“The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church”
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110
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Email: parishsecretary@stambroselatham.com

**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
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

**Parish Trustees**
Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

**St. Ambrose School**
518-785-6453
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.
The difficulty of change in our lives, in our workplace and even here in our Parish is never an easy thing for us to accept right away. For it takes time for us to come to see, to come to understand that change is often necessary, but we are the ones who out of fear or maybe even just comfort, want everything to always stay the same. Even if we know deep down that this one piece in our lives can be the cause of our unhappiness, that which holds us back from being where we could potentially be, but especially when it comes to growing in our faith and reliance on the Lord. For Jesus Himself was always on the move and commanded His apostles and all the disciples, which we are, to only stay in place when He calls us to, but most certainly always strive for more, to follow His call and to go out on the mission He commands us to, which requires us to often adapt or change to fit the situation.

This past weekend at all the masses, as many of you heard firsthand, I preached about the “state of the parish” and the immediate need for change within. Whereas your pastor, you and the bishop have entrusted me to move St. Ambrose always in the direction that allows it to not only grow, but always seek out that which helps us all to move forward and change in ways that we need to. To let the Holy Spirit always be the guide that makes us move where the Lord wants us to move and to help us trust in our foundation that is Christ in His Church, united as one. That being said, I have begun to implement the changes needed in restructuring the parish internally, so that we can move forward in a healthy financial way. For as I said, this is our parish, but it is your financial sacrifices and resources that you have entrusted to me as your steward, to always use wisely, in service to the greater community and within our parish itself. I do this always with full honesty, heartfelt dedication to and for the future of the parish and with that, make these difficult decisions with a heavy heart to make this a reality. For asking you to sacrifice more would not solve our problem, nor is it fair or wise to ask you to do so time and again, as you already do so generously and without hesitation.

I ask again only one thing from you, to trust in me...as difficult as the outcome may be, as hard as it is to see past the here-and-now, that you only trust in me and have faith in the Lord that in time we will be able to see how they were not only necessary but truly the right decisions to make to move us forward.

Finally, I would like to repeat and emphasize, that I will always be as open, honest and transparent as possible with each of you and that my door is always open if you wish to discuss any of this further. May God continue to bless you for all that you have done to make this parish the welcoming, Christ-centered and faith-filled community that is our home. – Fr Kelly
Special thanks from the American Red Cross for such a worthwhile Blood Drive held to assist the emergency need from the 4th of July weekend.

This drive was held in loving memory of Eric Shawn Savage, a young man who died suddenly. As a result of these efforts, 22 units were collected, saving 66 lives.

Thank you to staff, volunteers and donors.

This is truly a loving, caring community selflessly dedicated to help their neighbor. Special thanks to the parents and loved ones of Eric, who gave in his honor.

Pictured below are Eric’s parents, staff and volunteers. Everything here is a community effort, we all need one another.

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.

AN INVITATION

The St. Ambrose Garden Club invites you to spend a few minutes when you are at the Church for Liturgy, or for any other reason, to walk around and view the garden areas that we continue to work on and maintain for the enjoyment of all. Plants are coming into the height of bloom now - don't miss them!

We are always eager to welcome gardeners to join us. Weather permitting, we are at the gardens on Monday and Thursday evenings from about 6 PM until dark. Stop by and introduce yourself, if you would like to hear more about what we do.
**Vacation Bible School**

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

**Food Pantry Stats**

The Food Pantry served 111 households in June. This included 230 adults and 195 children. As always the generosity of St. Ambrose parishioners is deeply appreciated and helpful. The ongoing need is great and all food and monetary contributions are much appreciated as we strive to feed the hungry in our community.

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

The amount raised thus far is $109,145.40 with a total of 359 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

**Festival Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, July 26 @ 6:30 PM—Parish Center  
All parish ministries and parish family members.  
Please Join Us!

We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.
**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)

**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.

**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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**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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**Concert for Vocations**

2017

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**
St. Pius X Church
Loudonville, New York

6 p.m. Holy Hour and Benediction with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
7 p.m. Concert for Vocations presented by the Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, and Religious of the Diocese of Albany Light reception to follow

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The word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will.
—St. Lawrence of Brindisi
# Liturgical Roles for Week Ending July 23, 2017

**Money Counters, Sunday, July 23rd**

Team #7—Tom Thouin, John Beaumont & Paul Tessier

**Money Counters, Monday, July 24th**

Team #3—Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois

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**Mass Intentions**

- **Monday – July 17—Weekday**
  - 6:30 AM Ben St. Pierre by Frances & Joe VonHolten & Family
  - 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- **Tuesday – July 18—St. Camillus de Lellis**
  - 6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
  - 9:00 AM Ellen Hahn by the Staff of the Dufresene & Cavanaugh Funeral Home
  - Barbara J. Ernest by St. Ambrose Parish
- **Wednesday – July 19—Weekday**
  - 6:30 AM Parish Intention
  - 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- **Thursday – July 20—St. Apollinaris**
  - 6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
  - 9:00 AM Anne Marsolais Beatty by Jean Mooney
  - Catherine L. Nial by St. Ambrose Staff
- **Friday – July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi**
  - 6:30 AM Communion Service
  - 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
- **Saturday – July 22—St. Mary Magdalene**
  - 4:30 PM Ellie Servera by Barb & Larry Numrich
  - Sylvia Conboy by Marlene Lillis
  - Edward L. LaMora by Antoinette & Theresa Muscatiello
- **Sunday – July 23—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary by Mary Anne
  - 9:00 AM Sylvia Conboy by Wayne & Cathy Halayko
  - Raymond J. Hess III by Judy Brady
  - 11:30 AM Parish Intention
  - 5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose