“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

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EXCERPTS FROM THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”
—Mt 5:33-34a, 37

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
How does a parish work, even without a pastor?

From Tom Acemoglu, Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

Dear St. Ambrose Parish,

A lot of folks have been wondering about who our new pastor will be. Here’s one thing we do know: the diocese takes our not having been assigned a new pastor seriously. We are supported by them and by the Vicar for the Clergy, Fr. Berberian. The process is more difficult with the shortage of priests in our diocese. Thankfully we are experiencing a real upsurge in vocations. We are also exceedingly fortunate to have the support of many priests who, though retired, still offer their priestly ministry after having already given their whole lives at the service of Jesus and His Church.

In guiding us as a parish staff, Fr. Anthony has insisted on a model of collaboration and consensus. He saw this as the way a parish staff ought to operate. He also saw that as being the principal that the parish should operate on too. We are made to be a community that works together. We are made to be one people guided by the Holy Spirit. He always insisted on being the pastor, a spiritual leader who exercised a spiritual fatherhood to the community. He made it a priority to be present to the entire community, to visit the sick, and to administer the Sacraments. His conviction was that he was a pastor and not the CEO of an organization. He saw the parish staff not as a group of subordinates but as professionals in our given field and as leaders delegated with responsibilities that left the pastor free to be a spiritual leader and priest. It’s a real vote of confidence in what all of the people of the parish are capable of accomplishing with the gifts that God has given to us.

Our parish staff operates in the following way:

Three of us are what are called Pastoral Associates. The Pastoral Associates oversee three main areas of parish life.

So what do we do? I’m the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis, which means that I supervise all activities of faith formation, evangelization, and sacramental preparation, working to empower people to know and share their faith. I have an Administrative Assistant (Justina), and I work with the Youth Minister and his assistant (Mark and Tracey). I also stay in communication with the school, religious education, Family Life, RCIA, folks in adult formation, etc. I’ve also been working with the parish’s web and social media presence as well as media content creation (videos, etc).

Erin is the PA for Liturgy and Pastoral Life. Those of you who are involved in liturgical ministries and who have coordinated various pastoral and community activities (which, as you can guess, are many and varied) have already worked regularly with Erin. On top of all that, she helps supervise the Family Life ministry (and with that our family Masses) and has worked organizing parish missions and retreats. She works regularly with our Music Minister (Tom Green) and, together with a team, has helped make our Nights of Praise happen. She also coordinates those priests who support our ministries and Masses as we regularly need assistance beyond what one pastor could reasonably do. Thankfully, we’re blessed to have two wonderful Deacons (Helmut and Frank). Her work helps make sure that people are baptized, marriages are coordinated and meaningful, and funerals are celebrated when our friends or family pass away.

The third Pastoral Associate is Ann, our Business Manager. You might not see Ann much (St. Ambrose isn’t her worshipping community) but it’d be impossible to overestimate what she does here. She works with the parish accountant as well as the finance council and trustees to make sure that we operate smoothly and are fiscally responsible. She works with our Parish Secretary (Joan), our various office volunteers, and our maintenance staff.

Together with our Parish Nurse and Outreach Director (Nancy) and our school Principal (Terri) and her faculty, we work hard to coordinate, collaborate, and support one another’s work. The goal is to serve our parish community, to have deep and meaningful worship, to bring the sacraments to people, to do and empower effective outreach to those in need, to communicate the richness of the Catholic tradition and Church teaching, and to be the kind of place that people feel home, no matter what their walk of life, age, or life situation is. We hope this place helps bring out God’s best for you.

Please know that even while we wait for a pastor, this is still Jesus’ Church, he’s still guiding it, and we’re all here to help make that real for you in your life.
Save the date...

On Saturday **February 25th** after 4:30 PM Mass we will gather to celebrate Fr. Anthony and the time he has shared with us. Come and wish him well!

**FOOD PANTRY STATS**
The Food Pantry served **103** households in **January**. This included **223** adults and **197** 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.

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**DIVORCE SUPPORT AND HEALING**
A support ministry for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. Winter can be a very lonely time for those who have experienced the end of a marriage. **There are two (2) opportunities for support and healing. One is meeting at the Pastoral Center in Albany and one at St. Pius Parish in Loudonville. Please see the flyers for dates and times. Come share prayer and support with others who are traveling this journey.**

This ministry is sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation. For more information and registration please contact mary.fay@rcda.org or call 453-6644.

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Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of **Patrick Brian McGee, Warren R. Theilemann** and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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We joyfully announce the following that were brought to the Baptismal Font during **January** and are now members of the Church. The newly baptized are: **Devin Augustus Smith, William Joseph Griffin, Sawyer Daniel Roberts, Heidi Lynn Maxwell and Aiden John Enright.**
**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!

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**DRAWING CATHOLICS BACK TO THE CHURCH**

Has anyone you love and care about drifted from the Catholic faith?

How can we bring Catholics back to the church? Let’s chat about this!

**Thursday, February 16**
@ 9:45 a.m. in the lounge
or
**Thursday, February 16**
@ 7:00 p.m. in the lounge

Questions? Call Laureen @ 518-389-6898

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**Young Adult Cooking Class @ St. Pius, February 17th**

Chef Tim Cummings and his wife Sandy are sharing their wonderful culinary gifts with St. Pius once again! Please join us at 6:00 pm in the St. Pius X parish kitchen for a Greek cooking demonstration as we learn how to make Spanakopita and Baklava.

Please RSVP to Lauren by Feb 12, and please notify us of any food allergies.

Price: $5.00 per person

Please let us know if babysitting services are needed

Contact Lauren Numrich for more information about St. Pius X’s Young Adult Ministry at 462-1336 or ym@stpiusxloudonville.org
Please join us this week as the Lifeteen Ministry prays for Marriage and Family. We will be praying a Novena and would love to have everyone join us.

Prayer for Marriage and Family
Jesus, I trust in You. Please grant through Your mother’s intercession that I may always bring Your hope into my family. Jesus, I trust in You. Please grant through Your mother’s intercession that I may always bring Your love into my family. Jesus, I trust in You. Please grant through Your mother’s intercession that I may always bring Your mercy into my family. Our Lady, please pray for stronger and holier marriages. Amen.

Day 1
Most lovable Mother Mary, our Father in Heaven created you with delight. You are His creature whom He made worthy to become the holy Mother of His Son. You were born into a family of Saints. Pray for us today that our joy in your Son will increase and that my family may become more holy. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 2
Oh most holy daughter of Adam, your precious Son chose you as the vessel for his entry to the world. Where our first mother, Eve, fell short, you fulfilled God’s call for a Mother’s holiness. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our families that we may be born to new life through your Son. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 3
Immaculate daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne, you are the door to the Eternal Word who made you the source of His Sacred Blood. You are a model for all Christian sons and daughters. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls and that we may have a greater devotion to your Son’s Precious Blood. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 4
Oh most holy daughter of the line of King David, the Redeemer of the world loves you with the singular love of a Child for His mother. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that we may have a greater love and devotion to our Mother and Father. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 5
Most holy Mary, the Holy Spirit preserved you from sin so that our Lord would have a fitting vessel to enter the world. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that we may remain faithful to your Son until the end. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 6
Oh holy Mother, St. Joachim and St. Anne were delighted to love and care for so holy a child. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that we may show greater charity to our parents and grandparents in word, prayer and deed. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 7
Holy Mother, your birth caused great joy to the angels, because they saw your holiness caused by your Son’s resurrection. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that His graces may rain down on all married couples. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 8
Heavenly Mother, your birth gave great joy to all the world because it signaled the coming of Jesus Christ, who would save the whole world by His life, death and resurrection. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that we may be exceedingly patient with our family and loved ones. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...

Day 9
Mother Mary, you pray for us as your children. Thank you for welcoming us into the Holy Family. Pray for us today that your Son may give great joy to our souls that we may increase our devotion to the Holy Family. Dearest Mother, please pray for us and for these our intentions... (State your intentions) Hail Mary...
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

The thought of Valentines Day conjures so many memories. The memories of the little chocolate hearts as a child; the valentines received in school; gifts from loved ones; little bouquets of dandelions from the kids; homemade valentines; and true love of God.

Because of God’s love for us, we are able to both receive and give love...

View all of this week’s fun activities on our Facebook page.

Also see how St. Ambrose School says farewell to Fr. Anthony:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8k4KbuxcHQ
(Keep in mind the video was originally shown at Christmastime.)
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.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name: ________________________________
Address: ______________________________
City: __________________ State: _________
Zip: ___________________________
Phone No: ____________________________

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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Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues. **Counselling** 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.

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**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

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**Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy/ Rome/Monte Cassino/Naples/Pompeii/Amalfi Coast**

**September 11 - 20, 2017**

$3,799.00 per person including air from Albany


For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milanoat 1-800-773-2660.

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**Sacred Relics of the Saints:**

**Treasures of the Church**

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 PM**. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic.

In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Fr. Carlos is available for interviews following his talk. Please contact Julie Baaki at 518-630-9922 if you would like to arranged this. For more information go to www.treasuresofthechurch.com

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**Feeding Our Neighbors**

Today, 1 in 6 people in America will be hungry. But 5 out of 6 can help. **Catholic Charities’ Feeding Our Neighbors** drive began this week and runs through mid-February. With your financial support we can help the neediest people in our communities! You can make a donation online at www.cccrcda.org to help Feed Our Neighbors, or look for the insert in the Evangelist.

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**Marriage**

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers from the St. Ambrose Parish Community to Glen Mitchell Perry and Amanda Maureen Hasenbalg who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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**A Family Perspective**

by Bud Ozar

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don’t mix. Today’s gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.
SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 12
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

MONDAY — FEBRUARY 13
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 14
7:00 PM Altar Rosary in the Chapel followed by a Meeting in Meeting Rm 1
7:00 PM Coffee, Books & Conversation-Lounge

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 15
6:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Center

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 16
9:45 AM Drawing Catholics Back To The Church - Lounge
6:00-8:30 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00 PM Drawing Catholics Back To The Church - Lounge

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 17
6 AM-Midnight NO Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 18
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 19
10:15-11:15 AM NO Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass NO Life Teen-Parish Ctr

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
Team #9—Jannie dags, Valerie Gyurko, Betty Mahoney, Carolyn Chabot, Clara Aliberti

MONEY COUNTERS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
Team #1 Tina Zandri & Marian Davis—

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 19—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Arthur Quinn by Wife
Cecelia Craven by Erin Craven
For the Intention of Rev. Dr. Anthony M. Barratt by the Stewarts and Fran Doyle
9:00 AM Daniel W. Grady Sr. by Judy Grady
John Pucci by Tom & Maryann Benedetti
11:30 AM Nancy LaRow by Carl & Marion Rosenthal
Wescott Mangine by Anie
5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
Patrick Family by John D. Brocey

6:30 AM Rose Marie Oleyournyk by Family
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

5:30 PM Leo DesChamps by Family
Pauline DeVoe
Nicholas M. Casale by the Fahr Family
Harry J. Cushing by the Fahr Family

Tuesday — February 14—Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Bud McEwen by Jean Mooney

Wednesday — February 15—Weekday
6:30 AM Sunny Paul by Kurian Family
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday — February 16—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Kevin Kretser by Diane Perkins

Friday — February 17—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday — February 18—Weekday
4:30 PM Leo DesChamps by Family
Pauline DeVoe
Nicholas M. Casale by the Fahr Family
Harry J. Cushing by the Fahr Family

5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
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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.**