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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)

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How the eternal God works in brand new situations

Tom Acemoglu
Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

In our first reading from Acts of the Apostles, the early Church is continuing to figure itself out.

Before He died and rose, Jesus was clear that the Church would continue and that the Apostles would continue Jesus’ own work. The Church would have to go new places and would have to encounter new things. Jesus also promised the Church the Holy Spirit so that the Church could do all the work it needed to do.

The Holy Spirit

So it is with our own lives. Every day, you are tasked with living the Gospel in situations that the early disciples never dreamed of. When the Apostles got together in the first century, they never considered what it would mean to be a Christian when your neighbor decides to mow their lawn at 6am. It didn’t occur to them. They never considered what it would mean to be a disciple when someone sends you a nasty e-mail at work or how to respond when finding out that your teenager has experimented with heroin. These are new situations and we are tasked with being a Christian before, during, and after they occur.

As Christians we can (and should) consult the Bible for wisdom. We should ask for wisdom from others. We should seek out the wisdom of the saints. But in any of these situations we don’t have the exact answer. Even if you were to receive wisdom from someone who went through the exact thing you’re going through, it can’t possibly be truly the same because the people involved are different.

There is always some gap, space, or moment that separates what we are experiencing from what even the surest rulebook or wisdom can provide. In that space there are no easy answers and there’s nothing that the world alone can provide for us. It is a place that can only be filled by what we know as the Holy Spirit.

The Difference the Holy Spirit Makes

Our first reading is a great case study on how the Holy Spirit works. The Apostles keep bumping into strange, new situations. They are being stretched so thin that the people are being neglected. But instead of making new “apostles” (or bishops) like themselves, they ordain seven reputable men to serve as deacons, beginning the order as we know it today. It was a whole new kind of thing that hadn’t existed before.

Already, the Church was looking different than it did before the Crucifixion. All of Jesus’ followers were Jewish. But we can see that these new deacons have primarily Greek names, reflecting all of the new people who were becoming Christian. Even a large number of the Jewish priests were becoming Christian, which must have created chaos among the priests. Now, those who were in charge of the sacrifices, rendering judgments in communities, and deciding legal matters among the Jewish people were followers of Jesus. These were things that Jesus never had to deal with. But, instead of sticking to things as they were, the Apostles trusted the Holy Spirit and allowed the Spirit to help them make good decisions. They would have to pray, listen, converse, and find the kind of peace that only the Presence of the Holy Spirit can give.

Every day we are faced with interesting new ways to be Christian. We want to know what our faith teaches because it’s a sure way to go. But there are also new ways that God wants to inspire you to be a Christian in situations that the early Church would have never dreamed of. That’s only possible through God’s living, breathing, working, powerful, acting, and most Holy Spirit working in and through you. The same Spirit that created the universe is trying to create new solutions in your life. You only need to ask for that Spirit’s help. Find what the Spirit can do in your life today!
As we celebrate Mother’s Day this weekend, we wish all mothers a happy Mother’s Day and we give thanks to God for all that our mothers give to us. At all Masses this weekend we will be having a special blessing for mothers and a small presentation for them.

**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

**USHERS NEEDED**

We need ushers for the 11:30 Mass. This is a great 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.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEWS**

To all current Altar Servers, and those who wish to join the Altar Server team, we will be updating our Altar Server schedule in the next few weeks. Anyone wishing to join, or to continue, must let us know. There will be a brief information gathering time after each Mass to assist us in this matter. Someone will be available after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, and after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses on the following two weekends: May 13 & 14 and May 20 & 21. It is important that anyone wishing to continue as an Altar Server to attend one of these sessions. Thank you for serving our parish and God Bless...Deacon Frank

Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.

The amount raised thus far is **$32,062.40** with a total of **109** pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this annual appeal depend on you and your generosity. Your gift helps St. Ambrose Parish pay its diocesan assessment of **$152,989**. Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at: www.thebishopsappeal.org

Many thanks for your support!

Mary Stewart/Stephen Green
Parish Trustees

**2018**

Mass Intentions Register will open on June 1st. Anyone wishing to schedule a Mass for their loved one may stop by the Parish Office.

Our office hours are:
Monday—Thursday 9am—6pm
Friday 9am—4pm
Vacation Bible School

July 31—August 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/vbs
For more info email
stambrosevbs17@gmail.com or call 785-1351, x307
This Sunday night at the 5:30pm Mass our High School Confirmandi will be welcomed into our awesome faith through the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them and for their continued growth in their faith and their continued involvement in our parish family.

Jake Matthew Aquilina, Aubrey Roberta Bethon, Samuel Nicholas Owen Biskup, Samantha Rose Veronica Bonesteel, Angelica Catherine Cassidy, Caelan Genevieve Clickner, Michele Veronica Commerford, Anna Cecilia Dominguez, Brianna Emma Eberle, Kassie Anne Egan, Blaze Peter Flores, Nicole Elizabeth Fuchs, Elaina Catherine Heidinger, William Matthew Herbst, Kieran Killian Hughes, Michael Eugene Kendrick, Isabelle Claire Mabeus, Skye Aquilina McCashion, Matthew Jacob McLaughlin, Matthew Arthur Miller, Julianna Teresa Morrell, Alana Rachel Paladin, Jane Genevieve Reffelt, Frank Paladin, Griffin Christopher Belrose, Ava Evelyn Schroeder, Sophia Teresa Smith, Matthew Joseph Von Holten, Ryan Paul Watson, Marygrace Veronica Wehrenberg

Enjoy 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 Mother’s Day gifts for those special people in your family. Limited number of books so buy them now!
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

God Bless our First Communicants:
Landon Blaanbeek
Marco De Vera
Luke Estep
Alexa McBride
Gaet Perez
Tanner Walsh

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
I recall that often used cliché when I was growing up which read “God couldn’t be everywhere so He created Mothers”...I am so grateful to my Mom and all I learned from her by example. I miss her every day. I marvel at all the young moms and all the juggling they do in a day.
May God bestow grace and blessings to you each day.

FAMILY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
CHILD—(Boy age 7)
In need of sneakers size 1

YOUNG MOTHER
In need of sneakers size 8 1/2 wide

FAMILY
In need of beds and mattresses.
Please contact me if you can help.

Checkout more daily learning at www.stambroselatham.org
**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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**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 of 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.

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**THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION**

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Please check:
- Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.
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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.

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

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.

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**ALBANY NY CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT** (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women’s Breakfast on **Saturday, June 10** from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express Latham, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY. **Tickets:** $20.00; Clergy & Religious - Free. **Guest Speaker is Dr. Jan Patterson, MD, DABFM, CFCMC.** Dr. Jan is a wife and mother of 6. On Oct. 1, 2013, Dr. Jan was led by the prompting of God, and many supporters, to open Gianna of Albany, a unique medical practice committed to delivering truly Catholic reproductive health care in service to the women of this diocese and beyond. **Register by June 5** - 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 Kelly @ 518-384-0989 or register at magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED! You do not need to be a member to attend.

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**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Mothers are instruments of Christ’s presence in the home. A mother’s love reveals the attentive, thoughtful, serving, forgiving and concerned side of God’s love. Thanks to all mothers for showing us the tender and loving face of God.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Calendar & Schedules**

**Sunday – May 14**
- 10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation (Edge Only)-Parish Ctr
- 5:30 Mass Confirmation

**Monday – May 15**
- 7:00 PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – May 16**

**Wednesday – May 17**

**Thursday – May 18**
- 9:30 AM Mary’s Circle of Love-Lounge
- 6:00-8:00 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 7:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday – May 19**
- 6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – May 20**
- 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – May 21**
- 10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation (Edge Only)-Parish Ctr
- After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending May 21, 2017**

**Money Counters, Sunday, May 21st**
- Team #6—Steve Green, Richard Ostiguy & Tom Dame

**Money Counters, Monday, May 22nd**
- Team #3—Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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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.**