it is so good to rely solely on His Grace and not on my weaknesses.

So it goes that I asked to be trained and proceeded on as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I cannot say it went smoothly in the beginning, there was a time where I was so filled with anxiety during Mass because I was to pour the Precious Blood into the Chalices at the altar and the fear of spilling it came over me. God was so merciful to me because before we were to approach the altar another Extraordinary Minister asked me if I would like her to do it instead. I will tell you it felt like the heavens opened up at that moment, broke the chains that bound me and opened the prison door when I responded, “Please!” And there was a time that I thought I was being reverent but I didn’t know I wasn’t and our Priest let me know. I think I cried for a week and beat myself up with guilt. But I didn’t quit and I was back serving the next Sunday better prepared because God’s consolations are greater than my most grandiose fears and imaginations of how I can mess things up.

When God calls us to something He doesn’t leave us without His Grace and His consolation. There have been so many times that I am distributing Communion when I am so filled with His joy that I feel like I must be radiating it to each person who comes before me. I imagine that what I experience is nothing compared to the joy He has for the person who is standing there in anticipation of receiving Him, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. There are times I can feel His presence so intimately that my step is lighter as I am walking back to the pew afterwards. I know that I am not worthy of all of this and I would serve without the incredible consolations but how awesome is our God who gives us all we need to be the person He calls us to be. If you have ever had a fleeting thought to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion then I encourage you to pray about it and ask about it. It really isn’t as dramatic as my imagination has created it to be. It is often a calm, loving experience sprinkled with brief moments of awe and giggles. It is so worth it and remember His promise, “Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

From the St. Ambrose School family to your family, we send our heartfelt wishes for peace and joy in the New Year! Make a new year’s resolution to give your child the lasting gift of a Catholic education.

Please join us for our Open House Sunday, January 22 12:30-2:00 pm

Nurses’ Notes…
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

Such a lovely work of praise—as we start a New Year, a fresh slate in a world of unrest and doubt. Let us reflect on the one who made us. May the all loving God, create a new heart within us this most Holy New Year.

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt him above all forever.
Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
You heavens, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
All you powers bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
Every shower and dew, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.
All you winds bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Daniel 3:57-65

“What so ever you do for the least of my brothers you did it to me.”
Matt. 25:45
**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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**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.

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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.

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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.

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**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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After the Lord’s Blessing enjoy your wedding reception at

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The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank you for your generous support of the Poinsettia sale. Your contributions purchased beautiful plants for the church altar, chapel and the McCormick Center. God bless you and may 2017 bring you much health and happiness.

The Altar Rosary Society

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Carl and Marion Rosenthal Grenchus
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JANUARY

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – January 8
8—12 Noon Parish Family Breakfast-Parish Ctr
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen XLT-Parish Ctr

Monday – January 9
1:30 PM Nursing Home Mass
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday – January 10
7:00 PM Altar Rosary-Chapel followed by a meeting in Meeting Room 1

Wednesday – January 11

Thursday – January 12
10-12 Noon Young At Heart-Parish Center
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – January 13
6 AM-Midnight NO Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – January 14
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – January 15
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation (Edge Only)
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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Monday – January 9—The Baptism of the Lord
6:30 AM Richard Family by Madeleine
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
1:30 PM Nursing Home Mass

Tuesday – January 10—Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Helen Benson by Family
Dominick Penesso by Family

Wednesday – January 11—Weekday
6:30 AM Mary V. Nadeau by Husband Ben
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – January 12—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Norma Egelson by Julie & Bob Rys

Friday – January 13—St. Hilary
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – January 14—Weekday
4:30 PM Nicholas Muscariello by Antoinette Muscariello
Savina DeSantis by Mr. & Mrs. John Rota
Madeline Dombrosky by Nancy Hooks
Therese Normile by Jim & Cindy Normile

Sunday – January 15—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Nancy LaRow by the Martino Family
Elsworth King by John & Linda Estep
11:30 AM Nicholas Casale by Sarah Estep
Nancy LaRow by Don & Susan O’Brien
Alfred Muller by Andy & Justina Treventi
5:30 PM Life Teen—People of St. Ambrose

THE EPHEMERA OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 15, 2017

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
Team #3—Barbara Stampfl, Richard Lasky and George Parker

MONEY COUNTERS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH
Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy and Rene Comtois

4:30PM 7:30AM 9:00AM 11:30AM 5:30PM

SACRISTAN: Hal O’Brien

LECTORS: #1-Diana Spenard #2-Laureen Sharp

ALTAR SERVERS: Celeste & Mary Hessinger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: MS Ray, B & I Murray, M. Riley, T. Muscatello, M. O’Brien, J. Proctor

USHERS: J. VanWie, J. Minnick, D. Mason, J. Couch

MEDIA MINISTRY: tbd

SACRISTAN: Bob Lamiano

LECTORS: #1-Valerie Gyurko #2-Kathi Grill

ALTAR SERVERS: Dan Buser

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: C. Chabot, V. Gyurko, P. Lincoln, E. Mahoney, B. Evers, RA & P Szewdo

USHERS: P. Szewdo, R. Haggerty, V & M DesChamps

MEDIA MINISTRY: tbd

SACRISTAN: Renee Hallock

LECTORS: #1-Rita Fahr #2-Jim Conlen

ALTAR SERVERS: Evan Turcotte, Jacob Frank

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: R. Hallock, A. Robinson, R. Zmijewski, D. Sabatino, J. Cyriac, P & R Ostiguay,

USHERS: T. Keith, D. Waltersdorf, D. Esposito, Volunteer

MEDIA MINISTRY: tbd

SACRISTAN: Moira King

LECTORS: #1-Patricia Frank #2-Raphael Peralta

ALTAR SERVERS: Michelle Quiachon

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: D. Carr, S. Almonte, A. Schwenzefer, M. King, D. Piusienski, N. Agner

USHERS: D. Fuda, K. Cavanaugh, E. Fitzgerald, R. Selkis

MEDIA MINISTRY: tbd

SACRISTAN: Lenora LeMay

LECTORS: Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteers

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: D & MA Frament, J. Finn, S. Kolcow, R. LeClair, L. LeMay, C. DuBois

USHERS: Volunteers

MEDIA MINISTRY: tbd

SACRISTAN: tbd

LECTORS: tbd

ALTAR SERVERS: tbd

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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.

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**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.