As we begin the 2nd week of Advent, we find ourselves getting closer and closer to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, that beautiful Christmas morning which we wait for with joyful anticipation. Preparing our hearts and minds for the greatest gift of all, the entering of our Savior into the world, through whom salvation becomes a reality, the Lord who graces us with His love, peace, and hope. Throughout this time, we have several events ongoing and others coming up in the parish, open to all, that will help each of us on this journey of faith. Our ongoing speaker series Wednesday nights at 7 PM entitled, “You Should Be Here” continues and the turnout has been great. Wednesday, December 13th, the Church doors will be open for our “Leave the Lights On” service, in which several priests will be available in the church to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6 PM – 7:30 pm, followed by the speaker series in the parish center. Our “Day of Praise” will be Sunday, December 17th between the 9 am and 11:30 am masses, where we will have Adoration and music as a chance to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament and worship in song. All of these are intended to lead us up, not only to the celebration of Christmas, but to our “Night of Praise” December 28th. I encourage and invite each of you, your families and friends personally, to all that we have going on in the parish as each event is another opportunity for the Lord to enter into your heart and lives more fully as we wait for His coming again in glory.

Bishop Barron writes, “During this season let us join the great men and women of our Tradition, turning our eyes and hearts upward and praying, ‘I am waiting, I am waiting. Come, Lord Jesus.'” Let this be our mantra during this time of preparation, joining our voices with those throughout the world who wait for the Lord Jesus. May this help each of us as we reflect upon the words of St. Peter from today's second reading, “The Lord does not delay His promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but He is patient with you, not wishing that you should perish, but that all should come to repentance...eager to be found without spot or blemish before Him, at peace.”

May the peace of the Lord be with you in those moments you recognize the need for change. May His peace be with you in your moments of sickness, struggle and hardship. May we change ourselves into a people who seek out the Lord’s peace in all that we do, our lives to ones without blemish before our King, let us change all of us that needs to change, so that we are ready not only for the return of the Lord, but can sing joyously from our hearts, “Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.”

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

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**LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.

We invite you to come to experience this beautiful Sacrament on

**Tuesday, December 13**

**6PM to 7:30 PM**

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**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Please come and sing Christmas Eve with us! Even if you’re not a current member of the choir come and sing at the 8 pm Christmas Eve mass. We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm in the church. All are welcome!
SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL

DECEMBER 10, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday – December 11
6:30 AM People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday – December 12
9:00 AM Philip Maiello by Terri McGraw

Wednesday – December 13
6:30 AM People of St. Ambrose

Thursday – December 14
9:00 AM Frank Liburdi by St. Ambrose Parish

Friday – December 15
6:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday – December 16
4:30 PM Esther & George O’Brien by Family
Patrick & Therese Hunt
by Robert & Mary Alice Hunt
Madeline Dombrosky
by Nancy Hooks
Al Chenot by Mary & Peter Riley

Sunday – December 17
7:30 AM Rosa Wright by Joseph Aliberti
Intentions of Donald Kruse
by Joe Masucci

9:00 AM George Robert Hillje
by Bob & Nancy Stycznski
Mary L. Schulmerich
by Mary Jean Halpin Bryce
Harriet Gumport by Bob & Nancy
Stycznski

11:30 AM Thomas McGee
by Patrick & Mary Ann
Rocco, Nicola, Teresa Luciano Mele
by Vittorio Renda Family
Thomas Manimala by Kurian Family

5:30 PM Dominick Penesso (2nd Anniversary)
by Wife and Family

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm
Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am
Communion Service: Friday 6:30 am
Holy Days and Holidays subject to change

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
4:30 PM Mass in the Parish Ctr & Church

8:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mass

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School

Saint Ambrose School is proud and Blessed to be able to provide instruction to meet all our learners. Our classroom teachers work hard to support our students when they struggle and they challenge our students when they soar. Sometimes that isn’t enough.

Our school has a full-time Academic Intervention Specialist who works to meet the needs of all learners K-8. Students are individually evaluated 2-3 times a year and teachers are in constant communication to avoid any student from “falling through the cracks”. Sometimes students learn in different ways and alternate teaching methods may be needed to help a student be successful. Our AIS provider uses a combination of one on one and small group instruction in an alternate classroom as well as going into the classrooms to provide support in a less invasive manner. AIS support can be provided through games, additional practice, or interactive activities to name a few methods. While the primary areas of support are Mathematics and English Language Arts, if a student needs support in other areas, it is offered.

In some cases students have deeper struggles where they may need more intensive support. This is where Special Education, Speech, Occupational Therapy, and Psychologist services may be necessary. We are fortunate enough to have a handful of teachers from North Colonie Central School District that offer these services to our students.

Small class sizes, support by knowledgeable and dedicated teachers are a few of the many aspects that help to make our school the amazing place that it is.

Kristen Campito
Academic Intervention Specialist

LECTORS

Attention lectors. Volunteers are needed for Christmas and New Year’s Eve and Day Masses. Sign-ups sheets are on the bulletin board outside the Chapel (put in the location if different). Thank you for your assistance in enhancing these important liturgies.
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PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name: ____________________________
Street: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
Zip: ____________________________
Phone No: ____________________________

Please Check
☐ New Registration
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving out of Parish
☐ Want Envelopes
☐ Would like information on e-giving
☐ Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION
☐ Add my name to the subscription list, here is my $18.00/year
☐ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/year

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:00 PM  ALTAR ROSARY
6:30 PM  LIGHT WEIGH—LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
6:00 PM  LEAVE THE LIGHT ON
RECONCILIATION—CHURCH
7:00 PM  JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT
RETREAT—PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
9:30 AM  MARY’S CIRCLE OF LOVE—LOUNGE
7:00 PM  CONFIRMATION LARGE GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
10:15 AM  MORNING OF PRAISE—CHURCH
6:30 PM  LIFETEEN ADVENT REFLECTION & PRAYER—PARISH CENTER

KEEP IN TOUCH

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

What is Night of Praise? You Should Be Here!

Thursday, December 28, starting at 7pm, please join us for our 3rd year of Night of Praise! This hour is filled with songs of praise and songs of the season. We realize that it is an incredibly busy time of the year, but what better chance for a time of peace, then being together, praying together and all of us gathered together enjoying the Christmas season. Family in town...bring them, all are welcome. Children home from school... bring them, we miss them. Too busy...make time, one hour, relax, unwind, pray.

Hope to see you and yours there, Thursday, 12/28, starting at 7pm

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Save the Date—January 27, 2018
Pastoral Care Ministry Ongoing Enrichment—
Winter Mini-Presentation
“Christ Reveals Himself in Tears”

In Pastoral Care, we often meet the tears of those we serve. How can these tears be a source of healing for those we minister to, as well as a catalyst for our own transformation and growth? We shall explore how we see Christ through the lens of tears—both of those we serve and our own— and how these can be a source of healing and hope for the receiver and giver of care.

Presenter: Yervant Kutchukian
When: Saturday, 1/27/18
Where:
Pastoral Center, 40 No. Main Ave., Albany
Time: 9:00 AM to Noon
Cost: No charge
https://goo.gl/aCdfWt
Pre-registration required, space limited—Deadline January 12, 2018

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Spouses, find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at https://www.wwmenyalb.org.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

2018 Worship Night In America
Featuring Chris Tomlin, Kim Walker Smith of Jesus Culture, Matt Maher, Christine D’Clario, Tauren Wells, and Pat Barrett
April 12, 2018, 7:00 pm
Times Union Center, Albany
Price:
$33.54 each
(Section 121)

Make Checks Payable to:
St. Ambrose Church
Attn: Justina
347 Old Loudon Rd
Latham, NY 12110
(by 3/15, first come, first served)

CHRISTOMLIN PRESENTS WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA

FOOD PANTRY

We served 113 households consisting of 239 adults and 202 children. We certainly had a very busy November along with the Thanksgiving baskets. We couldn’t manage without the help of all office staff and volunteers and YOU who support the Food Pantry so generously.

Thanks to all!

HOPE AND HEALING

Do you know of someone who is suffering from a past abortion? There is hope and healing available (www.sistersoflife.org)
For Women:
Call: 866-575-0075 (toll free) or
email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
For Men:
Call: 877-586-4621 (toll free) or
email: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org