And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

—John 11:43-44

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Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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)
Have you ever pictured yourself being with Jesus? Maybe He is sitting with you, praying with you, or maybe comforting you through a difficult time. You may even have images of Jesus that help you pray.

In our parish’s office area, we have a number of images of Jesus. We have three different images of Jesus teaching the little children as well as the Last Supper, images of a smiling Jesus and even an image of Jesus welcoming someone to Heaven. Usually it is very comforting to see the human Jesus heal someone or welcome children and know that the heart of the Almighty shows that much care and concern for someone. Perhaps you have also pictured yourself approaching Jesus. What would it be like to comfort Him in the Garden of Gethsemane or to answer Him when He asks us about His true identity or to ask Him a question at the Sermon on the Mount? Asking these questions are invitations to deeper prayer and are well worth doing.

While these images are good and comforting, the readings for this Sunday allow us to see different facets of Jesus’ personality that might be challenging. We see Him as He struggles and mourns the death of his dear friend Lazarus. The contours of the story are familiar: Jesus returns to the home of his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus and finds that Lazarus has died. The sisters had already sent word to Jesus so that He might come and heal their brother but Jesus delayed. Now, it seems that all is lost.

In the story, we encounter many different emotions. Martha is exasperated with Jesus even as she expresses her trust in Him. Mary is depressed and stays indoors when Jesus comes to see the tomb. When she finally sees Jesus she blames Him for being careless. At the tomb, He is surrounded by weeping mourners. A portion of the crowd watching the scene at the tomb are indignant, accusing Jesus of not having the same concern for the dead Lazarus as He had with the other people He healed. Undoubtedly, most everyone in the scene is shocked and offended at Jesus’ command to open up the tomb of a man who had been dead for four days.

We as readers and listeners of the Word are somewhat shielded by the sting of the story because we know the outcome. We know that Lazarus will be okay and that everyone will leave glorifying God. In fact, Jesus knows the outcome from the very beginning. But perhaps we can follow Jesus in the story, walk with Him, and learn from how He responds. I think this can be very challenging because Jesus does not put His “best face forward” or remain calm. The Gospel reading refers to Jesus’ response to the suffering around Him in this way: “he became perturbed and deeply troubled” or, as a different translation puts it, “he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.” In the Greek original, “perturbed” and “deeply troubled” translate the words tarasso and embrimaomai. Embrimaomi can also mean “groaned” and the notes of the New American Bible say that it can also be translated as “snorted in spirit”. Jesus will not only weep at the loss of His friend (11:35), He also becomes a proper mourner. He is not only the one who will bring consolation through healing but is also now one who needs consolation.

The word tarasso (“troubled”) will be used a few more times in John’s Gospel to describe how He feels in facing death and how He feels about being betrayed by one of His followers. The very last time it is used is when Jesus begins to say goodbye to His followers as He prepares them for life after His crucifixion:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27 NRS)

At this moment, the anxiety and deep worry He has encountered in this Gospel that started at the tomb of Lazarus is transformed. Only after having first experienced it Himself does He properly bring peace and true security given through trust in Him. He can honestly say “trust me, I do understand this”.

At the core of our Catholic faith we celebrate the God who not only suffered and died for us on the Cross but who took on the entirety of the human experience. He dies on the Cross so He may bring life. He experiences anxiety so He may bring peace.
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

"The Light is On For You!"
Tuesday, April 4th
Lenten Reconciliation

**Tuesday night, April 4th from 7-8:30 PM** several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation **in the Parish Center**. There will also be a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church from 7-8 PM for silent prayer and reflection.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament or have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a great opportunity to receive the gift of healing and forgiveness.

To remind you about the parts of confession and the Act of Contrition, a brochure will be available to guide you.

"Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an Invitation to conversation. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "

"Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm."

— Angelus on March 17, 2013 - Pope Francis

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**Martha Ministry**
With Easter coming soon, Martha Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with the Holy Thursday Dessert Sharing and Good Friday Soup Supper.

We will also need help with First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th at 9 AM and 11:30 AM and the Confirmation on Sunday, May 14th after 5:30 PM Mass.

If you would like to help us, or if you have any questions please call Donna Sabatino at 782-1470.

Please call Rose Ann Szwe do at 469-5367 to help with the Soup Supper.

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**Easter Flowers and the St. Vincent de Paul Society**
The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be purchasing flowers to decorate the altar for Easter. If you wish to help with this endeavor, your donation, in memory of a loved one or in your family’s name, will be used to purchase Easter plants. Surplus donations will be used to continue the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting the underprivileged of our parish family.

More information can be found on the lavender sheets found at the entrances of church. Thank you for your continued support.

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"Life is a Mystery and We are the Players" - The Way of The Cross is a dramatic multi-media presentation of the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. The performances will be modeled in the tradition of medieval Mystery Plays, frequently sponsored by Franciscans. Written and directed by Father Francis Pompei, OFM. **FREE ADMISSION**, Saturday, April 8th @ 7:30 PM @ St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Siena College.
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

SECOND ANNUAL
ROAD TO EMMAUS
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“In the Footsteps of the Saints”

In Partnership with the Vocations Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

Featuring
Patrick Madrid
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Program
9:00AM Lectures
Holy Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions

Location
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REGISTRATION FEES
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Pre-registration by 4/14/17: $55
At the door: $65
Students: $10
Registration begins at 8:00AM

Register online: www.albany-emmaus.org
Our final effort
The Grand Finale!
The Cups!

For most of us spare change is a way to find a small chunk of cash at some point after throwing it into a container over some months or even years. I do it at my house and after a few years, cash it in and treat my Bride to something special. But it was never something that paid the mortgage or put milk in my refrigerator.

However, the change we gather for the mission trip will do exactly that. Thank you so much for your contribution and when we return from the mission trip we will show you exactly what our small change did in the lives of the people we will serve. May God continue to bless us and lead us to share our love.

Early Bird Registrations due by the end of March. Contact the Lifeteen Office for more information

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.”

SPRING CLEANING TIME!!

SALE

TRASH-TO-TREASURE SALE
Saturday, April 29th
9am-4pm
*Early Bird Special @8am
Sunday, April 30th
9am-Noon

Donations will be accepted April 27-28 on stage in school gymnasium

We cannot accept TVs, computers, books, or clothing items.

NURSES’ NOTES...
NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN

My, how the world has changed. I remember the years of training to become a nurse, the discipline, the students we lost just weeks before graduation, the profession and the esteem it held.

The cap, and what the significance was. This was my cap, which I tucked my ponytail underneath to not let my hair dare touch my collar. The long sacrifices that were made, the late hours and if it snowed 24 inches there was no such thing as calling in. It was about sacrifice and dedication.

Things just seem to be getting more casual in our world. Which lead me into the topic of Lent. Lent is a time of deep reflection, tradition, and preparation. It is a time of sacrifice and deep prayer. As our Parish is evolving with new changes, let us hold on to the deep traditions, and ask God to lead us in the direction of peace. I marvel at the witness of our Faith when watching the children in our school. They are being taught daily of our faith, reciting prayers and attending School Liturgies. It is an example of faith in action.

Lord keep us steadfast in your love. Give us the clarity to focus on your example of sacrifice and fortitude. To continue to do your will, not ours in this ever changing world of uncertainty.
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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- [ ] New Registration
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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
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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.

**PLEASE NOTE...**

Easter Vigil will be at 8 PM
NOT at 7:30 PM as printed in some of the booklets

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

April 7th: Lead by Deacons Helmut and Frank
April 14th: Passion Play Lead by Life Teen

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR EASTER FOOD BAGS**
The St. Ambrose Food Pantry Volunteers will again offer Easter dinner supplies for families in need. **Market Bags will be available starting weekend of March 18th & 19th.** In addition to the food list attached to the Easter bags, gift certificates from Hannaford or Price Chopper in $5, $10 or $15 amounts would be most appreciated. These will be distributed according to family size for purchase of a meat choice. Please **DO NOT PLACE GIFT CERTIFICATES IN THE BAGS.** Please place in an envelope or drop off no later than April 5th at the office or in offtery collection marked St. Ambrose Food Pantry or Easter Dinner. The number of families requesting assistance has increased a great deal; together we can help these families experience a most BLESSED EASTER.

**2016 CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST**

Name: ____________________________
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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

**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.

**“CARONDELET CONFECTIONS PARTY”**

at St. Joseph’s Provincial House
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Latham, NY
Sunday, April 23, 2017
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tickets are $15
Call Kris at 518-389-2654
ONLY 300 tickets will be sold
Delicious desserts, “Big Money Raffle”, 50-50 raffle and numerous raffles

**PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Egg Hunt Committee would appreciate your help in donating small individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic Easter eggs. **There will be a basket available for the candy at the main entrance of the Church through April 9th.**

THANK YOU!
Monday — April 3—Lenten Weekday
6:30 AM Parish Intention
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday — April 4—St. Isidore
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Dorland McEwen by Carolyn Chabot

Wednesday — April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer
6:30 AM Nadeau Family by Bernard Nadeau
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday — April 6—Lenten Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Parish Intention

Friday — April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday — April 8—Lenten Wednesday
4:30 PM Benedetto Gradoni by Jeanette Crola & Family
Nannor G. Pieck by Antoinette Muscatiello
Rev. Dr. Anthony Barratt by the Stewarts & Fran Dolye
Catherine King by Bud & Kathy Vogt

Sunday — April 9—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 AM Lucy K. Delgrasso by St. Ambrose Parish
9:00 AM John Pucci by Mary Ellen Evertsen
Catherine King by Russ & Kathy Boudreau
Joseph A. Crowder by Michele & Rickey Karquist
11:30 AM Nancy LaRow by Sharon & Joe Thouin
5:30 PM Life Teen — People of St. Ambrose

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday — April 2
8:12 Noon PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST-Parish Ctr
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen / Passion Play Practice

Monday — April 3
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday — April 4
7:00-8:30 PM “The Light is on For You”, Lenten Reconciliation-Parish Ctr

Wednesday — April 5
6:00 PM Virtus Training-Parish Ctr

Thursday — April 6
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 — April 7
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross lead by Deacons Helmut and Frank

Saturday — April 8
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday — April 9—Palm Sunday
10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-/ Passion Play

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2017

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH
Team #8—Larry Girard, Susan O’Brien, Sandra Trzcinski, David Piusienski

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, APRIL 10TH
Team #2—Jan, Mike & Pat Rayball

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**Victory Celebration Potluck Dinner** will take place on Sunday, April 9 from 4:30 – 7 PM at the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 1748 State Street, Schenectady. **All are invited to attend. Anyone who have prayed and sacrificed during the 40 Days for Life Campaign (at home, in church or in front of Planned Parenthood) is especially encouraged to come with your family. We will pray, eat, sing, share vigil experiences, make new friends in our local pro-life community. This way we can be stronger in defense of life. Please bring a dish to share. Questions, call Viviane-384-0699; Sarah - sch40days@gmail.com; Diane-399-3899.**

**Spring Open House**

Open House is one of the best ways for students and their families to discover the valued based academic, social, athletic and spiritual opportunities that exist here at Notre Dame—Bishop Gibbons School. We hope that you will join us **Thursday, April 6th, 5:30—7:30 PM** to discover ND-BG, a supportive community that builds students of character. Any questions please contact Pennie Agostara at agostara@nd-bg.org