“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” - Jn 6:51


Parish Staff
Reverend Brian Kelly, 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
Justina Treventi, Faith Formation Admin. Asst.
Mark Trudeau, Life Teen for High School and Jr. High
Tracey Penk-Masucci, Youth Ministry Asst.
Joan Welch, Parish Secretary
Thomas Green, Parish Music Director
Nancy Acemoglu, RN, Parish Nurse
David Dobkowski, PhD-Counselor, 859-4015
371-1996 • email stambrosecyo@gmail.com

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
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110
518-785-1351
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

St. Ambrose School
518-785-6453
Website: www.stambroselatham.org
E-mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
Terri McGraw, Principal
Kelly Sano, Secretary
A Tale of Two Sacrifices

Tom Acemoglu
Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish people worshiped God with special animal sacrifices. Those sacrifices were made for a number of reasons: to thank God, to say sorry for sins committed, to offer up the first fruits of your yield or your flock or to simply to honor God. In different ways, they allowed a worshiper to participate in something special with God. You would go to God’s solitary home in His holy Temple, you would bring your special gift to one of His holy priests, you would watch that meal get “consumed” by God in fire and often you’d get to share in the sacrifice as a meal (the altar was also a kind of barbecue, cooking the sacrifice). You would leave the Temple knowing that you, God, and the priest all shared the same meal and perhaps you would’ve felt humbled that God would share a meal with you from the food you provided.

Some years ago, I had a strange experience where I sat at a table with Peter Kreeft, a Catholic philosopher and author that I have long admired. I was very nervous and there was a clear hierarchy at the table of the speaker, professors, and patrons with me being none of those things. I wanted to say something to Professor Kreeft, either to express my gratitude for his writings or to contribute to the table’s conversation in some way but I just couldn’t. As kind as he was, he was too unapproachable and the rest of the company seemed to have a greater right to be there than I did. I couldn’t comfortably express my gratitude for his work having such an influence on me and so was a little relieved when it was time to leave to listen to his lecture.

I wonder if that’s a little like how the early Jewish people felt when they worshipped God, that mix of attraction, affection, awe, and fear. Reverence and awe are great virtues in our relationship with God. They remind us that in His essence He is not like us. But in the Bible, God is just as much at pains to communicate His desire for us as He is His own holiness. At the time, one would do well to remind themselves of God’s holiness or His approachability, depending on your personal disposition.

What does that have to do with today’s Solemnity?

Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ where we celebrate another meal. The meal that Jesus instituted was a very different kind of way of worshiping God.

The priest at this sacrifice was Jesus Himself. The altar was a table prepared for the Passover meal. The sacrifice was His own Body and Blood, offered in anticipation of His Good Friday sacrifice. Its form was unleavened bread and wine.

It was offered in a simple room in Jerusalem instead of the great Temple up the road. Instead of one person offering the sacrifice for their own sin, Jesus offered His sacrifice on our behalf in anticipation of all of our sins today. Why? So instead of bringing an animal to an altar, we would simply need to believe Him and to believe in Him.

We also participate in the meat of the sacrifice too, only in the form of bread and wine. It’s Jesus, the priest and victim of the final sacrifice.

Lastly, and I think this might be the most important part, we do not stand or cower before His altar in fear. Reverence, yes. Awe, of course. But not fear. Why? Because He invites us to sit at His altar as His friends. He is the great King who willingly took on the humiliation of a crown of thorns rather than a golden crown of glory. He invites you to the table, reminding us that He chose to live among us as one of us. He comes to us in a body, and offers us His Body in humble bread and wine.

He brings us to Himself by sitting with us at this table, at our parish’s altar. No need to look up to the sky for His Presence. It’s here as He once again speaks: “This is my body...this is my blood.”
Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.
Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Do you love Christian Music?

We are so blessed to have these upcoming events locally:

**June 23 & 24**
Worship in the Adirondacks
Word of Life Ranch
Newsboys
Danny Gokey
Steven Curtis Chapman
Hawk Nelson
Manic Drive
Unspoken

**July 16**
Loudonville Community Church
Building 429

---

**Happy 1st Anniversary!!**

**June 18th**

**Fr. Kelly,**

Love and prayers in celebration of your 1st anniversary to the priesthood! Thank you for your “yes” to God and thank you for coming to St. Ambrose to be our pastor! We are blessed!

*St. Ambrose, pray for us!*

---

**FORTNIGHT OF FREEDOM 2017 WITH BISHOP ED**—St. Thomas More Mini-Retreat on Religious Liberty and Freedom of Conscience: Saturday, June 24, 12:00 PM—4:00 PM.
For information and registration, please visit: [https://albanyclg.eventbrite.com](https://albanyclg.eventbrite.com) or contact Thomas R. Fallati, Esq. (trf@trklaw.com 518.944.7457). Location: Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY.

---

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Chapel from 6:00am to 12 midnight every Friday. There are always plenty of empty seats and all are welcome to participate in the special and rewarding time of prayer and reflection, spending time in the presence of our Lord. Thank you for your prayers and for being an active part of this ministry.
Calling All Families!!!

Vacation Bible School

Pre-K—Grade 5 (must be 4 by 7/1)
July 31st—August 4th ~ 9:00 am—noon
$30.00 per child

Register today at www.stambroselatham.com
Questions? Email stambrosevbs17@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Faith Formation begins
Sunday, September 10, 2017

New students please register at:
www.stambroselatham.com
Returning students are pre-registered!

We’ll see you at book pick-up:

- Sunday, Aug. 27th: 8 am—1 pm
- Monday, Aug. 28th: 10 am—12 pm
- Wednesday, Aug. 30th: 4—7 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 7th: 6—8 pm
Yes this does apply to you!

Everyone knows someone. Everyone can pray for someone. Everyone can invite someone. Our faith is rooted in invitation. Starting with God our good Father to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to our advocate and guide the Holy Spirit, we have all been invited by someone at some time to embrace the faith and join into a relationship with the Holy Trinity. Everyday I run into kids who have not been invited. Every day I meet people who live their faith privately but do not share it publicly. There are huge groups of people who feel nervous, scared, unable and therefore unwilling, unsure about how to share, uninspired. Sharing your faith alone can be all of those things until we all realize that it is about an invitation. Our great church is ready willing and able to help anyone embrace the love of Christ and live their life in His light. All you need to do is invite. No matter what age you are you can invite. No matter who you are you can invite. No matter what you know or don’t know, you can invite.

This summer we are attending the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference with our youth ministry group. I need your help!! There are teens out there who have not been invited and you know them. Please invite them to attend. Help them contact our office to register. Empower them to invite their friends to come. If ever you wondered how you can help our teens this is it. Invite them to be a part of this ministry and to attend the youth conference. It can change their lives and it can show you how to love selflessly and invite joyfully and live peacefully in the hands of our Lord.

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference
July 14-16, 2017 Invite all teens!!

www.stambroselatham.com
Click on youth ministry
At St. Ambrose School, we are “Learning to be all God wants us to be.”

The 2016-2017 School Year in Review

Nurses Notes...
Nancy Acemoglu, RN

I think sometimes it’s fun to go back and remember all life’s paths that take you where you are now. As a wife, mother, daughter, Nana, cousin, and friend, I am undoubtedly a nurse, an RN that I worked very hard to become. Someone recently referred to me as “Outreach”.

Recently, a friend gave me a book about how God speaks directly to you through the power of coincidence. They said they thought of me. The author is Squire Rushnell.

In essence, the book delightfully talks about how in everyday life, through storms and turbulence, things initially may seem like coincidences, but perhaps in time it becomes clear that these were situations where one could see God working. God may use us in that way as well. I see it in the area of illness and loss. A surprise visit, a call from someone in the past, what prompted that to coincidently happen?

God validates His presence in our lives powerfully through small extraordinary events. There is a far bigger picture than the obstacles, insincerities, oversights or hurts. If we attempt to stay on track, and ask God for help He hears and leads us in a path, in His time not ours.

The world is not as big as we think, should we find God in it. There is something beyond our small existence, if we pay attention.
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.

The Evangelist
Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am

Parishes of Our Local Catholic Communities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Mass Times</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COLONIE</td>
<td>456-3112</td>
<td>Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Clare's</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LATHAM</td>
<td>785-0234</td>
<td>Sat: 4:30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Our Lady of the Assumption</td>
<td>785-0234</td>
<td>Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House 10:30am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOUDONVILLE</td>
<td>459-6635</td>
<td>Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christ Our Light</td>
<td>459-6635</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Pius X</td>
<td>462-1336</td>
<td>Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 &amp; 12 noon</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Scarboroughs
Restaurant & Tavern
“Fine Food & Friends”
497 Old Niskayuna Rd in Latham
(Behind Peter Harris Plaza)
518-713-4500
www.scarboroughslatham.com

Munch on Brunch
Sunday
11:00 to 1:00

We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
"We Are A Tithing Parish
Following "God’s Plan for Giving"

June 11, 2017  $16,261.26
June 12, 2016  $16,678.40

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

“Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit us at https://www.albanyme.org

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Constance F. Slish, Barbara J. Ernest and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is $100,425.40 with a total of 328 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

Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing.
—Mother Teresa
**Calendars & Schedules**

**Sunday – June 18—Father’s Day**

**Monday – June 19**
- 9:00 AM Pre-K Graduation-Parish Ctr
- 7:00 PM Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – June 20**
- 9:00 AM School Mass-Church
- 9:30 AM Kindergarten Graduation-Parish Ctr
- 6:15 PM 8th Grade Graduation-Church

**Wednesday – June 21**
- 11:00 AM School Dismissal—Last Day of School

**Thursday – June 22**
- 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 – June 23**
- 6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – June 24**
- 3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – June 25**
- After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday – June 19—11th Week in Ordinary Time**
- 6:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – June 20—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM James Falasco, Sr. by Peter Falasco
  Patricia Bebezer by Peggy Ether

**Wednesday – June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga**
- 6:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service
- 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – June 24—The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
- 4:30 PM Pauline DeVoe by Richard & Debbie DeVoe
  Gretchen Gagnon by Mary Kay Frederick
  Gerald R. Jacobson by Sissman Family
  May Ann Cushing by Keith, Patsy & Devon Cushing
  John A. Watra by Jim & Mary Ann

**Sunday – June 25—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 AM Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM Geraldine M. DeAngelo by 2nd Platoon B Company
  Recruiting
- 11:30 AM Thanksgiving by Vittorio & Family
  Chickie Sorrentino by Sorrentino Family
- 5:30 PM Life Teen—People of St. Ambrose

---

**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending June 25, 2017**

**Money Counters, Sunday, June 25th**
- Team #1—Ann Miller, John Bodnar, Pat O’Connor, Patty Lincoln & Tom Paolucci

**Money Counters, Monday, June 26th**
- Team #2—Pat, Mike & Jan Rayball

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Sunday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4:30PM</td>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>7:30AM</td>
<td>Sunday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:00AM</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>11:30AM</td>
<td>Saturday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:30PM</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td></td>
<td>Sunday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SACRISTAN:**
- Hal O’Brien

**LECTORS:**
- #1-Mary Riley
- #2-Joseph Hogan

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford
- Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

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

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Chris C.

---

**SACRISTAN:**
- Bob Lamiano

**LECTORS:**
- #1-Kathl Grill
- #2-Rich Zmijewski

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

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- J. Bodnar, V. Gyrko, P. Lincoln, E. Mahoney, G. Gentile

**USHERS:**
- P. Szvedru, R. Hoggerty, V & M DesChamps

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Kathy G.

---

**SACRISTAN:**
- Donna Sabatino

**LECTORS:**
- #1-Carol Blanchard
- #2-Regina Brown

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Madeline Stalmer, Abby Hollock, Alexa Tahoe

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- D. Sabatino, N. Styczynski, A. Medic, M. Rosenthal, A. Robinson, A. Langevin, K. Matheson

**USHERS:**
- T. Moleski, J. Grady, R. Pascozi, F. Fraser

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- John Minnick

---

**SACRISTAN:**
- Pat Rayball

**LECTORS:**
- #1-Patrayball
- #2-Mary Ann Valdez

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Nicole Piusienski, Akhil & Sara Jacob,

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- J. Tengeler, S. Almonte, M. King, MG Renda, D. Piusienski, N. Agnar, D. Roots

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

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Suzi T.

---

**SACRISTAN:**
- Volunteer

**LECTORS:**
- Volunteers

**ALTAR SERVERS:**
- Volunteers

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- D & MA Frament, S. Kolow, R. LeClair, J. Finn, L. LeMay, C. DuBois

**USHERS:**
- Volunteers

**MEDIA MINISTRY:**
- Mary Grace P.
Parish Ministries & Contacts

AL TAR ROSARY SOCIETY .................................................... 785-3460
ALTAR SERVERS ................................................................. 785-1351
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION .................................................. 785-4630
BISHOP’S APPEAL (DDP) ....................................................... 785-3180
BUILDING AND GROUNDS ................................................. 785-3142
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP ........................................... 221-1357
CONFIRMATION ................................................................. 785-1351 x307
EUCARISTIC ADORATION ...................................................... 785-3411
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS (Training) ....................................... 785-4630
(Scheduling) ........................................................................ 785-6727
FAITH, HOPE AND SHARE .................................................. 785-1351 x304
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION ................................................ 785-3342
FOOD PANTRY ................................................................. 785-5175
GARDEN CLUB ................................................................. 469-1329
GRIEF LOSS GROUP ............................................................ 785-1351 x304
LECTORS ........................................................................ 407-507-3122
LIFE TEEN & JR. HIGH LIFE ................................................ 785-1351 x309
MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRY .................................. 785-1351 x302
MARTHA MINISTRY ............................................................. 782-1470
MARY’S CIRCLE OF LOVE MINISTRY .................................. 469-5367
MEDIA MINISTRY ............................................................... 783-5186
MUSIC GROUPS ................................................................. 859-6743
PARISH SECRETARY ........................................................... 785-1351 x306
P. A. EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS ................................. 785-1351 x321
PASTORAL CARE ............................................................... 785-1351 x307
P RAYER & WORSHIP ........................................................... 785-1351 x304
RESPECT LIFE ................................................................. 785-5175
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) .............. 785-1351 x302
SACRISTANS ....................................................................... 708-9615
ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL ......................................................... Terri McGraw ................................................................. 785-6453
PRINCIPAL ................................................................. Kelly Sano ................................................................. 785-6453 x320
SECRETARY .................................................................. William Miller ............................................................. 785-6453 x320
SCHOOL BOARD .............................................................. 785-1351
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY .......................................... 785-1351
TRUSTEES ..................................................................... 785-9266
USHERS ........................................................................ 785-1351
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ................................................ Tom Acemoglu ......................................................... 785-6315
YOUNG AT HEART ............................................................. Carolyn Chabot ............................................................

The Muslim-Catholic Dialogue Committee presents

a public event open to ALL faith communities

CONFRONTING RACISM
A BOLD NEW FAITH PERSPECTIVE

Thursday, June 29th ♦ 7–9 pm
Registration at 6:30 pm
Macedonia Baptist Church
16 Wilson Ave, Colonie
(formerly Our Lady of Mercy; from I-90 take Exit 4 for Central Ave West, right on Wilson Ave, Church is on the right)