FROM THE PASTOR

Today’s responsorial psalm “In you, Lord, I have found my peace” reflects the two great holy days we celebrated this past week, The Feast of All Saints and All Soul’s Day. Together, they remind us of our call to want to become saints, as Leon Bloy writes, “the only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.” Connected with this, we remember all of our loved ones who have passed in a special celebration on All Soul’s day. Praying that together with all the saints in heaven, they watch over, pray for and intercede for us each and every day before the Lord. We remembered in a special way those members of our parish community who have passed from this life to the next during our “Blessing of Memories” mass on Thursday night. Throughout the month you will see the names on display as well as the opportunity to add additional names in our prayer intention book placed before the ambo in the Church. This year, we will begin honoring and praying for not only a particular loved one lost this past year, but an invitation to pray especially for their families and friends during their time of need. You will notice that in the Church and Chapel, a small picture frame with the name of the person who the sanctuary lamp has been lit for for the week. I ask that you take a moment in your prayer to look over at the name and pray for them and their families as this continues throughout the year.

In addition to this, you will notice that our ADA accessible doors have been installed and are operational with the exception of the main entrance of the church. This will be completed in the coming weeks. I wish to express my gratitude to each of the anonymous donors who donated to make this project a reality, leaving our doors open for all who wish to come and feel welcomed at our community. We are still in the process of having the exterior lighting replaced around Mary’s garden and hoping to have the concrete that is in the front of the church replaced or paved as it has become a hazard that needs to be addressed before winter falls upon us.

Our Electronic Door Access system will be upgraded very soon, all those who currently have a key fob or are in need of access to the Church, School or Parish Center on a regular basis are asked to go to our parish website to fill out a new form or contact Andy in the parish office to be entered into the new system. Our new system will include identification cards that have the person’s name and photo and each person’s access can be customized to allow them access where they need to go on the grounds and during which times. This will allow us to ensure greater security not only for our church, but also for the parish school, to ensure the safety of our children, staff and faculty. Our chapel will remain open from 6AM – 9PM Saturday – Thursday, and until midnights on Friday for adoration as normal.

Finally, as we begin Daylight Savings time, setting our clocks back one hour, we see that Advent will be here before we know it. We will reintroduce the 15 minutes of adoration at the end of mass beginning at that time, rotating between the masses. Meaning Christmas is now less than two months away. In planning ahead, I wish to propose to the community adding a midnight mass next year, 2018 and wish to know your thoughts on this. Please let me know your thoughts on whether this is something that you would be interested and supportive of, as well as what you have seen done at other parishes that you would like to see done here in our community.
MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – November 6**
6:30 AM  People of St. Ambrose Parish

**Tuesday – November 7**
9:00 AM  David R. Nichols by Laureen Sharp

**Wednesday – November 8**
6:30 AM  Communion Service

**Thursday – November 9**
9:00 AM  David Delgrosso by St. Ambrose Parish

**Friday – November 10**
6:30 AM  Communion Service

**Saturday – November 11**
4:30 PM  Billy Whalen by Family
         Paul VanAlystyne, Sr. by Family
         Harry Cushing by Keith, Patsy & Devin Cushing
         Charles & Gloria Barber by children
         Therese E. Normile 1st Anniversary by Jim & Cindy Normile

**Sunday – November 12**
7:30 AM  Matilda & Nicola Popolizio by Clara
         Carmen Gentile Sr. by daughter & family
9:00 AM  Doreen Hettinger by Danny & Eileen Johnson
         Jean Ann Hillje by Martha & Carl Cioffi
         Servillano Quianchon by family
11:30 AM  Comito Family & Chiera Family
         By Vittorio Renda family
         Joseph & Loretta Hogan by family
         Theresa Zandi by family
5:30 PM  People of St. Ambrose Parish

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

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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.

YOUNG AT HEART

Our next and last meeting will be **November 9, 2017** at 10:00 AM. I am sad to say that we have been unable to get new members to join. Please, all members attend this meeting as we will decide where to donate our small treasury to. Thank you.

Carolyn Chabot, President
“Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example.”
(Matthew 23:3)

I consider much of what Jesus says in the readings this Sunday as some of the scariest bits of the whole Gospel. Jesus is talking to the Pharisees who were a large group of interpreters of God’s Law. Jesus accuses them of coming up with a lot of rules that served as burdens placed on people that the Pharisees were unwilling to help carry. He also takes note that the Pharisees often don’t stand live out the rules that they make others uphold.

The short passage above scares me as a father, as a Christian, and as a Church worker. Imagine becoming such a bad example to your own children that someone else has to tell them to stop following your example. And yet, as Christians we might never realize that our example is often contradictory to what we profess. In the 2007 book “Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity…and Why it Matters”, researchers David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons say that a new generation see Christians as people who “pretend to be something unreal, conveying a polished image that is not accurate.” While we might not really believe that way, the people who might most need a community of faith might be turned off by the incongruity between what we believe and how we act.

Strangely, Jesus tells his listeners to “do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you”, reminding his listeners that both Pharisee and everyday folks are in need of teaching and it would do well for the Pharisees to follow their own advice. Why? Because the beginning of any effort of evangelization should begin with looking into our own hearts. That way we can change what needs to be changed in ourselves so that we don’t become someone else’s obstacle to the Gospel.
THE FEMININE GENIUS WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE

Women's breakfast with the Sisters of Life presenting on the beauty of God's design for women being held on November 11 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Ambrose in the Parish Center. Breakfast to begin at 9 AM followed by a presentation from the Sisters of Life. Sr. Virginia Joy, S.V. has been with the Sisters of Life for eight years and has been recently named the Director of the Archdiocese of New York's Family Life/Respect Life Office. 
$12 in advance/$20 at the door 
There will also be a Free Will Offering for the Sisters Register by calling: 518-877-8358

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION AT ST. AMBROSE

Did you know that St. Ambrose School serves over one hundred students in our early childhood classrooms? Children between the ages of three and five attend our all-day program, with both full and part-time enrollment available. Our developmentally appropriate curriculum supports NYS Common Core standards and incorporates both whole group instruction and small group learning centers. Kindergarten readiness is the goal of our four-year-old classrooms, as students engage in hands-on learning through the use of technology, direct instruction, and peer-supported learning. Our three-year-olds are introduced to school by our nurturing classroom teachers, where strong home/school relationships are forged.

Activities for threes include an abundance of sensory exploration, fine and gross motor activities, and opportunities for social interactions and skills building. As always, character development and Christian identity are the cornerstones of our school. With an optional eight-week Summer program available, the Early Childhood Program at St. Ambrose School is proud to provide children with a strong academic and social foundation while meeting the child care needs of working families in our Parish and community. Please call our School Main Office (518) 785-6453 today to tour our program and meet our amazing faculty yourself.

LATHAM WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

Be sure to stop by in the parish center THIS WEEKEND and support the Latham Women's Club Bake Sale to benefit our St. Ambrose Food Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
LIGHT WEIGHT INFORMATION MEETING 6:30 PM IN THE LOUNGE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
YOUNG AT HEART 10:00 AM IN PARISH CENTER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
THE FEMININE GENIUS WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

PUB NIGHT 6-9 PM PARISH CENTER
PURCHASE TICKETS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE OR IN THE OFFICE

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, November 10 due to Veterans Day weekend. The chapel will, however, be open for prayer during the day.