The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church
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October 29, 2017
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR

What is the heart of the matter? What is the root of our problem, the seed that allowed any divide to grow? What is the basis for why we do what we do that is good? In today’s gospel passage, Jesus clearly states, that “Love of God” and “Love of neighbor” are intertwined, inseparable, the basis upon which all the law and the prophets hang. He gets right down to the heart of the matter...to the foundation upon which everything else is built. So often in our everyday lives, even our practicing faith here in the parish, we forget this. We forget, or maybe even without knowing, to pick and choose what parts of our faith we live out once we walk out after mass or once the school bell rings for dismissal. We gather here to give glory to God, to worship as a community of faith, to learn about the faith, and how we can apply it in every subject we learn...yet at the same time, we forget so much of it when we are out in the “world” back into our everyday lives. Why? Love of God and love of our neighbors are intertwined as Jesus reminds us, for the words we speak at mass are meant to influence the words we speak in our homes, in our work places, and wherever we find ourselves in our community. The peace we offer each other during mass is meant to be extended to those very same places as we are dismissed with the words “go in peace.”

How much could we change the world if we were to live out our faith this way? How much could we change our local community? How much could we change our own households if we let these two commandments always be the foundation in all that we do? For everything that begins in our homes, our own “little churches,” are where we can set our faith on fire. It is the place where we take what we have received here in the pews, here in the classrooms, and allow our faith to have the greatest opportunities to transform the way we live in our houses outward into the world. Jesus makes it such that we are not overburdened with law after law, or rule after rule, by simply saying that if love of God and neighbor are the groundwork of your life, everything else will fall into place and we will always be able to seek out the root of our problems, to cease any division before it grows. To always stay focused on the heart of the matter and resolve it as the Lord would.

Finally, the Lord’s summation not only tells us how we are to live, but reminds us that within the two commandments are a remedy to all of the pain we may be feeling inside. The division we have allowed to come between us and another. A remedy that The Beatles once made into a hit song with a line everyone knows, “all you need is love.” Love, as we recall, is the reason God created the world. Love is the reason we were called and willed into being. It is through God’s love that we have the great gift of mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. It is love, that brings us hope for the life in the world to come, as St. John wrote, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday—October 30**  
6:30 AM  Jean Hillje by St. Ambrose Parish  

**Tuesday—October 31**  
9:00 AM  Rosalie Bartkowski by Parish Staff  
5:30 PM  People of St. Ambrose Parish  

**Wednesday—November 1**  
9:00 AM  Philip Maiello by Tracey Penk-Masucci  
7:00 PM  People of St. Ambrose Parish  

**Thursday—November 2**  
9:00 AM  All Souls  
7:00 PM  All Souls  

**Friday—November 3**  
6:30 AM  Communion Service  

**Saturday—November 4**  
4:30 PM  Eleanor Falasco by Marlene Lillis  
Edward Lillis by Peter & Terri Odell  
Arlene Van Alystne by Marietta Blazejewski  

**Sunday—November 5**  
7:30 AM  Teresa & Vincent Papolizio by Clara  
Sr. Barbara Maria by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt  
Marion Kardas by Mark & Barbara Glaine  
9:00 AM  People of St. Ambrose Parish  
11:30 AM  Richard Schmidt by Schmidt Family  
Janet Killean Cavanaugh by Martin & Diane Killean  
5:30 PM  People of St. Ambrose Parish  

### THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED

Once again this year, we’ll be providing Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Beginning this weekend, there will be bags available in church. In the bag you will find a food list and instructions as to what you are to do. Please consider taking part in this annual Thanksgiving endeavor as we remember those who are less fortunate. Price Chopper & Hannaford gift cards in the amounts of $5, $10 & $20 toward the purchase of a turkey would be most appreciated.  

Thank you and God bless you for your continued generous support. Please return all donations by Sunday, November 12th to insure delivery to the families.  

**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
Each year our community provides a meal here for those in need. Many hands make light work. If you have never served before, why not make this year your first time. If you’ve served before, we look forward to seeing you again. There will be sign-up sheets at the main entrance of the church for volunteers who would like to help with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.  

This year’s dinner will take place on **Saturday, November 18th at 12:30PM**.  

Many volunteers are needed to cook turkeys, bake desserts, set up, prepare food, serve and clean up. If you would like to help with this event please sign up on the sheets at the entrance of the church. If you would like more information or have questions please call Rose Anne Szwedo at 518-469-5367 or Fran Fiegler at 518-785-8763.  

Donations to purchase food and supplies for the dinner would be graciously accepted. Envelopes are at the entrances of the church. Checks may be made payable to St. Ambrose Ministry for the Needy. Donations can also be made on the parish website. Go to the parish home page stambroselatham.com and click on the Thanksgiving Dinner banner.  

If you know of someone who lives alone, or a single parent having a difficult time making ends meet for their family, or families that are struggling financially to provide the necessities, please invite them to come to the Thanksgiving dinner as our guest. Guests need to sign up at the parish office by Monday, Nov. 13th.  

**There will be NO ORDERS FOR TAKE-OUT dinners.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday—October 31**  
All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30 PM  

**Wednesday—November 1**  
All Saints Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM  

**Thursday—November 2**  
All Souls Mass 7:00 PM  
We will remember in a special way all those who went home to God this past year. Mass will be followed by a dessert reception in the Parish Center.  

**Saturday—November 4**  
First Saturday Devotion 10 AM in the Chapel for Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  

**Sunday—November 5**  
Family Breakfast will be held in the Parish Center from 8:00 AM until noon.
Last week, parents of our faith formation program made some meals during the hour their children met for class...way to go!

“We had 12 volunteers...help to make 160 lunches for Capital City Rescue Mission. On the way to the mission, we passed two different homeless people with cardboard signs that they were hungry and were able to give them lunches ourselves.”

2018 Mission Trip is in full swing. If you are interested in more information or in registering to attend or in signing up to help, please contact the Lifeteen Office immediately. There are limited spots available and we are almost full. Contact the Lifeteen Office for more information.

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### Parish Support

We are a tithing parish following God's plan for giving

- **October 23, 2016** $15,849.04
- **October 22, 2017** $17,366.67

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

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### Bulletin Changes

This week’s bulletin is our new format. Our bulletin is one form of communication to present the most important and current happenings at our parish community. As we move to this new format the following information can be found on the parish website:

- Parish Staff Listing along with the new email addresses
- Mass Schedules
- Ministry Schedules
- Sacrament information
- Joining or updating your information
- E-giving information
- Connection to our social media
- Faith formation information
- Youth Ministry information
- and so much more!

Please don’t hesitate to contact the parish office with any questions or comments. If you need assistance locating information on the website, give us a call and we’ll help you navigate our website!

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### Liturgical Roles

All the liturgical role schedules can be found on the parish website. From the homepage, click on the “ministries” banner or you can simply find them under the Liturgy/Sacraments top located on the top of the website. If you would like the schedule emailed to you, please contact Joan in the parish office Joan.Welch@rcda.org

### School News & Events

#### Friendship League

Participation in the Friendship League began a number of years ago as a league for non public schools. At that time there were only 4 teams participating. The league has grown to 20 schools with only the Menands School being the only none private school member. Other Catholic Schools that are members besides St. Ambrose include, All Saints, Holy Spirit, St. Gregory’s, St. Mary-St. Alphonsus, St. Mary’s Waterford, St. Pius and St. Thomas. Three years ago we joined the League for Soccer. Our team includes 5th to 8th graders and is coed. It also includes a couple of 4th graders as developmental players. This year they had the largest team ever with 21 players. The season runs from September thru October.

Last year we added Cross Country for grades 4 to 8. It is also coed with students running in their age appropriate divisions.

Again this year we have had our largest group of runners, 12. Our season begins the last week September and ends the last week of October. The meets are held a the Menands School and the Parker School in Wynantskill on Wednesday at 4PM. Drew Karaskiewicz, one of our 8th graders was the first person to break the 7 minute mile for our school this year with a time of 6 minutes 46 seconds.

We began coed Volleyball last March for 7-8th graders and hope to start it up earlier, probably in February 2018.

We also are looking at participating in track and field next May with the meets being held a Rensselaer High School. This year our Junior boys basketball team will not only play in our regular CYO League but will also play against some Friendship League teams.

- Bill Fahr