Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the visitation of the Magi who followed the star to find the King of Kings, to do him homage and to open up their treasures as they recognized Emmanuel, “God is with us.” We know this historical event well, that the wise men brought with them each an individual gift: one of gold, one of frankincense and one of myrrh. As we reflect upon this great biblical passage, we should be asking ourselves as we have wound down from the great celebration of Christmas, What gift would I bring to give to the Lord? What is my greatest treasure that I would offer, continue to offer or even fail to offer to the Lord Jesus?

Every year, we have signups for stewardship, giving the gift of our time, talent and treasure to the Lord in service to His church. These are great ways for us to offer what we have been blessed with by the Lord, giving back to the parish to help support the mission of spreading the gospel locally and abroad. To be the hands and feet of Christ right here at home. This is a beautiful way for us to promote the faith, however, when we reflect upon this passage we should look well beyond that to something much more important. We should be looking deep within ourselves to see what it is that God wants from us? And this answer never changes...He wants all of us. For the greatest treasure we can give to the Lord, as we bow in honor and hand over the treasure we are in His view, is the gift of ourselves. The material things of this world are blessings and the more we share them the better. However, if we are unwilling to give all of ourselves to Him, we fail to give what matters most to God, the gift that you and I each are to Him as He foresaw in creating each one of us individually.

So as we end this beautiful Christmas season and look ahead for what 2018 is going to bring for each of us as we celebrate the new beginnings of the New Year, let us reflect and put into practice old ways we have let fall away or new ones which can invigorate our personal growth and faith in our relationship with Christ. Let each of us commit ourselves once more to the Lord by handing over the gift of “free will” that He has blessed us with so that each choice we make is one that is an offering of our complete selves to Him who wants all of us. Let us pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, will help us to speak as she did in the Incarnation, modeling for us what it is to fully follow God’s will and to rely upon Him and Him alone. May this year be a year of the renewal of your relationship with the Lord, placing at His feet, all of your faith, trust and hope as we bow before our Lord, the King of Kings. May God who has begun this great work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

**Mass Schedule**

- Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
- Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm
- Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am
- Communion Service: Friday 6:30am

**Clergy**

Rev. Brian Kelly, Pastor
Deacon Helmut Neurohr
Deacon Frank Garceau
Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6
Jean Hillje by Family
George Robert Hillje by Family
James F. Bulman by Mary & Peter Riley
Rose Mary Olsey by St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday, January 7
Sam Aliberti by Children
Gerald & Gertrude Magin by Mary Kiely
Maria Pestana Barreto by Maria Chilinski
John Barreto by Maria Chilinski
Antonio Pestana by Maria Chilinski

Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife/Mother

People of St. Ambrose
Monday, January 8
Grenchus Family by MaryAnne
Tuesday, January 9
Eleanor Gladd by Carolyn Chabot

Wednesday, January 10
People of St. Ambrose
Thursday, January 11
Lyda Lezzi by Lenny & Ann Capuana
Friday, January 12

Communion Service

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

School

First Grade has been on a voyage through our Solar System. It was a HOT start to December studying the Sun and we have worked our way out to some far away constellations. Students crafted some of our more recognizable constellations such as Cepheus, Cassiopeia and the Big Dipper. As we enter the third week of Advent students are working to go above and beyond in their community to spread the Christmas JOY. Students continue to prepare their hearts in anticipation of a Christmas celebration.

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PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name: ___________________________
Street: ___________________________
City: ____________________________
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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

PARISH SUPPORT

We are a tithing parish following God’s plan for giving
December 24, 2017  $19,867.80
Christmas  $18,984.80

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

THANK YOU

Due to your generosity our food pantry was able to provide Christmas dinners for 190 households consisting of 420 adults and 361 children.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food”
Matthew 25:35

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

If you have not received a copy of your liturgical ministry schedule, please call Joan in the parish office. Schedules can also be found online on the parish website.
**SAVE THE DATE WORSHIP NIGHT AMERICA**

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 (by 3/15, first come, first served)

**COLONIE Bereavement Support**
The Churches of Christ Our Light & St. Clare’s of Colonie will be starting a Bereavement Support Group for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. Join us for 8 Wednesday evening sessions from Jan. 10th - April 18th. Share your grief journey and gain support from others traveling the same road. Meeting location will alternate between churches. St. Clares-January 10, February 7, April 4, April 18 & Christ Our Light-January 24, February 21, March 7, March 21. Join us for our first meeting Jan. 10th at St. Clares 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Questions and RSVP’s to Pam (St. Clares 518-456-3112) or Terry (Christ Our Light 518-459-6635)

**CHARISMATIC Mass & Healing Service**
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm, Mass 7:30 pm.
Healing service to follow.
Christ Our Light Church,
1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY
Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome.
Information: Call Jack 518-334-6503

**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

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY**
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/aCdfFWt
Pre-registration required, space limited—Deadline January 12, 2018

**MARCH FOR LIFE**
RCDA Respect Life: March for Life Bus Opportunities
Washington, D.C. – The March for Life (http://marchforlife.org) as a Diocese with
Bishop Scharfenberger
Friday, January 19, 2018
Bus locations and contact information to reserve your bus ticket: Albany, Catskill & Rensselaer:
Dr. Philip Frateriggo (518-456-3998)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**
“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” 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.