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Visit www.stambroselatham.com for video of the Bishop at St. Ambrose, where he preached and offered us an update for the search for our new pastor.

Pick up our Lent at St. Ambrose Booklet today!
Masses * Stations of the Cross * Retreat * Adoration * Service * Spiritual Growth

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
What does it mean to have a history?

Tom Acemoglu
Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

A few years back I started to compile some bits and pieces of the parish’s history and it has really helped me appreciate what this place really is.

Church’s are much more than buildings. I notice this on Sunday mornings when in a span of 5 hours the parish not only worships God together but might also be a breakfast dinette, a place for parents to catch up while their kids are in class, a place for prayer and discussion or any number of other things...often all at once.

I also noticed it this morning at staff prayer (we get together on Tuesday mornings to pray together and offer up our intentions…and often it’s for all of you!). A parishioner had just come out of the 9am Mass and suddenly I recalled a whole series of old pictures of him that I came across while compiling the parish history. He may be older but he still carries the same unwavering smile and joy that he has blessed this place with over the decades.

In the Bible, recalling your history isn’t just a nice way to reminisce. It’s how an individual finds their identity as God’s people. God gave this faith to Abraham who handed it on to his kin and that eventually found its way into our families and now we have it. Our parish is the place where that faith has been lived out and it’s worth celebrating it!

Can a whole parish go on a mission trip?

In a way YES!

Over the last several years, our parish’s leaders have been working to overcome what Fr. Anthony would call a “silo mentality”.

What does that mean? In short, all of our great opportunities for prayer, service, socializing and learning often operate in a “silo”: important, strong, wonderful... but often disconnected from everything else going on. You don’t hear about it until after the fact.

Through our recent Parish Festivals and during this last Advent we’ve tried to collaborate more as parish leaders. We figure that we are much stronger together than we could ever be apart.

As a result, our ministries have been trying to support each other even more than we already do. It’s made us better friends and we hope that the work is coming out better too.

So what does that have to do with a mission trip?

You may have noticed that our Life Teen ministry has been raising funds and awareness for their mission trip to Abbeyville, Louisiana. They are going to help rebuild and restore a ruined home.

Actually, we’re hoping to change it from “their mission trip” to “our mission trip”.

Life Teen has a long tradition of service and mission trips within our community (actually, the whole parish does as well!). Since we are sending our teens off to Louisiana we hope that we can also give our spiritual and financial support as well. Many of you have been doing this the whole time! The parish breakfasts and the upcoming dinner all support the mission trip. We’re also hoping that you’ll pick up one of the coffee cups in the back of the Church to gather up any loose change you can spare to support the trip and to be a visible reminder of this mission trip that we are going on together!
We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

February 26, 2017 $16,896.56
February 28, 2016 $19,867.03

Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

Well, our February meeting was canceled due to the snow storm and the closing of North Colonie Schools. We will have the next meeting on March 9, barring any problems and at that time we are having a speaker from the Department of Education for North Colonie Schools, Joe Corr. He will talk about the Budget and explain the expansion of the schools. All are welcome to come and listen and ask any questions you may have.

We missed last month’s Pizza Party so all who want to partake this month, we can do that after the meeting. Thank you, President Carolyn Chabot 785-6315.

ATTENTION LECTORS
Schedules for April through June are available in the Sacristy

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Frances M. Kuhn, Anne J. McCormick and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Available ADVERTISING SPACE

Lisa Rusnica from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of March 20, securing new ads for our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

LISA RUSNICA
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I want to thank all the members of Martha Ministry, the parish staff, all the ministry heads and their members for all their help with Fr. Barratt’s farewell reception. Also to all our parishioners for coming to see Father and wishing him well in his new assignments. Your help with cooking, baking, serving and cleanup is truly appreciated. Thanks again and may God Bless everyone of you….Donna Sabatino

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS OF ST. AMBROSE

Girl Scout Sunday this year is March 12th. Please join the Girl Scout Troops of St. Ambrose at 9:00 am Mass on that day as we remember and recognize the past, present and future Girl Scouts of our Parish.
Lent 2017

Reflecting Christ:
From Palm Sunday to Resurrection
A Lenten Retreat

Monday, March 27
Tuesday, March 28
Wednesday, March 29
7pm in the Parish Center

Breaking Open the Word
Listen ◊ Pray ◊ Share
Hope ◊ Grow

Every Sunday of Lent after the 9am Mass

Led by our RCIA Team
Come meet us in the Chapel!

Night of Praise
On March 16th
Join us at 7 PM in the Church for a celebration of love!

“\text{I See Love\textquoteright}”
3:16

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!

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday, March 7th and 14th, 7pm in the Lounge

This Lent, let’s go on a mission. All of us. Together.

This year, our Life Teen community is going to Abbeville, Louisiana to help rebuild a home. We encourage you to pick up one of the empty coffee cups in the back of the Church.

When you can, feel free to drop your change into the cup. You can leave it in your car or leave it someplace at home as a reminder of our mission together. As you fill the cups, bring them back to Mass. More details to follow.

Your loose change can help someone rebuild their life!
Mission Trip GALA Dinner
March 18th starting at 5:30pm
$25 per person
All meals include salad, dinner rolls, beverages and dessert.

Save the Date
Fill a table with friends
This dinner WILL SELL OUT so buy your tickets soon.

And now for something new and exciting
Calling all MIDDLE SCHOOL youth. Join us JUNE 25-29, 2017 at Pyramid Life Center for an amazing time with tons of other youth from our diocese. We’ll be staying in cabins and eating awesome food: boating on a beautiful lake and swimming in the crystal clear water, playing all kinds of crazy games and helping build up our great church. Kids can learn our deep faith and live it out loud! Parents can check it out on Facebook: search Breakaway Catholic Camp.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

What makes a Catholic education different?
People often ask me this question and my response is always the same. It is very difficult to quantitate the various aspects of a Catholic school environment but you sure can feel the difference. The outcome can be summed up in one word: confidence.

Students who know they are a child of God possess an inner confidence that encourages them to try new things, make life-long friendships, challenge themselves, academically and succeed! A prayerful, nurturing environment further supports young learners. This is why we say at St. Ambrose School we are

“Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Registration for 2017-2018 is now open!
Call today for a tour 785-6453!

It would be our pleasure to share with you all St. Ambrose School has to offer children 3 years old through 8th grade.

Prayers of a Peaceful Coexistence
As we approach each day with war and violence, death, fear and hopelessness let us fly unto you oh Holy Spirit to protect us all and particularly our most vulnerable little ones who are just beginning in this turbulent, imperfect world.

May we love one another, and seek your help. Oh come Holy Spirit come!

Embrace our difference to live in peace and harmony abiding always in your will.

O come Holy Spirit come.
MISSION STATEMENT

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- 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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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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We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
DO YOU LOVE CHRISTIAN MUSIC?
We are blessed to have the following concert taking place in our area:

**TobyMac Hits Deep Tour**
March 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Times Union Center
TobyMac, Matt Maher, Mandisa, Mac Powell, Hollyn, Ryan Stevenson, Capital Kings
### First Sunday of Lent

#### Calendars & Schedules

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

**Monday – March 6**
- 7:00 PM: Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – March 7**
- 6:00 PM: First Reconciliation-Church/Parish Ctr
- 7:00 PM: Coffee, Books & Conversation-Lounge

**Wednesday – March 8**

**Thursday – March 9**
- 10-12 Noon: Young At Heart-Parish Ctr
- 6:00-8:30 PM: AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 7:00-9:00 PM: Prayer Group-Chapel
- 7:00 PM: Confirmation Large Group-Parish Ctr

**Friday – March 10**
- 6 AM-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – March 11**
- 3:00-4:00 PM: Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – March 12**
- 10:15-11:15 AM: Faith Formation
- After 5:30 Mass: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending March 12, 2017

**Money Counters, Sunday, March 12th**
- Team #3—Barbara Stampfli, Richard Lasky & George Parker

**Money Counters, Monday, March 13th**
- Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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Do something different

March 12th

Stations of the Cross will take place every
Friday at 7 pm in the Church.

March 10th: Lead by our RCIA Team
March 17th: Lead by our Confirmation Candidates
March 24th: Lead by TBA
March 31st: Lead by Faith Formation
April 7th: Lead by Deacons Helmut and Frank
April 14th: Passion Play Lead by Life Teen