**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–12 noon
- 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.
- 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

**Parish Trustees**

- Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

**St. Ambrose School**

- 518-785-6453
- Website: www.stambroselatham.org
- E-Mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
- Ernest Casile, Principal
- Kelly Sano, Secretary

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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.

**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.

**Baptism**

Congratulations! If you wish to arrange preparation for baptism, please call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Ambrose parish.
This week is a special week in the Church in that we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The tradition holds that either before she had died or shortly after her death, her body was taken up into heaven. The Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox churches have different traditions on how that story actually happened. In some versions she is buried and taken up into heaven on the third day. In some she is surrounded by the apostles who are whisked from the four corners of the earth to be at her side and taken straight up.

No matter the version, the outcome is the same: Mary and Jesus are united. She comes to heaven in a way that mirrors his own resurrection and ascension. Mary’s entire life was lived in anticipation for the coming of her Son. She was conceived without sin in anticipation of becoming the Mother of God. She gives her unqualified “yes” to God in her words as her Son’s very Nature is an unqualified “yes” to God the Father. In the end, she will leave this earth in the same way He did.

If Jesus is the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2), then I suppose we could think of Mary as someone who helped prepare for Jesus to hew out the path we all hope to follow in this life. Moreover, she stands behind Him as He journeys, assuring us that His path is actually the right one. Sometimes we hear that Christians are people that follow Jesus. I don’t know how you might imagine that but if I were to try and visualize that image it would be Jesus at the front of a line, navigating through the wilderness of life. But, in that view, walking closely behind him, would be the image of Mary, with perhaps one hand on her Son’s shoulder in support while the other hand reached out in reassurance to those of us struggling in our attempts to follow Him too.

Often, people struggle with the Church’s teachings on Mary. I have had Catholic friends who have struggled with them and, unfortunately, kind of put them aside without giving themselves a fair opportunity to understand them. Does what we believe about Mary in any way distract us from Jesus? Absolutely not. Each of those teachings ratify the things that Jesus taught us and, ultimately, point to Him, whether it’s:

- **Mary’s perpetual virginity of Mary**—Mary’s own virginity mirrors Jesus’ own celibacy and embodies the joy and freedom of living in the Kingdom (Matthew 19:12, 1 Corinthians 7:8. 32-34)
- **Mary’s Immaculate Conception**—Mary’s womb is the new holy Temple of God’s Presence in her Son Jesus. Mary is free from original sin and her “yes” to God in accepting to be the Mother of God (Luke 1:38) negates Adam and Eve’s rejection of God (Genesis 3:6).
- **The Assumption of Mary**—As mentioned, her Assumption follows the same path carved by Jesus in His Resurrection. She is the first “volunteer” on the expedition of the Christian life and shows us that it is true and effective.

In a way, our Sunday readings point the way to this too. While Mary follows her Son in sinlessness, Peter gives us another example in following Jesus as someone who is sinful (a point Peter makes painfully clear to Jesus in Luke 5:8). The apostles have followed Jesus’ direction and it leads them right into a severe storm in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. Any of us feel severely tested when God points us in a direction that leads right into danger and anxiety and I have no doubt that the apostles felt the same way. When they see Jesus walks miraculously on the water, it’s Peter who dares to walk out in faith. When Jesus invites Peter to come out, Peter actually does walk on the water with Jesus, only to collapse in fear under the realization of the danger around him. He loses faith and begins to drown and Jesus saves him.

I like the images presented to us this week. Maybe your faith is strong and Mary’s path is a reminder to stay on the Way. Maybe you’re feeling weak but Jesus is there when you falter. Either way, the Way is right, the Savior is sure, and God is kind in choosing our companions.
August 13, 2017

Baptism? Communion? Confirmation?

It’s never too late to receive the Sacraments.

We’ll work with you wherever you’re at in your life.

Contact us today!
faithformationAA@stambroselatham.com

Time is flying by!

Faith Formation begins
Sunday, September 10th

Book Pick-Up In The Lounge

Sunday, August 27th
Between Masses
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Monday, August 28th
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 30th
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 7th
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at: www.thebishopsappeal.org
Many thanks for your support!
Fr. Brian Kelly

Summer Office Hours
Beginning Friday, July 7th through Friday, September 1st, the Church office will close at 12 noon on Fridays.

Save-the-Date
Come Join Our Parish Family for food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday, September 24th
More info to come!
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.

Monday – August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe
6:30 AM Lynes Gervais by Martha Hall
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
5:30 PM Rose A. Esposito by Jill Lewis

Tuesday – August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Angeline Choquette by Deb Baker
Rose Esposito by Mary Parker
12 Noon Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
5:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
7:00 PM Barbara Galka by St. Ambrose Parish

Wednesday – August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary
6:30 AM Paul Coneski Sr. by Mary Anne
Dina Scechitano by Barbara & Larry Numrich
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – August 17—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Lynes Gervais by Arlene & Dom Triola
Camillo Fabio by Carolyn

Friday – August 18—Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – August 19—Weekday
4:30 PM Thomas Devoe by Richard & Debbie Devoe
Jozef Chilinski by Maria Chilinski
Cecelia & Francis Craven by Erin Craven
Vincent & Nancy Cacciotti by Wife & Sister-in-law

Sunday – August 20—20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Salvatore Leggion by Joanne Leggio
9:00 AM Rudolph (Rudy) Gagnon (30th Anniv) by the Ray Family
Jack Stangle by Judy Grady
Ruth E. Connors (12th Anniv) by the Family
11:30 AM Elaine Adams (20th Anniv) by Family
Silvio Pais by Justina & Andy Treventi
Chickie Sorrentino by Sorrentino Family
Rose Esposito by JoAnn & Jack Tibbitts
5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose
**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.

**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

**Parenting Pointers**

What do you and your child think God looks like? – a grandfather, wind, an earthquake, fire, a cloud, a ghost…(1 Kings 19: 9-15) Each of you draw your idea. Talk about the qualities of God that are beyond what you can draw.

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**Parishioner Registration/Update Request**

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- [ ] New Registration
- [ ] Change of Address
- [ ] Moving out of Parish
- [ ] Want Envelopes
- [ ] Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

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CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – August 13
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr
Monday – August 14
7:00 PM Core-Chapel
Tuesday – August 15
 Wednesday – August 16
7:00 PM Core-Chapel
Thursday – August 17
6:00-8:00 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
8:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel
Friday – August 18
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
Saturday – August 19
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel
Sunday – August 20
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2017

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH
Team #1—Ann Miller, John Bodnar, Pat O’Connor, Patty Lincoln & Tom Paolucci

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST
Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis

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In Loving Memory Of...

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of

Rose A. Esposito, John A. Ouimet and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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