“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” —Mt 5:43-45a

PARISH STAFF
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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)

CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE
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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

(We’re re-running this in case you missed it last week!)

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!

**Stewardship**
sharing the gifts we have been given

"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.*

**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](mailto:mary.fay@rcda.org) or call 453-6644.

**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](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

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

**2016 Contributions Request**

| Name: ____________________________ |
| Street: ____________________________ |
| City: __________________ Zip: _____ |
| Envelope #: __________ Phone #: __________ |
| Email: ____________________________ |

*Please provide email if you would like to have it emailed.*

*Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office*
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:
- Sunday, February 19th, 10:15am in Meeting Room 3
- Tuesday, February 21st 7pm in the Lounge
- Sunday, More to come, contact EvangelizationAndCatechesis@stambroselatham.com

First Reconciliation is fast approaching!

In preparation for this Sacrament we will be holding a 1/2 day retreat for students and at least one parent (Jesus Day).
- Saturday, March 4th
  - 9:00 am—12:00 pm
  - Parish Center

First Reconciliation will be held in the church
- Tuesday, March 7th
  - 6:00 pm

If your student is unable to attend, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 785-1351, ext. 307 or faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

Important First Communion Dates
- Jesus Day
  - Saturday, April 29th
    - 9am—noon
  - Rehearsal for Group A
    - Tuesday, May 2nd at 6pm
- Rehearsal for Group B
  - Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm
- First Communion
  - Saturday, May 6th
    - Group A—9:00, Group B—11:00
  - Group assignments will be made by March 15th
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Trip GALA Dinner
March 18\textsuperscript{th} starting at 5:30pm
$25 per person
All meals include salad, dinner rolls, beverages and dessert.

Save the Date
Choose a dinner
Fill a table with friends

And remember that this delicious and wonderful evening will be filled with laughs, family fun, chances to win at the raffle, chances to win at the silent auction, and the best part of all would be knowing that every dime spent goes towards helping our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in great need of our help.

Limited seating so buy your tickets now. Sold after each Mass and in the Parish Office.
God Bless our Parish family.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

To date we have received nearly $600 in donations to “Make St. Ambrose School The Best it Can Be!”

View all of our school activities on our Facebook page. “Like us” and share the good news with all of your FB “Friends.”

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.)

Nurses’ notes…
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

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...
**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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**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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**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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**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

The Restaurant at the Pointe

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Located off Carondelet Drive, in the Shaker Pointe Community
518-250-4525

We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
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.

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 Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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

**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

**Penny Social**
St. Michael’s Church, Page Ave in Cohoes will be hosting their Annual Penny Social on **Sunday, March 5th.**
Doors open at 11:30 am with games starting at 2 pm. Admission is free. There will be food, desserts and beverages available. The church hall is handicapped accessible. Come and have a fun afternoon.
For further information, please call Maria at 782-1203 or Michelle at 235-3292.

**40 Days for Life Kick-off / Prayer Rally** - Join the Schenectady 40 Days for Life team in our kick-off / prayer rally on **Saturday, February 25 at 2 PM** on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State Street, Schenectady. Help us unite to peacefully, lovingly and prayerfully launch the **Spring 2017** campaign where prayer is needed most… right in front of Planned Parenthood. We are in a critical time for the pro-life movement. We need to bring Heaven to earth by joining together in prayer to fight the spiritual battle in a loving, peaceful, praising manner by humbly admitting we are not the solution, our GREAT AND WONDERFUL GOD is. PLEASE be a vessel of mercy and love…. compassion and strength… faith and courage…. join us for a period of fervent prayer for this most important kick-off rally.

**Magnificat®**
A Ministry to Catholic Women

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat** (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women’s Breakfast on **Saturday, March 11 from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express Latham, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY. Tickets: $20; Clergy & Religious - Free. Guest Speaker is Fr. Rick Lesser, pastor of Corpus Christi in Round Lake, NY. Join us as Fr. Rick shares his journey to the priesthood.

**Register by March 4** - send your $20 check payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY, 12065. Please include your name, address and phone # and email address. Questions, call Heather @ 518-877-8358 or register at magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED! You do not need to be a member to attend.

**The Capital District Chapter Columbiettes Meeting** has been rescheduled from February 12th to February 26th @ 12:30 PM at the Albany Knights of Columbus Council, 375 Ontario St., Albany. Capital District Chapter President, Linda Cotch, will preside.

**Pro-Life Quote**
“Take My Hand, Not My Life”
Massachusetts Citizens for Life
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – February 19
10:15-11:15 AM  NO Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass  Life Teen-Parish Ctr

Monday – February 20—Presidents’ Day
Church & School offices closed
School Mid-Winter Recess thru 2/24
7:00 PM  Core-Chapel

Tuesday – February 21
7:00 PM  Coffee, Books & Conversation-Lounge

Wednesday – February 22
Thursday – February 23
9:30 AM  Mary’ Circle of Love-Lounge
6:00-8:30 PM  AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM  Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday – February 24
6 AM-Midnight  Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – February 25
3:00-4:00 PM  Confessions-Chapel

After 4:30 PM Mass we will gather to celebrate Fr. Anthony and the time he has shared with us in the Parish Center

Sunday – February 26
10:15-11:15 AM  NO Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass  Life Teen-Parish Ctr

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 2017

MONTHLY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
Team #10—Rene Comtois, Rich Haggerty & Suzanne Trzcinski

MONTHLY COUNTERS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

4:30PM  SACRISTAN: Bill Murray
LECTORS:  #1-Frank Carlino  #2-Mike Lupian

ALTAR SERVERS:  Celeste & Mary Hessinger

Eucharistic Ministers:  J. Proctor, D. Spenard, ML Trudeau, JA Conroy, D. Ellinger, M. Riley, B. Sage

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

MEDIA MINISTRY:  Sandi T.

7:30AM  SACRISTAN: Bob Lamiano
LECTORS:  #1-John Bodnar  #2-Ken Fusci

ALTAR SERVERS:  Dan Buser

Eucharistic Ministers:  E. Mahoney, G. Gentile, J. Bodnar, C. Chabot, B. Evers, V. Gyurko, P. Lincoln

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

MEDIA MINISTRY:  Julie / Julie

9:00AM  SACRISTAN: Renee Hallock
LECTORS:  #1-Cathy DuBois  #2-Rita Fahr

ALTAR SERVERS:  Catherine Blanchard, Anjali Tressa Kurian

Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Langevin, K. Matheson, M. Girard, R. Hallock, A. Robinson, R. Zmijewski, S. Earl

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

MEDIA MINISTRY:  Premila

11:30AM  SACRISTAN: Moira King
LECTORS:  #1-Jason Larch  #2-John Natale

ALTAR SERVERS:  Therese & Sara Biazon, Sara Heitner

Eucharistic Ministers:  L. Sharp, P & S Rayball, D. Rootes, N. Hooley, D. Carr, N. Agner

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

MEDIA MINISTRY:  Mary Claire O.

5:30PM  SACRISTAN: Mark Trudeau
LECTORS:  Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS:  Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers:  N. Agner, K. Maxwell, D & MA Frament, J. Finn, S. Kolcow, R. LeClair

USHERS:  Volunteers

MEDIA MINISTRY:  Mary Grace P.
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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.