One of the most captivating places on earth is the Church of the Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the place that is most recognized as the site of Jesus’ own death and Resurrection. It’s been in the news a lot recently because it just recently underwent a major renovation. The original Church dates back to about the 4th century AD when the site was re-discovered by the Emperor Constantine’s mother Helena. It’s said that her companions also found the remains of Jesus’ cross. That Church was mostly destroyed in a campaign to destroy Christian places of worship. The core of current Church structure goes back to the 11th century and we’re still trying to take care of it today.

It’s interesting when you think of it because a lot of what you’re going to be looking at this Easter Sunday within our Church are encased in the walls of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Instead of looking forward and seeing our large crucifix of Jesus accompanied by Mary and John, you have the actual Golgotha. Instead of the 14th Station at the left side of our humble parish Church, you have the actual tomb of Jesus. These are the places where Jesus was pierced, spat at, mocked, abandoned but still so desperately comforted by the people brave enough to be at His side. People like Mary, who we can say with confidence actually stood at places within that Church.

That tomb itself is right in the middle of the Church. People line up and venerate the place were Jesus’ body lay, wanting just a minute with this holy spot.

I’ve never been there but a friend of mine spent the night locked in the Church (no Christian keeps the keys to the Church because the different denominations can’t agree on who should carry it…one Muslim family has held that job since the 11th century). He told me about what it felt like to just hang out where Jesus died and was buried. It’s a little overwhelming when you think of it: that the same image of the crucifix that we all grow up with first happened just a stone’s throw away.

I feel great awe and a great deal of gratitude for that place and that so many people work so hard just so people like you and me can go visit it and offer our prayers.

But here’s the thing...

Jesus isn’t there.

In fact, Jesus is closer to you now than in Jerusalem this morning because you are here and so is He.

He’s yours to talk to if you only you would close your eyes and say hello to Him.

His actual Presence is more complete in that Tabernacle underneath our statue of the Holy Family than it was hanging on the Cross at 3:01pm, at the minute after He died.

If you receive Him in the Eucharist, He is much closer to you than He was to Peter and John as they ran to and fro in their search for Jesus, searching His empty tomb and finding nothing.

He is so close to you right now. He’s yours and you’re His. In the Cross and the Resurrection God removed every obstacle standing between you and Him. Sin can’t separate you from Him and neither can suffering. Distance can’t separate you from Him and death certainly can’t separate you from Him. If God wouldn’t let a sealed tomb separate His Son from Himself, then He won’t let anything separate you from Him either. Why? Because in our Baptism we became His sons and daughters too. He’ll fight for us just like He fought death itself for His own Son.

Alleluia, my friends. He’s here and He is risen.
**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**TRASH to TREASURE**

Saturday, April 29th, 9 am—4 pm

*Early Bird Special @ 8 am

Sunday, April 30th, 9 am—Noon

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

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

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**MARThA MINISTRY**

We will 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.

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**“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

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Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Elaine L. Brown and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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**ATTENTION 7:30 AM MASS-GOERS**

WE NEED YOU!!

The Media Ministry is looking for TWO new volunteers to help run the displays at our 7:30am Mass starting this summer!! If you love the Mass and can click a mouse, we can show you what to do!! Typically volunteers serve at one Mass a month and we will coach you until you feel comfortable running the displays on your own. Please consider helping us with this important ministry!! It’s a great way to help our community and give some extra service to God! Call Mary Alice at 518-859-6743 to volunteer or ask questions.
No matter what age you are or where you are in your Faith journey, St. Ambrose has activities, events, classes and opportunities for you to grow in your faith.

We help prepare children and adults who have not yet received Sacraments of Initiation, such as Baptism, first Eucharist and Confirmation. This includes our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

Our door is always open! Contact Tom or Justina at 785-1351, ext. 307 or email faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

**Upcoming Sacraments:**

**First Communion**  
Saturday, May 6th  
9:00 & 11:30 am

**Confirmation**  
Sunday, May 14th  
5:30 pm

**Vacation Bible School:**  
July 31—August 4  
9:00 am—noon  
Register at  
www.stambroselatham.com
On Holy Saturday at 1:30am we left for our mission Trip. We will return on Sunday, April 23rd about 1:30am. When we return we will have stories and pictures to share. We will talk about the love and kindness; the trials and tribulations. And please good good Father help us to know you better and to return to our Parish family with a renewed sense of humility, generosity and sacrificial love. Please pray for us as we go and share that love this Parish Family has with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mark Trudeau, Debra Baker, Adam Kutkewinski, Therese Biazon, Tara Bryan, Sarah Siple, Alexei Garceau, Christopher Sevinsky, Shannon Bryan, Jessica Farley, Stefan Kolcow, Caelan Clinkner, Kassie Egan, Luke Geddes, Michael Kendrick, Heather Green, Justin Gonzalez, Gloria Nubosa, Margaret Nuss, Marygrace Wehrenberg, Blaze Flores, Daniel Arango, Mary Siple, Tim Egan, Adam Trudeau, Marygrace Polesinelli, Katie Rucinski, Cameron Brocka, Nate Einstein, Owen Farley

It’s finally here.

Our Parish family Cookbook and more. We have recipes from Pope Francis, Bishop Scharfenberger, Fr. Anthony and many other Diocesan Priests and religious. And then of course from many of our best Parish Family master chefs. Take a look and see them in the back of Church. If you would like one please add your name to the list and we will be happy to send it to you. They are $20 each and would make great Easter gifts for those special people in your family. Limited number of books so buy them now!
A Word from the Principal...

In these days leading up to the holiest days of our faith, we have been talking about the Stations of the Cross and what each one represents during our daily morning prayer. Jesus did nothing to deserve this kind of punishment and yet he accepted his cross with grace and humility. We learned that sometimes life just isn’t fair. Like Jesus, we have struggles in life and sometimes we fall down. At times we may need the help of others to carry our crosses and sometimes we need to be that helpful friend. Our certain faith tells us that every burden can be overcome through the love of our Lord, Jesus!

On behalf of the St. Ambrose School community, I wish you and your family a most Blessed and joy-filled Easter!

-Terri McGraw

May each person be blessed and renewed with the gift of hope and love of family, as we commemorate our Lord’s Resurrection.

Nurses’ notes...

NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN

In the writings of Fr. Herald Joseph Brock we are reminded that not only in the face of death that life’s meaning becomes clear; because, by itself, death remains a crushing, answerless enigma. Something is necessary; the gift of the Cross. The Cross holds the key that unlocks the mystery of suffering and death. It is a beacon that shines with the bright light of hope in the dark valley of human despair; it is the staff on which we lean for strength when the weight of sorrow is too heavy to bear. It is not simply that we carry the Cross; the Cross carries us, too.

Checkout our daily learning at www.stambroselatham.org
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

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.

The Evangelist Subscription

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- Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.
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Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

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Due to early transmittal of the Bulletin April 9th will be reported the following week.

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

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 Dobkowksi, Ph.D. at 859-4015 to make an appointment.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

SECOND ANNUAL ROAD TO EMMEAUS MEN’S CONFERENCE

“In the Footsteps of the Saints”

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

REGISTRATION FEES (INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH)

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

Register online: www.albany-emmaus.org

Featuring
Patrick Madrid
Renowned Catholic Author, Lecturer, Radio Host

Program
9:00AM Lectures
Holy Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions

Location
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, NY
### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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#### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending April 23, 2017

**Money Counters, Sunday, April 23rd**

Team #10—Rene Comtois, Rich Haggerty & Suzanne Trzcinski

**Money Counters, Monday, April 24th**

Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis

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**Altar Servers:**

Nancy DiMarino

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Charles McGovern by Numrich Family

**USHERS:**

Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
# Parish Ministries & Contacts

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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.**