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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)
When God asks us to remember

The concepts of “memory” and “memories” are a big part of today’s readings. In fact, the Good News of Jesus requires each Christian to remember a number of things.

As a Christian, you are asked to remember:

- That you are made in the image and likeness of God and that you have dignity.
- The teachings of Jesus, so you may live them in your everyday life.
- That Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, died for your sins on the Cross as to redeem you from sin and death.
- That on the third day after His death, Jesus rose again from the dead.
- That the new life that God has afforded you through the death and Resurrection of His own Son is a gift. You have a purpose and you have a mission.

When it comes to the things of God, it’s shockingly easy for us to become forgetful. In today’s first reading St. Peter builds his entire message on the memory of the terrible set of circumstances that brought Jesus to the Cross. He wants the crowd to recall not only the horror of everything that happened, but what God did in response:

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

In other words, Peter asks the crowd to remember all of the things that had just happened in Jerusalem. What seemed like a routine execution by the Romans was really something much more. It was, in fact, the expression of God’s oldest promises and it was all real.

 Likewise, your entire existence is imbued with the actions of God and of the spiritual. Every moment of your life is “enchanted”. Your life, your family, and your job are all full of ways to grow in holiness. They are in no way ordinary. We forget this but, thankfully, God gives us a powerful way of being reminded.

The Eucharist is how we remember Jesus

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus accompanies two of His followers who are trying to make sense of His death and the first reports of His Resurrection. Though they are prevented from recognizing Him, He reminds them of everything that the Scriptures said about the Messiah. He wants them to recover their memory of the God who worked among their ancestors and His promise to do the same for them.

At the end, Jesus sits and breaks bread with them. At that moment, they realize it was Jesus who was among them all along. He then disappears.

Jesus had only celebrated the Last Supper 4 days before, telling His followers to celebrate the Eucharist in remembrance of Him. By celebrating the Eucharist for this second time, Jesus’ followers are made aware of the Presence of the resurrected Jesus. An ordinary walk and a plain meal became the Holy God conversing with His people and celebrating the Eucharist. It seemed plain at the time but was anything but. Likewise, the Mass is never ordinary and reminds us of the holiness of our entire existence.
Next weekend is the **2017 Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Sunday**. This Appeal supports all of the vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Albany. It is our one opportunity during the year to reach out in support of all the people of God beyond the boundary of our own parish of St. Ambrose. Please respond to the Bishop’s Appeal by making a pledge that you can pay throughout the year. Your gift directly helps our parish to pay its share of the important work of the diocese. Let us strive for 100% participation: not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

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**You’re invited…**

**Fr. Anthony’s Installation as Pastor in Hudson**

On **Wednesday, May 10th at a special Mass at 6:30 pm**, Fr. Anthony will be officially installed as pastor of St. Mary’s/Holy Trinity, Hudson.

Fr. Anthony would like to invite the parishioners of St. Ambrose parish to come and to pray with him at this important event, both spiritually and symbolically for his new community and for him.

St. Mary’s/Holy Trinity Church
429 Allen St, Hudson, NY 12534

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**Mothers’ Day**

**Sunday, May 14th is Mothers’ Day.**

As in past years, we have some special Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the church exits. These include a card (to send) and an envelope on which to write the name(s) you would like to be remembered and to place an offering inside (if you wish to do so). The intentions will be remembered during Masses on Mothers’ Day. Please remember to return the envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offertory basket as soon as possible so that the intentions can be included in the Masses. We will also have a special prayer and presentation for mothers at all Masses.

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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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On **Tuesday, May 9th at 7 PM** we will gather in the Chapel to pray the rosary. Immediately following we welcome Beth Lynch as our guest speaker to share some spiritual thoughts for the month of our Blessed Lady. As always, all are welcome to join us.
FIRST COMMUNION

Jesus Day Retreat
Saturday, April 29
9:00 am—12:00 pm
Parish Center

This is a great day for students, along with their parents, to participate in a wonderful mix of activities, reflection and family time as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ceremony
Saturday, May 6
Rehearsals:
9:00—Tues. May 2, 6:00 pm
11:30—Wed. May 3, 6:00 pm

Banners due NOW

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31—Aug. 4
9:00 am—noon

Pre-K thru grade 5 program
Grade 6—12 helpers needed
Adult volunteers needed
Register online at
www.stambroselatham.com

For more info email stambrosevbs17@gmail.com or call 785-1351, x307

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
1917-2017

• Celebration at Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine with Bishop Scharfenberger on May 13th (family activities, procession, Mass, prayer, and more)
• May 13th prayer at St. Ambrose
• May Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima on May 7th
• Movie night of Fatima film
The picture above is of the Mission Group we sent to serve in the name of the St. Ambrose Parish Family as well as a bunch of the people who helped direct the work we completed. The building behind the photo is one of the four projects we worked on and it is the first time in our 20 year mission history that we have had a building named after our Parish. This wing, forever more, will be named the St. Ambrose Parish wing of a much larger facility that in days past was a Dominican Sisters Convent and is now a Catholic Missionary Base. We also worked on installing a restroom facility at a Christian Service Center; we installed new access stairs and deck for a handicapped, elderly gentleman and we demolished and prepared another private residence to receive wall and floor replacement after the severe flooding they have had to endure.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship - Romans 12:1

The mission trip overall was a great success and it is through the prayers and generosity of our Parish Family that made it happen once again. Over the years many people have supported these trips and have been the empowerment we need to be successful. For the most part they go unnamed and unnoticed in the public eye but for our Lord Jesus Christ they are the jewel of the sacrifice necessary to love truly and selflessly. Thank you so much for making the investment in our youth so they can learn the great power of self sacrifice and how desperately our world needs people who embrace sacrifice and love of neighbor. Fruits of this kind of learning grow for years to come and last a life time.

May our God continue to bless us all and keep us safe. And may He inspire us to give where it is so needed to love and to let ourselves be love.
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

SPRING!
St. Ambrose School celebrates new beginnings in many ways:

Our Second Graders will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th at 11:30 am

A new 10 station fitness trail has been installed behind the playground. We hope everyone will enjoy it and “Bee Fit!”

Checkout more daily learning at www.stambroselatham.org

Nancy Acemoglu, RN
The Alzheimer Association has a 24 hr Hotline to address questions and concerns, and emotional support 1-888-784-4317.

Here are the 10 signs
• Early Detection Matters
• Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
• Challenges in planning or solving problems.
• Difficulty completing familiar tasks.
• Confusion with time or place.
• Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
• New problems with words in speaking or writing.
• Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
• Decreased or poor judgment
• Withdrawal from work or social activities.
• Changes in mood and personality.

Please keep in mind there is normal aging that occurs, and that this list generated by the Society involves these particular symptoms. When in doubt, call your physician.

If you are doubtful about any of these please call the 24 hour hotline
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: ______________________________ State: ________
City: ______________________________ 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.

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:00 PM or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE
Congratulations! So that proper preparation may be made, please call the Parish Office 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 the Parish Office.

Advertiser Of The Week

From beginning to end, and everything in between.
Many of the biggest events happen in our family happen in a spiritual way. Like St. Ambrose, we’ll always be here for you when you need us most.

We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
April 30, 2017

“Stewardship”

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Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

April 23, 2017 $14,765.40
April 24, 2016 $15,936.78

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

Ushers Needed

We need ushers for the 11:30 Mass. This is a great volunteer ministry. Greet people coming into Mass, help sitting the elderly and families with small children, take up the collection and pick up the church after Mass. You are at Mass already—you might as well have a good time and help out. Call John Estep 783-9266 or talk to any usher.

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.

Ushers Needed

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.

First Saturday Devotions

To honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday Devotion for Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 am has been cancelled due to First Communion event.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel the disciples were returning home so “downcast” they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don’t see God with us. Today’s gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

Third Sunday Of Easter

Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time, talent and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?
**Calendars & Schedules**

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**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending May 7, 2017**

**Money Counters, Sunday, May 7th**
Team #3—Barbara Stampfl, Richard Lasky & George Parker

**Money Counters, Monday, May 8th**
Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis

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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.