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.

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**Mission Statement**

- Faith Formation 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  

**Faith Formation begins Sun., Sept. 10th**

Are you or a loved one interested in having a conversation about becoming Catholic? Perhaps you would like to receive a sacrament? There’s no better time than right now! Anyone not already baptized (in any Christian denomination) or not already confirmed Catholic is a candidate for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Contact Tom Acemoglu in the parish office to start the conversation.
St. Ambrose School

Tom Akemoglou
Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

First, let me say, that we’re really fortunate to have a Catholic school here at the parish.

Our school was founded in 1958 when our then-pastor Monsignor Daniel Cranin approached the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to further their mission in educating children with faith and together they made it happen. Like a lot of important dates that we observe as Americans and as Catholics, we can easily forget just how big of an impact that decision has made on people’s lives. It’s sure made a profound impact on my own life and now it’s making an impact in the lives of my own children.

I have two kids who are students of the school, going into grades 1 and 2. By the end of this upcoming school year, my oldest will be making her First Communion just like I some did 29 years before. She’ll walk down that same aisle and receive the same Lord in His Eucharistic Body.

Catholic Schools are at an important juncture in American history. More and more, diocesan and parish structures have found themselves in the position of having to re-present themselves to not only the wider community but to the parishes that house them. When I would speak to our last principal Terri about this she would put it so well: if only people outside of the school could see what we do inside the school. I would always agree. I was in a unique position, working between the parish and school parts of our campus, trying to bridge the gaps that sometimes form between parishes and their schools.

I knew firsthand just how special our school is so, together, we worked on putting together a short video on what St. Ambrose School is all about (you can still find it on our website and the media section of our parish website). I had always felt grateful for the way the Sisters of the Presentation presented the faith to me. But I could see an evolution happening, where faith and academics were being taken seriously in new ways. As a professional faith formation worker, I was constantly in awe of what they accomplished in the school with regards to living, knowing, and acting on faith.

They do this while maintaining a good relationship with North Colonie, ensuring that kids who need services receive them. Today, a lot of our kids benefit from additional services. Unfortunately, a lot of parents think that sending their kids to a Catholic school would hinder their ability to receive these necessary services in special education, speech therapy, or physical therapy. Thankfully that’s not true. As a dad who wants his children to grow up in an environment of faith I’m grateful they are able to receive the great services that North Colonie offers.

The smaller classroom sizes have been an absolute blessing to family. My kids have really been cared for, the teachers have been so available, and I have really felt on the same page with them. We’ve worked out plans for the girls that extend from home to classroom and vice versa. We’ve also made such great friends in the process and there’s a real sense of “being in this together” among many parents.

It just feels like a real community. It’s something so rare and it’s rooted in God and it’s all I ever wanted for my kids. I take their academics very seriously and I deeply feel they are getting a great education.

St. Ambrose is a family thing for me. My mom believed it was best for my brother and I to go to a Catholic school and the best stuff I got from my experience went into my wife’s and my decision to make that happen for our kids.

If nothing else, keep tabs on our school because it’s special. It’s worth the sacrifices and it’s worth the support. I believe in it because of what I’m lucky enough to see everyday. Take a look for yourself. There’s something special going on there.
We need YOU!
Can you help us with:
- DJ
- Facepainting
- Clown
- Sign up to bring a dish
- Donate Prizes (individually wrapped candy)
- Food pantry items
- Invite a friend!

This year at the festival we are looking to offer a variety of international dishes. Do you have a ethnic family favorite dish? You will find sign up sheets in the back of church as well as on the parish website. Look for the parish festival banner on the home page.

Sept. 24 12:30 –5 PM

Dominican Retreat and Conference Center
“Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize”
Aug. 31, 2017 7-8 PM
Free will offering
For other Dominican Retreat offerings visit
www.dslcny.org

Pastoral Care Ministry Training
Tuesdays from 9/19 to 10/24 (6:30 to 8:30 PM)
Location: Church of St. Patrick, 21 Main Street, Ravena
Deadline for registration is 9/8
For more info, contact Maria Schollenberger
at Pastoral Care Ministry Albany Diocesan Cemeteries
518-641-6818 or Maria.Schollenberger@rcda.org
This program will provide information on: the art of pastoral visitation; communication skills; illness issues; spiritual assessment; grief and loss, suffering and faith; death and dying; ritual and sacraments in pastoral ministry; theology of pastoral care and care giving issues.

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

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

Back-to-School Supplies Drive @St. Ambrose
It’s back to school time! We’re collecting new items from backpacks to binders and beyond for students in kindergarten through high school who need help getting supplies for this upcoming school year. We try to provide everything a child needs to start the school year on the right foot.
We’ll be collecting supplies during our Religious Education Book Pick Up at the Parish Lounge, please stop by and give what you can!
(see cover for dates and times)

All items will be given to Catholic Charities

Music Ministry
Music Ministry is looking for those willing to share their talents by joining them. Do you play bass guitar, rhythm guitar, drums, piano? Perhaps you are a vocalist? No matter what instruments you play, we are inviting you to have a conversation about how you can share those talents with your parish community. Please see Tom after any Mass for more information.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
HALFWAY TO ST. PADDY’S DAY PARTY
with “Get Up Jack”
Fri., Sept. 8 doors open at 6:30 PM
St. Joseph’s Provincial House Dining Room
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd. Latham
Tickets are $20 in advance $25 at the door.
MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND
For tickets call: 518-389-2654
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THE KING’S MEN
LEADER. PROTECTOR. PROVIDER.

Calling all men of faith, single, married, fathers and their young men
You are invited …
September 15th at 5:45pm
Here at our Parish for an evening of Holy Mass Celebrated by Bishop Scharfenberger; a Dynamic presentation by Fr. Jeffrey L’Arche looking at the incredible spirituality of men. We will complete the night sharing prayer and petition followed by Pizza and Wings. Please RSVP on facebook /TKMScheneectady/events or contact Vincent DelGuidice (518) 852-9240

Parish Family Breakfast is returning September 10th. Please plan to attend and bring the whole family. $8 all you can eat with lots to choose from. All proceeds go to supporting the Mission work.

Lifeteen Ministry Events Coming Soon …
Ministry KICKOFF Event on Sunday September 17th. This will be a 70’s Disco Blast Service Work on Wednesday and Thursday this week. All are invited. 9am

Best 70’s of the Disco Music - 70’s Disco Night - 70’s Disco Hair - Related - 70’s Greatest Hits
**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)

**Mass Intentions**

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St. Augustine  
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9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

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Rose A. Esposito by St. Ambrose Church

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Funeral Home  
Bill Connors by Marjorie Connors

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**Friday – September 1**  
6:30 AM  Communion Service  
9:00 AM  Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

**Saturday – September 2**  
4:30 PM  Donald J. Waters by Gerace Family  
Rose Esposito by Jeanette Crola  
Nancy Kiente by Dee

**Sunday – September 3**  
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM  Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara  
9:00 AM  Bill & Marion Foster by Carl & Marion  
Nadia Haitko by Marge Connors  
11:30 AM  Thanksgiving by Kurian Family  
Carol Rock by Mary Coleman  
5:30 PM  James Skahen by Lorrie & Jackson Family

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Ernest Casile, Principal  
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**Calendars & Schedules**

**Night of Praise**  
Fishers of Men  
Sept. 7  
At 7pm

**Office Hours**  
Monday–Thursday  9:00am–6:00pm  
Friday  9:00am–12 noon

**Parish Staff**  
Reverend Brian Kelly, Pastor x301  
Deacon Helmut Neurohr, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Frank Garceau, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Andrew Grebe, P.A. for Business & Admin. x304  
Tom Acemoglu, P.A. for Evangelization & Catechesis x307  
Justina Treventi, Faith Formation Admin. Asst. x303  
Mark Trudeu, Life Teen for High School and Jr. High x309  
Tracey Penk-Masucci, Parish Administrative Asst. x303

**Parish Trustees**  
Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

**Chapel is open M-Thurs from 6 AM to 9 PM  
*Fridays we have Eucharistic Adoration until midnight**

**There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 1 due to the holiday weekend. We will be having a 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day.**

**Are you receiving text and email notifications from St. Ambrose? Text the word ambrose to 84576 to opt in.**

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After 5:30 Mass  Life Teen-Parish Ctr

**Monday – August 28**  
7:00 PM  Core-Chapel

**Tuesday – August 29**  
9:00-3:00  Life Teen Summer Service  
4:00-7:00  Faith Formation Book Pick up—Lounge  
7:8:30 PM  Deep End-Lounge

**Thursday – August 31**  
9:00-3:00  Life Teen Summer Service  
6:00-8:00 PM  AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Mtg. Rms  
7:00 PM  Prayer Group-Chapel

**Friday – September 1**  
3:00-4:00 PM  Confessions-Chapel

**Saturday – September 2**  
3:00-4:00 PM  Confessions-Chapel

**Sunday – September 3**  
After 5:30 Mass  Life Teen-Parish Ctr


**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.** 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.**

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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Please check:

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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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**Liturgical Roles for Week Ending September 3, 2017**

**Money Counters, Sunday, September 3**

Team # 4 B. Sage, J. Vautrin, D. Clear

**Money Counters, Tuesday, September 5**

Team # 3 R. Ostiguy, R. Comtois

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