A Message from Fr. Kelly

Blessed Fulton Sheen wrote, “Sunday morning came, and it was one of calm, like the sleep of innocents, and the clear, benign air seemed almost as if it had been stirred by angels’ wings. Mary walked in the garden and someone near her spoke a word, and pronounced it longingly, wistfully, in that touching and unforgettable voice which had called her so many times: “Mary.” And to this one and only word, she made an answer, a word and only one: “Rabboni.” And as she fell at His knees in the dewy grass and clasped in her hands those bare feet, she saw two scars, two red-lined marks of nails— for Christ was now walking in the glory of His new Easter morn.”

What a beautiful image for us to envision as we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord...a reflection of the voice of God calling us with one word...and that word is love. And within just that one word, from the Lord, we can find all that we need...assurance, hope but most especially life itself. For today we celebrate the greatest and holiest day of our faith, the greatest day in history, the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, who offered His life for us, to free us once and for all from the bond of sin and death, all out of that endless divine love. For today we can truly celebrate in the here and now, that our greatest fear of dying has been overcome, knowing that God wants but to have us by His side in the Kingdom of Heaven to live amongst the saints, giving glory to God where time, sin and death have no hold. Our creator entered into His creation to walk amongst us, to show us how to live, to show us that through faith so much more lies ahead, all with a mission in mind, to restore us to what we were once before. Jesus Christ has given us out of His love what we need with or without us knowing it, Jesus Christ has given us Hope.

And this leads us to see that our life is so much more when it rests in Christ’s peace...when we allow that divine love into our hearts. For no matter how much we may try to compartmentalize God, to try and put Him aside and pull Him out only when we need Him, we never really can. For the Resurrection shows us that we can never hold the Lord back from calling us out of the tomb that we may see life as at times, all with that one word of love. That word that if we listen for it every second of the day, will forever change our lives to ones that know that no matter what happens, the Lord will raise us up to a life that can forever change the course of our history into one that can be a life that always sees the joy that lies past the crosses we bear, to ones that fill us always with hope. Hope that one day, like Mary, we will be able to walk with him in the garden of paradise where every morn like Fulton Sheen said is that glorious Easter morn.

So today, if it’s been awhile since you have set foot in Church, or even if it hasn’t, if it’s been what may even seem like a lifetime with no true joy in sight for you, listen for that one word of His love while you are here. Listen for His calling your name, and allow it to break you out of the tomb of your everyday worry to lead you to see the Easter joy that we celebrate. The joy that makes us say, not even death shall I fear, for my God I know, will have me walk with Him in the garden of Heaven forever, the place where we truly belong...the home from which we were sent and intended to return. Listen for that beautiful divine whisper in your heart each time you come. Welcome the divine love into your heart where it is intended to be, so that you can return home to the parish where together we say, “I hear, love and believe in you Lord.”
**Mass Intentions**

6:30 AM  Monday, April 2  
Marino Franchini by Joanna & Ryan Moore

9:00 AM  Tuesday, April 3  
Eugene McLaughlin by Family  
Christina Caruso by Tom Kelly

6:30 AM  Wednesday, April 4  
People of St. Ambrose

9:00 AM  Thursday, April 5  
Sophia Patsko by Lucille & Joe Egan

6:00 AM  Friday, April 6  
Communion Service

4:30 PM  Saturday, April 7  
Godfrey/Kana Family by Frank & Janet  
Godfrey  
Benedetto Gradoni by Jeanette Crola & Family  
Jean Hillje by Family  
George Robert Hillje by Family

7:30 AM  Sunday, April 8  
Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clare  
Edwin Guerin, Jr. by Barbara & Donald  
Lebentritt

All of the Souls in Purgatory by Mark Lasek

9:00 AM  Sunday, April 8  
Jean Mooney by Eileen & Rich Zmijewski  
Kaye Brennan by Betsy & Don Reutemann

11:30 AM  Sunday, April 8  
Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife & Mother  
Robert Crowley by Joe & Caroline Gomez  
Lynne McCabe by Joe & Caroline Gomez

5:30 PM  Sunday, April 8  
Ruth Lapiere by Rosemary Croop  
Kevin Meehan by Quinlan & Giles Families

Mass intentions can be requested during office hours or online at www.stambroselatham.com.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 6th due to the school spring vacation week. Adoration will resume on Friday, April 13th.

**Parish Support**

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

March 18, 2018 $14,892.73  
March 12, 2017 $15,082.15

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

**Middle School Students**

Join us for a joyful gathering of faith, fun, and friendship!

- On 4/15, we’ll be learning about Heaven and the Last Things.
- On 4/22, we’ll be making no-sew blankets for hospitalized children.
- No meetings on 4/1 & 4/8.

We meet Sundays from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. in the parish center.

Students are welcome to arrive at 10 a.m.  
We hope to see you there!

**Night at the Movies**

**Showing: The Giver**

“Search for Truth. Find Freedom.”

4:30 P.M. Social Hour w/ Games & Jam Session  
5:30 P.M. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
6:30-8:30 P.M. Dinner, Popcorn, and Movie

All high school students are invited to join us for this fun & inspiring evening!

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 @ ST. AMBROSE PARISH CENTER
It’s April 1st and our Month of Service has arrived! 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!

So many of you have already signed up for various events. Coming up in the next two weeks we have the following events:

**April 7**  
Assemble lunches for Capital City Rescue Mission  
8:00–10:00 am  
Parish Center

**April 8**  
Sewing Afternoon: Pillowcases & Capes for children in the hospital and in shelters  
12:30–4:00 pm  
Parish Center

**April 13**  
Cookie Baking at your home  
Cookie Platter Assembly & Delivery to the Colonie Police & State Troopers

**April 14**  
Campus Painting Day  
9:00 am–3:00 pm  
Parish Center

**April 15**  
Assemble Hospitality Kits for women at Mercy House and children at St. Catherine’s  
1:00–3:00 pm  
Parish Center

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**Matthew 25 Ministry**

Matthew 25 is a Collaborative Outreach Ministry. For several years area churches have collaborated with the United Church of Cohoes to provide a nutritious hot meal to the homeless, poor and/or lonely of our communities. St. Ambrose is joining this effort. Beginning May 19th and continuing each month on the 3rd Saturday, we will provide the meal to 70 or so people in need. Volunteers will be needed between 2:00 and 6:00 pm. We will be responsible for preparing and serving the entree and for clean up afterward. The United Church provides the beverages, salads and desserts each week. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**  
For more information please call: Lynn Caruso at 518-598-4555  
Susan Student at 518-813-5744

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**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

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For information regarding service projects contact:  
April Tessarzik at april.tessarzik@gmail.com
St. Ambrose School
St. Ambrose School is committed to integrating the traditions of the Roman Catholic faith with academic excellence. We teach respect, self-discipline, empathy and civility in a safe, nurturing learning environment through active partnerships with our families. We empower our students to embrace the collegiate, family and global opportunities of the twenty-first century. At St. Ambrose School every person is recognized as a child of God. Through our daily interactions and activities we hope everyone in our community comes to know the depth of His love.

2018/2019
We are currently accepting registrations for Pre-K 3 through Grade 6
Before/After Care Available

Call us at 518-785-6453 to schedule a tour or visit www.stambroselatham.com to register today!

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

Vacation Bible School
July 23—27, 2018
Details & Registration coming soon!

Spring Enrichment
Wednesday, May 16
Through Friday, May 18

Our Diocese’s Spring Enrichment 2018 program will be held at the College of Saint Rose in Albany. Over the three days there will be just over 100 two hour courses and workshops and 25 hour-long mini-courses for adult faith formation, ministry training, spiritual enrichment, and catechist/youth minister/Catholic school teacher certification. Check the diocese’s website (www.rcda.org/springenrichment) to view the full schedule of courses and to register.