3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

This weekend we continue our season of “Ordinary Time” and in the first few weeks of this season in our church’s calendar, we usually hear passages from the Gospel of St. John about the beginning of Jesus’ three year public ministry and so it is with our Gospel reading this weekend. Jesus begins that ministry, but immediately calls some of the disciples to be his helpers and collaborators in his great mission. It is a wonderful reminder of our call by Jesus to continue his mission and ministry wherever we are and whoever we are: in other words, to be his witnesses and disciples.

Perhaps we can reflect on how we testify or bear witness to being a Christian in our life. We go to church, of course and that is extremely important, but how else do we give witness to our faith and our relationship with God? Of course, we are not really talking about ramming our faith in the face of others in some sort of aggressive way that, as we know, just turns people off. Rather, we can think of what Pope Francis calls a “quiet witness”: simple yet sometimes hard things such as how we speak or act, how we deal with others, by prayer, by our attitudes and values. In other words, our witness or testimony to Jesus usually takes place in the everyday and the ordinary, although sometimes there are more unusual or extraordinary events that also bear witness to our faith.

This upcoming week provides us with an example of such possibilities for witness. On Monday, we keep the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision (Roe versus Wade) that legalized abortion in the USA. It has been designated as a special day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and as a time for giving thanks to God for the gift of human life. We will be having Mass as usual at 6.30 am and also, as usual, the Day Chapel is open all day: a great day to call in and to spend a few moments in prayer for these intentions.

Then on Friday, 27th January, an annual gathering will be taking place that will probably attract little attention from the media; yet in Washington D.C. around 400,000 ordinary people will be gathered (over half of them are under the age of thirty) for something “extraordinary”: the annual “March for Life”. The March for Life was begun back in 1974 by Nellie Gray and a small group of helpers in response to the Roe v Wade decision of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion. The March for Life has developed into a major event of public witness to our faith and now includes a rally at the National Mall, followed by a march to the Supreme Court, as well as youth rallies and other activities. There are a number of special Masses celebrated too, including one at the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (it is usually televised). More details can be found at the website (www.marchforlife.org or the usccb website).

The principle behind the March for Life is the defense of life and the promotion of a culture of life (in opposition to the growing “culture of death”); that is to defend and promote life from the moment of conception to the natural end of life. The March for Life charter puts it this way: “the life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human being’s biological beginning…[and] at each stage of that [life]…regardless of state of health or condition of dependency…”

The Gospel or culture of life therefore celebrates human life and promotes a respect for life from the moment of conception to the moment of death. It reminds us of the value and dignity of every human life, for we have been created in the “image and likeness of God” (Genesis 2: 7). It also confronts certain values, attitudes or practices such as abortion, some types of medical research, genocide, the treating of people as objects to be used or exploited, and euthanasia. In summary, it is a powerful witness or testimony to our Catholic Christian faith.

We are all so busy, but perhaps we can find some extra time to follow the events of the March for Life and to keep the participants in our prayers (some of our parishioners will be travelling down to Washington for the event). They are usually televised on stations such as EWTN. EWTN also covers our local Mass for life events that will take place this week at various locations across the country. Let us also do our part in actively and intentionally promoting a culture of life and so bear witness or testimony to our faith.

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

January 15, 2017 $14,953.85
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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.

At this busy time of the year, it is good to remember that our Day Chapel (to the right side of the church) is open for prayer during the day. Some people have asked about the “official” opening times for the Day Chapel and for the Church, so here they are…

The Day Chapel is usually open from 5.45 am Mondays to Fridays (except if there is something like a public holiday). The Day Chapel usually closes on weekdays at around 9.00 pm (except on Fridays when we have Eucharistic Adoration and the chapel is open until midnight).

On Saturdays, the Day Chapel is open from around 8.00 am until shortly after the end of the Saturday evening Mass (the main church is usually opened at 2.45 pm or so, ready for the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation and then for the 4.30 pm Mass).

On Sundays, the Main Church and Day Chapel are open from around 6.45 am (or a little before) until after the 5.30 pm Mass.

The Day Chapel is a wonderful facility to have, especially as we have the Blessed Sacrament reserved there too; so please do make use of it if you wish. Call in, even for just a few moments of prayer, peace, focus and reflection on the way to or coming back from school, work, shopping, running errands or whenever you are just passing by the church. Those few moments will certainly not be wasted…!

Fr. Anthony

“Compassion for the mother is extremely important, but is never served through destroying the innocent”

Randy Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

Parenting Pointers

Many People are on the move this weekend. Some going to Washington DC for the Inauguration, others for the Women’s March. Talk to your children about standing up for what they believe in.

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

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.
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](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!

**Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday, January 24th, 7pm in the Lounge

More to come, register today!

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Next Week: Family Mass January 29th at 9am
Let’s walk the walk together and spend a weekend hanging out with our friends and sharing our stories and hearing how our faith is the most powerful force on the planet. Let’s see how to use the ultimate power to love and learn, to see and serve, to receive and use.

$99 makes you transportation, Food and Lodging. For free you get an awesome weekend full of friends, fun, games, faith, free stuff and much much more ... join us and dare.

DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE

Retreat will be at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY on January 27-29. Be at St. Ambrose Parish Center by 5pm on Friday. The retreat will end after Mass on Sunday at 6:30pm. Bring indoor and outdoor clothing, sleeping bag and a snack to share. Register online at https://stambroselatham.com/youth-release. More information? Call me at 785-1351 x309 or email at youthministry@stambroselatham.com

Please pray for our Mission Trip, our Weekend Retreat and for all the people involved. Those who will serve and those who will be served.

Seriously Mary’d

All High School Teens are invited to attend a mini series on Mary, the Mother of God and how she leads the church in faith and virtue. These next four meetings will be packed with awesome stuff about our heavenly mother and what she is doing for us. Come and be a part of these next four meetings! They will start this Sunday, January 22nd immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Com-mu-ni-ty

Our community invites you to our Open House Sunday, January 22 12:30-2:00 pm

Nurses’ notes...
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

“Life is about wading in the water until you see the moon” “Life’s Splats”

Life is about change, the sooner it’s realized, the softer the glide. The path is not straight—there are curves that are unexpected. To wade in the water and eventually move forward takes strength, care and respect for life. The past is full of lessons.

- Trust yourself. Take steps even tiny ones toward the future, stay true to your path even if it seems dim. Don’t lose spirit.
- Keep focused. Even with practice comes mistakes or setbacks. Sometimes things go wrong before they improve. Learn from your mistakes and forgive yourself, for you at least tried.
- Plans, however well thought, may not materialize. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Look for a “silver lining”. You may be surprised.
- Find a “trusting ear” to talk to. A person of balance and compassion, who is honest and objective. You know who that person is already. Trust your instinct. Each person in life has a significant place, but not everyone can be that person of trust, learn from your mistakes. There is something healing and releasing when you tell your story. It can be therapeutic, it can relieve some burdens.
- Be hopeful (Psalm 16 “Preserve me O God, for in you I put my trust”) Give it over to God.
- Be present in the moment. Seek prayer.
- Find time to retreat in silence, a quiet space perhaps near nature, to find peace where you can expand, exhale and breathe.
- Look at the new things happening daily in your life. Pay attention, they are gifts from God to help sustain the pain; babies, new members of the family, friends and colleagues. Wipe your eyes and “See the roses in the garden.” Thank God each morning for waking up.

“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, its about learning to dance in the rain”
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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PARISHES OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

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

| LOUDONVILLE      |          |  |          |          |          |
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| 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 |          |
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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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

A Prayer for Healing
Lord, you invite all who are burdened to come to you.
Allow Your healing hand to heal me.

Touch my soul
with your compassion for others.

Touch my heart
with your courage and infinite love for all.

Touch my mind with your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim your praise.
**JANUARY**

### CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

**Sunday – January 22**
- 10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
- After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Monday – January 23**
- 7:00 PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – January 24**
- 7:00 PM Coffee, Books & Conversation-Lounge

**Wednesday – January 25**
- 6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Thursday – January 26**
- 9:30 AM Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
- 6:00-8:30 PM Core-Chapel

**Friday – January 27**
- 6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – January 28**
- 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – January 29**
- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1/29 TO 2/4
  - 9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy (5th Grade)-Church
  - 10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
  - After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday – January 23—St. Vincent**
- 6:30 AM Marion Zanghi by Sophie Berman
- Marion Zanghi by Anthony & Maria Lobo
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – January 24—St. Francis de Sales**
- 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Frances & Phil by Mary
- June Rich by the Staff of Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home

**Wednesday – January 25—The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle**
- 6:30 AM Jim Donner by Family
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – January 26—Saints Timothy & Titus**
- 6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM Marion Zanghi by Armand & Barbara Guerin

**Friday – January 27—St. Angela Merici**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 4:30 PM Nancy L. LaRow by the McMahon Family
- Robert Charbonneau by Jean Minnick
- Julia Ferguson by the Francesconi Family

**Sunday – January 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 AM Sam Alberti by Kids
- 9:00 AM Joe VanDerLinden by Fran Fiegler
- Nancy L. LaRow by Eileen & Rich Zmijewski
- Joe Collura by Rose Kent & Tom Kelsh
- 11:30 AM Nicholas Casale by Kelly Sano
- Nancy L. LaRow by Jacqueline & Richard Miller
- Julia Fick by Karen Christensen
- 5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

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**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 2017**

**MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH**
- Team #6—Steve Green, Richard Ostiguy & Tom Dame

**MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH**
- Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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**Wednesday – January 25**

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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.**