“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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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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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS AND OUR BAPTISM

Last Monday, we kept the great feast of the Baptism of Jesus. It would normally be celebrated this Sunday, but, with Christmas falling on a Sunday, this has changed our usual pattern of feasts during the season of Christmas. The feast marks the end of our season of Christmas in the church calendar and the beginning, once again, of Ordinary Time. In the Gospel for the feast, we heard how Jesus asks to be baptized by Saint John the Baptist and after this, he begins His three years of public ministry that we will hear about in our Gospel readings each Sunday, beginning this weekend. Perhaps, like John, we might be puzzled by Jesus’ request. After all, Jesus is the Son of God and is “one like us in all things but sin.” Surely Jesus does not need to be baptized? This is certainly true, but as Father Robert Barron puts it: “Jesus stood shoulder to shoulder with sinners in the muddy waters of the Jordan, not because he was a sinner in need of salvation, but because he wanted to bring the divine love even to the darkest and most painful corners of human experience.” Jesus’ baptism is therefore a great sign of God’s wonderful love and mercy and a call for us to fulfill, with God’s help the promises made when we were baptized.

So, the feast is also rather like an annual reminder of the great sacrament of baptism that we have received and so, at Mass this weekend perhaps we can renew our baptismal promises and we will be sprinkled with holy water. (We use holy water to put us in mind of the waters of our own baptism.) Most of us do not remember our own baptism or the promises made for us when we were baptized because, of course, we were just a little baby when it happened; although perhaps we have had the joy of being present at a baptism recently. It is good to remember all the wonderful gifts that the sacrament of baptism brings to those who receive it: new life and a washing clean of all sin, adoption as sons or daughters of God through Jesus Christ, the light of Christ to guide us, entrance into the community of the Church to name but a few. Once again, we might say that these are all great gifts that come from God’s love and mercy for us.

There is one other important gift that we receive in the sacrament of baptism and it very much ties in with our parish and school focus on evangelization: that is of living as true disciples of Jesus Christ and sharing our faith with others. As we hear in the Gospel today, a voice is heard from heaven and God designates Jesus as His “beloved Son” and the Holy Spirit rests upon him. In a way, Jesus receives a call from God and a mission and after this event at the Jordan River Jesus begins his ministry.

So too with us when we were baptized. The very first thing that happens in the Rite of Baptism is that the parents are asked: “what name do you give your child?” This is a very significant and symbolic moment. Giving a name gives an identity to a person and also a purpose. When the person being baptized is “named” it means that God will know them by that name and call them by that name for the rest of their lives. We received that naming and purpose when we were baptized…let us live up to that name by which God knows us and calls us!

One final thought. We have the custom of blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter or leave the church: we do this almost instinctively or automatically. On this feast day of the Baptism of the Lord, it is good to remember why we do this. It is actually a ritual reminder of our baptism and of the promises of that sacrament that we try to follow and to live, not just when we gather in the church, but when we leave to go about our lives. So, as we bless ourselves with holy water, why not also say a short prayer or make a promise, that we will live up to our name and our calling that we received when we were baptized. And perhaps, we can also pray in this that just as we have received so many gifts from God, we will also share those gifts with others.

Fr. Anthony
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 Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

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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.

Changes & Closings
Monday, January 16th

There will be NO 6:30 AM Mass
There will be a 9:00 AM Mass
Church & School offices closed

Triskele

returning to St. Joseph’s Provincial House for Irish Night!

Friday, February 3, 2017
at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph’s Provincial House Dining Room
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd.
Latham, NY 12110

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Tickets $20 in advance
$25 at the door
Must be 21 to attend

For tickets call (518) 389-2654

Food Pantry

The success of the St. Ambrose Food Pantry program is attributed to the incredible generosity of the St. Ambrose parishioners, community organizations and grants from the Regional Food Bank. We have compiled year end 2016 statistics that we would like to share with you, our most giving supporters as follows:

- 4,462 total people served
- 2,132 total people served
- 993 milk certificates provided
- $12,070 provided in gift certificates
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. We’d like to offer multiple meeting times!

Visit 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!

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday, January 24th, 7pm in the Lounge
More to come, register today!

Upcoming: Family Mass January 29th at 9am
Mission 2017 News!

Our mission trip this year will be to Abbeville, Louisiana working with an organization called Family Missions Company. Family Missions Company sends out lay Catholic families and singles to proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor! These families and single men and women are placed all around the world to live and work in communities where they will serve and bare witness to the love of Jesus Christ. You can read more about these awesome people on their website at www.familymissionscompany.com.

This past Sunday we had our monthly breakfast for our parish family and it was a great success. Everyone enjoyed their food and fellowship. If you have not been able to join us the next one is February 5th. Please come and share a meal, share friendships and support our parish mission work through the generosity of our parish family and with the effort of our teens.

This weekend and the weekends to follow we will be selling the adult raffle tickets. Thank you for all your support and good fortune to you if you win! Let’s serve our brothers and sisters as Christ calls us to serve.

“Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me teacher and master and rightly so for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” John 13:12b-15

Mission Trip Raffle is on sale!

Adult Raffle Tickets are $25.00 ea.
Each ticket has 1 in 17 chance of winning.
First Prize $5,000—one winner;
Second Prize $1,000—two winners;
Third Prize $500—four winners
Fourth Prize $100—Five winners
Fifth Prize $25—Twenty winners

No raffle has better odds of winning than this raffle, EVER!

Your generosity can bring back big paybacks if you are one of the winners. Remember that every winner drawn goes back into the hopper to have another chance to win.

It doesn’t get better than this.

Save the Date

March 18th at 5:30pm

Dinner and Silent Auction to support the Mission Trip. Don’t these look YUMMY? Take your pick of Prime Rib

- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Baked Salmon

or for those St. Patrick’s Day lovers how about some Corn Beef and Cabbage

There will be live entertainment, the famous Silent Auction, a Wine Pull and of course Fine Dinning and we will have the drawing of our Adult Raffle.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Students at all grade levels have been commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the National Park Service. From Denali to the Everglades and Hawaiian volcanoes to the Saratoga Battlefield, students have traveled afar and back in time to learn about the 58 amazing landmarks.

Give the everlasting gift of a Catholic education to someone you love.

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

Nurses’ notes… Nancy Acemoglu, RN

While people were hurrying and scurrying a few days before Christmas, I received a call from the Red Cross that they were in desperate need for blood, with the anticipated Christmas Holidays and trauma from accidents. Somehow I never can forget working in a big hospital when these traumas would come in so critical, and it seemed like they constantly needed more blood.

With special thanks and gratitude for all who took the time in the busiest of days, to donate and help others. Several units were secured and the drive also was in Memory of Edward G. Cox, a dedicated area man who recently passed. His wife worked and assisted registration of donors, and her awareness to this great cause was so important.

Thank you to Mike Rayball, a retired Latham Chief Firefighter, to also be on hand to help. You all gave the best Christmas message, the love of Christ for one another.

Thank you sweet “Santa” for the beautiful note and necklace you left for me, this week. It was so very kind and I love it. It means so much to me.
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

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City: ____________________________
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Please check:
☐ 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

Colony
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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Encouragement

Celebrate National Marriage Week 2017 + Virtual Retreat

National Marriage Week (February 7-14) is a great time to support marriage. As Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth said in his letter to all U.S. bishops, National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day (the second Sunday in February) provide opportunities “to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples.”

The annual observance of National Marriage Week encourages diverse groups to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a stronger marriage culture, which in turn helps curtail poverty and benefits children.

Here are some resources that can help you celebrate marriage this week. Visit our website at www.foryourmarriage.org

- Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our seven-day virtual retreat focused on marriage. This year the retreat draws from Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (2016) and the USCCB pastoral letter Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan.
- Take a look at our Daily Marriage Tips. Maybe you’ll find a new idea to strengthen your relationship.
- Find more resources on the USCCB National Marriage Week page at www.USCCB.org
- Visit the website of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, which provides numerous resources for celebrating World Marriage Day at www.wwme.org
- The website for National Marriage Week offers helpful ideas for building up your own marriage, recommended reading, supporting marriage in the community and much more. There’s also a listing of marriage-building events throughout the country at www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org

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TOM GREEN

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,
We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.
We seek you for guidance and for comfort.
But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.
We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.
Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
### January

#### Calendars & Schedules

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#### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending January 22, 2017

**Money Counters, Sunday, January 22nd**
Team #4—Bill Sage, Judy Vautrin and Donald Clear

**Money Counters, Monday, January 23rd**
Team #1—Tina Zandri and Marian Davis

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**LECTORS:** #1-Michael Lupian, #2-Frank Carlino  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** J. O’Brien, D. Cushing, L. Francesconi, J. Paradis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Proctor, G. Leombruno, D. Spenard, B. Sage, S. Burgess, J. Conroy, D. Ellinger  
**USHERS:** L. Commerford, J. Minnick, E. Poryrala, G. Spenard  
**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Chris C.  

| 7:30AM     | **SACRISTAN:** Bob Lamiano  
**LECTORS:** #1-Elizabeth Mahoney, #2-John Bodnar  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Mr. Vincent Cook  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Gentile, J. Bondar, C. Chabot, B. Evers, V. Gyrko, P. Lincoln, E. Mahoney  
**USHERS:** J. Bodnar, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron, Volunteer  
**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Julie / Julie  

| 9:00AM     | **SACRISTAN:** Donna Sabatino  
**LECTORS:** #1-Mary Kay Frederick, #2-Jason Larch  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Catherine Blanchard, Anjali Tressa Kurian  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Stewart, K. Matheson, S. Earl, N. Styczynski, M. Girard, A. Medic, A. Langevin  
**USHERS:** J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs  
**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Pauline C. / M.A.  

| 11:30AM    | **SACRISTAN:** Fran Fiegler  
**LECTORS:** #1-John Natale, #2-Anne Schwenzfeier  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sara Heitner, Therese & Sara Biazon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Sharp, D. Rootes, N. Fisk, J. & L Natale, Pat & Sharon Rayball  
**USHERS:** R. Mullen, J. Martin, T. DeSess, D. Fuda  
**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Suzi T.  

| 5:30PM     | **SACRISTAN:** Volunteer  
**LECTORS:** Volunteers  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** MJ Foglia, K. Maxwell, M & K Trudeau, J & M Searles, N. Agner  
**USHERS:** Volunteers  
**MEDIA MINISTRY:** Tenn C.  

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**Sunday – January 16—Weekday**
9:00 AM Anna D. Mahoney by Betty Mahoney
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – January 17—St. Anthony**
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Susan Bell by Sharon Burgess

**Wednesday – January 18—Weekday**
6:30 AM Theodore Contompasis by Don & Susan O’Brien
Richard Family by Madeleine
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – January 19—Weekday**
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM James J. Galante, Jr. by Justina Treventi

**Friday – January 20—St. Fabian**
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – January 21—St. Agnes**
4:30 PM Conceita Savino (23yr Anniv) by Antoinette Muscatello
Marilyn C. Lobb by Mary & Peter Riley
Vincent & Nancy Cacciolty by Wife and Sister-in-law
Rose Rentzepis by Family

**Sunday – January 22—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM Jane Heckman by Sister
9:00 AM Carol Fleming by Nolles Family
Marie Hopko by Monica Wilkes
James Puleo by The Novotny Family
11:30 AM Nicholas Casale by Susan Hartmann
Nancy LaRow by Karri & John Holmes
Harry Cushing by the Dorothy Parente Family
5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
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.