Holy Week
March 25—PALM SUNDAY
7:30 9:00, & 11:30 am, 5:30 pm...Mass with blessing & distribution of palms
March 26—Monday
6:30 am...Mass
March 27—Tuesday
9:00 am...Mass
7:00 pm...Pivitol Players, Michaelangelo in the Parish Center
March 28—Wednesday
6:30 am...Mass
March 29—HOLY THURSDAY
7 pm...Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
8 pm...Dessert Sharing followed by watching until 10:30 pm (ending with Night Prayer)
March 30—GOOD FRIDAY
3 pm...Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
4 pm...Soup Supper in the Parish Center
March 31—HOLY SATURDAY
1 pm.........Easter Egg Hunt - Gym
7:30 pm...Easter Vigil Mass
April 1—EASTER SUNDAY
Masses
7:30...9:00...&...11:30 am
PLEASE NOTE...No 5:30 pm Mass

“...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Mt 25:40

Today we begin the most holy week of the year!

This week we are called to remember in a very special way all that Christ did, and does for us throughout our lives. Every year as Easter approaches I am reminded in a very special way of the model that He gave us to live by...of the things that he did to show us the little things that we should all be doing to share His love with, and for our neighbors and for others who we meet each and every day of our lives. Easter reminds me that Jesus taught me, and teaches all of us that whenever we live by the model that he gave us, whenever we share His love with those less fortunate, we are not only doing something that might brighten someone else’s day, but we are doing something for Jesus.

Visiting the sick and homebound is one simple thing that almost any one of us can do with little interruption to our daily routine...and, as we know from Matthew’s Gospel, when we make the effort to do this simple deed, we are not only doing something for our neighbor (whether we know them or not), we are doing something for Christ.

As you journey through Holy week please pray for those who are not able to join us for mass, and think about how you might serve by making pastoral visits to the sick and homebound. If you are interested but not sure the diocese is offering a training for this ministry beginning on April 6, 2018 (more information inside the bulletin).

-Deacon Andy Grebe
**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 30 due to the special schedule for Good Friday.

**Pastoral Visitation Training for the Sick, Elderly and Homebound**

Beginning Thursday, April 5th, this Six Week Formation and Skill Building Workshop will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. This program will be held Thursday evenings through May 10th and 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. Sessions include presentations and interactive exercises, as well as readings. Two pastoral visits are required along with a journal process.

*If you are interested in this training opportunity, please contact Deacon Andy Grebe at 518-785-1351, ext. 304 or by email at Andrew.grebe@rcda.org by Tuesday, March 27.*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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

- March 11, 2018: $15,922.41
- March 4, 2017: $15,178.23

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

On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Catholic Community in the Middle East and protect Christianity's holiest shrines. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for living their faith.

*Please help by giving to the collection on Good Friday.*

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**RCIA**

As they journey through Holy Week and prepare to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil, please keep in prayer:

- Meghan Forcier
- Terry Peek
- Kelsey Blakeney
- Shane Alheim & Jaime Pratt

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**PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and younger will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 PM. Meet at the entrance to the school at the south parking lot. (If the weather is bad we’ll be in the gym). Please bring your Easter basket to collect the eggs in.
What an exciting opportunity for our parish community to come together in faith and fellowship to serve both our physical church and school as well as the greater Capital District!

The month of April will be filled with events for all ages to be a part of. There are over 15 projects scheduled throughout the month and many of you have already signed-up! Visit the website, see the bulletin board in the main entrance or complete the forms in the pews to volunteer for individual projects. This weekend after all masses, representatives will be available to answer all of your questions regarding each project. Stop by for coffee and donuts!

In support of the projects, collection boxes are located at the entrances of church for the following donations:

- Toothbrush/Tooth Paste
- Travel Size Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant/Bar Soap
- Bath-size Towel/Washcloth
- Brush/Comb
- Travel Size Mouthwash (alcohol-free)
- Lotion
- Peanut butter/Jelly
- Chips/Candy (individually wrapped)
- Sandwich bags
- Brown paper lunch bags
- 1 yd 100% cotton children’s fabric
- 2 yd fleece
- School supplies (pens, pencils, markers, rulers, notebooks)

Still have questions? Need more information?
Contact April Tessarzik at april.tessarzik@gmail.com

Attention: Middle & High School Students
All middle school students (6th—8th grade) are invited to join us Sunday mornings from 10:15—11:15 in the lounge for a joyful gathering of faith, fun, and friendship.

Below are the upcoming themes we’ll be learning about!

3/25 Mary and the Annunciation
4/15 Heaven and the Last Things

High School students: This night we will dive deep into how the sacrifices we make each day, despite any pain or sorrow, can bring joy and healing to ourselves and those around us. The evening will be accompanied by games, laughter, discussions, and social time to share each other’s company. Join us tonight!

Virtus Training
The Diocese of Albany is committed to providing a “safe environment” for everyone, especially children. We believe in education that raises awareness of sexual abuse that identifies the signs of sexual abuse, that explains how to control access to our children and vulnerable adults and that encourages responsible reporting of abuse. Please join us at our next training here at St. Ambrose:
Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm
Parish Center
Register at www.rcda.org

Vacation Bible School
July 23—27, 2018
Registration coming soon!
Summer Camp
Pre-School — First Grade
June 25—August 24, 2018
8:00 am—4:00 pm

...a fun place to play and learn!

Weekly rate: $210 Full Day
  additional children $190
  $105 Half Day
  additional children $95
Daily rate:  $50 per child

All 9 weeks cost  $200 per week
Week of July 4th  $170 per child

Register at www.stambroselatham.com
Or pick up a flyer in the church vestibule
*One week’s deposit due by June 1st
  Balance due by June 25th

Questions? Contact Stacey Schaffer by email at prek4.2@stambroselatham.com

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E-Mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
Ernest Casile, Principal
Kelly Sano, Secretary

Stop in and visit us anytime!

2018—2019 School Year Registration is now open!
  Grades Pre-K 3 thru 6
  Before and after care available

First Grade has been working hard on understanding the journey Jesus took, as he died for our sins. We have found time to practice the Stations of the Cross each day and recognize the sacrifice Jesus made for us. We have reflected upon ways we can help those in need, not just during Lent but throughout our lives. We celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday and all of his great work. Students chose a book and replicated the book cover as well as chose their favorite parts of the story. Students needed a snow day in order to get their tongues untied and get prepared to read their favorite part to the class!

In preparation of St. Patrick’s Day, students had to break out their problem solving skills in order to find a way to catch a leprechaun. Groups of students were provided equal amount of supplies and were given 40 minutes to try and create a trap capable of luring in a leprechaun! The results may have varied but the fun remained the same throughout each group!