“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

6th Sunday of Easter

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” - Jn 14:15-16


Parish Staff
Pastor
Deacon Helmut Neurohr, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Frank Garceau, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Andrew Grebe, P.A. for Business & Administration
Erin Muir, P.A. for Liturgy & Pastoral Life
Tom Acemoglu, P.A. for Evangelization & Catechesis
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Parish Trustees
Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

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)

Church of St. Ambrose
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WEBSITE: www.stambroselatham.com
E-MAIL: parishsecretary@stambroselatham.com

Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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518-785-6453
Website: www.stambroselatham.org
E-Mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
Terri McGraw, Principal
Kelly Sano, Secretary
As you probably all already know, we have a new pastor!

We're very, very fortunate to have Fr. Kelly lead our parish. He's from our local communities, schools, and parishes. He grew up right here in Latham!

From the diocesan press release:

*Father Brian Kelly has been appointed Pastor of St. Ambrose Church in Latham, effective May 27. Father Kelly, who was ordained by Bishop Scharfenberger on June 18, 2016, is currently Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany. He has a background in business and served in that capacity in several parishes in the Diocese before becoming a priest.*

We welcome Fr. Kelly and are grateful for all the priests who have celebrated Mass with us the past few months.

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. We give gratitude for Fr. Kelly, who will begin his service as our pastor.*

*Help him to be strong in his vocation.
Set his soul on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.
Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.*

*Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.*

*Guide us with your love as we support, affirm and pray for him each day.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.*

*Amen.*
Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.
The amount raised thus far is **$59,357.40** with a total of **203** 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!
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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**
- **Friday**, May 26th there will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Monday**, May 29th
  - There will be **NO** 6:30AM Mass
  - There will be a **9:00AM Mass**
  - Church & School offices will be closed.

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**Ascension Thursday**
Holy day of obligation

- **Wednesday**, May 24th
  - 5:30 PM Vigil Mass
- **Thursday**, May 25th
  - 9 AM & 7 PM Masses

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**DIACONE SPECIAL COLLECTION**
The theme for this year’s Special Collection for the Catholic Church of Central and Eastern Europe is “Restore the Church – Build the Future”. The Church in this region of the world continues to have great needs for its pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future.

Proceeds from the Collection go directly to build churches and support scholarships for ministry formation, and they also support Catholic organizations that provide family support, food, shelter, medical care and religious education in the region. **Please help by giving to the collection on May 27/28, 2017.**

`As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection.`

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**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

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**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*

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**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.

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**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.
Over the last 2 weeks we have been blessed to witness 62 children receive their First Holy Communion and 30 people be Confirmed with the Holy Spirit by Bishop Scharfenberger.

Do you or someone you know have a desire to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation? The Faith Formation team would be honored to assist you in receiving Christ into your life through the sacraments. Please call the office at 785-1351 x307 to discuss how we can work with your specific needs and schedule.
Something every Parish Family Member should know ...

Jennifer and Kent Dold are the people who ran the facility that housed the mission group. It is called Our Lady of the Bayou Retreat Center and along with many other projects, we did work there too. What follows is a letter from the Dolds to all of you.

My new dear friends of St. Ambrose. I am writing this thank you note from the deepest area of appreciation of my heart. For me, it was the best and most productive mission project I have ever experienced. Each of you should be very proud of your teens and their leaders. Everyone worked tirelessly, and fully to his or her potential, never complained and remained full of joy. The Holy Spirit was ALIVE!

I am also grateful to have worked beside each of you. Your work has made a lifetime of positive impact in our community. Our Lady of the Bayou Retreat House, thanks to you, is now growing into a more viable retreat facility. Your generosity of time, talent and gifts will always be remembered in the newly named St. Ambrose Wing.

Jennifer and I will never forget you. It is our prayer to come to Albany, NY and thank you again in person, soon. We will keep you posted on the renovation progress.

Your Friends,
Kent & Jennifer Dold

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
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

Nurses Notes...
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

American Red Cross

Please help

Statistics prove that weekends like the 4th of July require added blood due to accidents and trauma.

St. Ambrose Church

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

11am—3pm
Parish Center

Free gifts included

To schedule an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org or call me at 785-1351 x304 or 1-800-733-2767

Volunteers needed to assist
Please call Nancy
MISSION STATEMENT

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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.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name: __________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
City: __________________________________________
State: _________________________________________
Zip: __________________________________________
Phone No: ______________________________________

Please check:

☐ 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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St. Clare’s 456-3112 Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am

LATHAm
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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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“We Are A Tithing Parish
Following “God’s Plan for Giving”

May 14, 2017 $17,618.53
May 15, 2016 $16,143.54

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

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.**

ATTENTION 7:30 AM MASS-GOERS

**WE NEED YOU!!**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is federal regulations concerning patient confidentiality.

If you or a member of your family is a patient in any of the area hospitals, please call the Parish Office at 785-1351 so Father or Deacon can make a visit.

Please also inform the hospital that you are a member of St. Ambrose Parish. Hospital visitation is done on a weekly basis and it is important to us that all our parishioners are visited.

“**The Heart of Christ**”

**Night of Praise**

June 1 - 7 to 8 pm
Church

Come and sit with me awhile....
**MAY**

**CALENDARS & SCHEDULES**

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

**Monday — May 22**
- 7:00 PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday — May 23**

**Wednesday — May 24**

**Thursday — May 25**
- 9:00 AM School Mass-Church
  - 6:00-8:00 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
  - 7:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday — May 26**
- NO SCHOOL

**Saturday — May 27**
- 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday — May 28**
- 10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation (Edge Only)-Parish Ctr
  After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2017**

**MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, MAY 28TH**
- Team #7—Tom Thouin, John Beaumont & Paul Tessier

**MONEY COUNTERS, TUESDAY, MAY 30TH**
- Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis

**4:30PM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Sharon Burgess
- **LECTORS:** #1-Frank Carlino & #2-Mike Lupian

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- J. O’Brien, D. Cushing, L. Francesconi, J. Paradis

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- JA Conroy, D. Ellinger, E & MS Ray, ML Trudeau,
  N. Hooks, J. Hogan

**USHERS:**
- L. Commerford, J. Minnick, G. Spenard, E. Potyrala

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Chris C.

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**9:00AM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Bob Lomiano
- **LECTORS:** #1-John Bodnar & #2-Ken Fusci

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Mr. Vincent Cook

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- C. Chabot, D. Dub, V. Gyurko, P. Lincoln, E. Mahoney

**USHERS:**
- P. Szvedo, R. Haggerty, V & M DesChamps

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Julie / Julie

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**11:30AM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Renee Hallock
- **LECTORS:** #1-James Conlen & #2-Cathy Dubois

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Ben Miller, Michaela & James LaBombard

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- M. Rosenthal, S. Earl, M. Girard, R. Hallock,
  A. Robinson, R. Zmijewski, MK Frederick

**USHERS:**
- J. Estep, B. Johnson, T. Maleski, K. Fuchs

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Nancy W.

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**5:30PM**
- **SACRISTAN:** Nancy White
- **LECTORS:** #1-John Natale & #2-Jason Larch

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Kassie Egan, Ailith Kurian, Marisa Mullen

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- L. Natale, S. Almonte, A. Schwenzfeier, M. King,
  MG Renda, D. Rootes, N. Agner

**USHERS:**
- R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Suzi T.

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**SACRISTAN:**
- Mark Trudeau
- **LECTORS:**
  - Volunteers

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Volunteers

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- J. Proctor, J & M Searles,
  L. LeMay, C. DuBois,
  MJ Foglia, M. Trudeau

**USHERS:**
- Volunteers

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Mary Grace P.
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USHERS ................................................................. John Estep .................................................. 783-9266
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Parish Ministries & Contacts

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.