**The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church**

347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110
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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)

### OFFICE HOURS
- Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
- Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

### PARISH STAFF
- Reverend Brian Kelly, Pastor
- Deacon Helmut Neurohr, Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Frank Garceau, Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Andrew Grebe, P.A. for Business & Admin.
- Erin Muir, P.A. for Liturgy & Pastoral Life
- Tom Acemoglu, P.A. for Evangelization & Catechesis
- 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

### PARISH TRUSTEES
- Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

### ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
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Website: www.stambroselatham.org
E-Mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
Terri McGraw, Principal
Kelly Sano, Secretary

### 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.
Wrestling with a Difficult Teaching

Today’s Gospel reading might seem a little peculiar, but a little bit of context helps.

Today we sit in the pews of our parish church and hear Jesus’ words to us:
- “Whoever loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me.”
- “Whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”
- “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”
- “Whoever finds his life will lose it.”
- “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Most of us are listening to this today are sitting next to our fathers, mothers, sons, or daughters or are at least are keeping them in our prayers. It would be bizarre for someone to demand that we love them more than our immediate family. We know that it’s Jesus asking and we understand that God gave us all of these people to begin with. Still, who could consciously look at their young child and say “I love someone more than you”?

Jesus then proceeds to tell his listeners to carry their very own cross and follow Him down the same path He will take to His own death. In this separation from family and life, Jesus then assures us we will not lose our lives but find them. To hold on to life and family is to lose our lives.

This teaching is one of Jesus’ most intimate teachings, situated in the 10th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. The audience of this teaching is not the interested crowds or the critical Pharisees or any of the people He healed. The audience is the Twelve, His Apostles, who are about to be sent out on their first mission. The whole of chapter 10 is devoted to this teaching (in fact, the Gospel provides “brackets” by introducing and concluding this large teaching at 10:5 and 11:1).

The whole of chapter 10 balances the great power and authority that they will wield in one hand with loss and suffering on the other. They bring God’s Kingdom and power into our world while being separated from this world on the other. They will be misunderstood by most but well-understood by God. They will feel alienated by most but consoled by God. They will lose their standing in the world but they will gain a home in God. They will be channels of God’s own power and love. Their own bodies and souls will be a place that God lives and works through.

The Apostles have already begun to feel that separation and throughout the Gospel Jesus will show them that the road to the cross is the road to glory. Jesus does not guide them down any path that He is unwilling to walk Himself.

What does this mean for us?

For one, it does not mean that we stop loving our families or somehow try to love them less per our misunderstanding of Jesus’ instruction. The Apostles were missionaries who separated themselves from their old lives to bring God to the world, most of whom died far from their places of birth. For most of us, our mission is not to the entire world. Our mission is to our own communities and, in particular, our own families. Jesus’ command to enter into a mission of curing, raising up, cleansing, and separating from evil applies to those people closest to us. It represents apostolic service in the same way that the separation of the world that Jesus talks about can represent our own apostolic living or morality.

One person who understood the relationship between being an apostle to the world and an apostle at home was Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta. She said, “Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God.” You love God precisely in how you love your family and those in your community. “The way you help heal the world is that you start with your own family.”
Church of Saint Ambrose
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham
in the
Parish Center

Wednesday, July 5th
11:00 am—3:00 pm

To make an appointment please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS or visit

www.redcrossblood.org

Walk-ins Welcome!!

All presenting donors at this drive will receive a limited edition Red Cross lunch cooler, while supplies last!

BLOOD DRIVE

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

June 25, 2017  $17,216.87
June 26, 2016  $15,613.65

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

Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.
The amount raised thus far is $107,125.40 with a total of 350 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

Blood Drive

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.

Nurses Notes
Nancy Acemoglu, RN
Who are you praying for? Everyone knows someone.

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

Pray for the teens you know and invite them to this conference.

Who do you know that can be invited to this conference? Your son or daughter? Your niece or nephew? Your grandchild, neighbor or friend? Contact the Lifeteen Office for more information at 785-1351 x309 or my cell at 518-369-0213 or go to the website ...

www.stambroselatham.com
Click on youth ministry

REGISTER TODAY!

Vacation Bible School
Pre-K—Gr. 5
July 31—Aug 1,
9am —noon
www.stambroselatham.com/VBS
**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.

**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

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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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**The Evangelist Subscription**

Name: ____________________________  
Address: ____________________________  
City: ____________________________  
State: ____________________________  
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.

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In Loving Memory  
Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of Roger A. Clemente and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues? **Counseling** is available.  
Contact Dave Dobkowski, Ph.D. at 859-4015 to make an appointment.
### Calendars & Schedules

**Sunday – July 2**
- After 5:30 Mass: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Monday – July 3**
- Church office closed

**Tuesday – July 4—Independence Day**
- Church office closed

**Wednesday – July 5**
- **11—3 PM** Blood Drive-Parish Ctr
- 6:00 PM: Virtus Training-Parish Ctr

**Thursday – July 6**
- 6:00-8:00 PM: AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
- 7:00 PM: Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday – July 7**
- 6 AM-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

**Saturday – July 8**
- 3:00-4:00 PM: Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – July 9**
- After 5:30 Mass: Life Teen-Parish Ctr

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### Liturgical Roles for Week Ending July 9, 2017

**Money Counters, Sunday, July 9th**
**Team #4—Bill Sage, Judy Vautrin & Donald Clear**

**Money Counters, Monday, July 10th**
**Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis**

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### Mass Intentions—For the Week

**Monday – July 3—St. Thomas**
- 6:30 AM: Rhea Nadeau by Bernard Nadeau
- Thomas Joseph Casey by Miecznikowski Family
- 9:00 AM: NO Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Tuesday – July 4—Weekday**
- 9:00 AM: Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Wednesday – July 5—St. Elizabeth of Portugal**
- 6:30 AM: Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Thursday – July 6—St. Maria Goretti**
- 6:30 AM: Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9:00 AM: Liberty B. Arrobang-Gonzales by Richard Calkins and Phyllis & Michael Ricci

**Friday – July 7—Weekday**
- 6:30 AM: Communion Service
- 9:00 AM: Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – July 8—Weekday**
- 4:30 PM: Joseph Collins by Jeanette Crola & Family
- Mary Belhumer by Erin Craven
- Richard Bango by Doreen Bango
- Leo Charbonneau Jr. by Jean Minnick
- Anne Weira by Jim & Mary Ann

**Sunday – July 9—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 AM: Parish Intention
- 9:00 AM: Timothy D. Butler (2nd Anniv) by Wife Claire
- John Jay Ryan by Trzcinski Family
- 11:30 AM: Ruth Wallace by the Marshall Family
- Marianne Landauer by Family
- 5:30 PM: Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
- Robert Thomas by Andy & Justina Treventi