For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. Jeremiah 29:11

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE
FORMAL INSTALLATION OF REV. BRIAN KELLY
AS THE PASTOR OF ST. AMBROSE
SATURDAY, MAY 26
4:30 PM

Most Rev. Edward Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany, Principal Celebrant

Reception will follow in the Parish Center

If you’d like to help with the reception by setting up, preparing an appetizer to share, serving during the reception or cleaning up afterward, please call the office at 518-785-1351 or RSVP at www.stambroselatham.com
**Mass Intentions**

**4:30 PM**  
Saturday, May 19  
Ruth Lapierre by Lector Ministry  
Bernadette Kowalskey by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage  

**7:30 AM**  
Sunday, May 20  
Sam Aliberti by Children  
Fredrick P. Snyder by Snyder Family  

**9:00 AM**  
Sunday, May 20  
Jack McFarland by Family  
Marie Stangle by Judy Grady  
Maria & Sytze Nolles by Nolles Family  

**11:30 AM**  
Sunday, May 20  
Terin Varughese by Thomas Kurian & Family  
Nicola & Nicolina Renda by Vittorio Renda & Family  

**5:30 PM**  
Sunday, May 20  
People of St. Ambrose  

**6:30 AM**  
Monday, May 21  
Patrick J. Hunt 9th Anniv by Mary Alice & Robert Hunt  

**9:00 AM**  
Tuesday, May 22  
Anne C. White by Justina Treventi  
Dr. Karen A. Fuller, by Her Friends  
Grace Jones & Family by Wendy & Tom  

**6:30 AM**  
Wednesday, May 23  
People of St. Ambrose  

**9:00 AM**  
Thursday, May 24  
Terin Varughese by Laureen Sharp  
Mark Powers by Joe & Caroline Gomez & Family  

**6:30 AM**  
Friday, May 25  
Communion Service  

**4:30 PM**  
Saturday, May 26  
Shirley Wagner by Jane’s Book Club Friends  
Alphonse & Muriel Bettez by Michael Rayball Family  
Intentions of Fr. Brian Kelly by St. Ambrose Parish  

**7:30 AM**  
Sunday, May 27  
James J. Pender by Son  
Jean Mooney by Mary Anne  
Mildred Bennett by Mary Anne  

**9:00 AM**  
Sunday, May 27  
Sylvia Conboy by The Staff of the Dufrene & Cavanaugh Funeral Home  
Sylvia Conboy by Numrich Family  

**11:30 AM**  
Sunday, May 27  
Barbara Vaughn by Joe & Caroline Gomez & Family  
Chickie Sorrentino by Frank  
Giuseppe Renda by Grace Gagliardi  

**5:30 PM**  
Sunday, May 27  
People of St. Ambrose  

**Eucharistic Adoration**

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, May 25** due to the holiday weekend. The chapel will, however, be open during the day for prayer. Adoration will resume on Friday, June 1.

**First Saturday Devotion**

Please Note: First Saturday will not be held on June 2nd.

**Food Pantry**

Your generous donations to the Food Pantry resulted in 95 families being served in the month of April including 194 adults and 144 children. Thank you!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 3-4, 2018 in ALBANY, NY and Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Ed & Rhonda Staats at 518-279-3243 or visit them at [https://www.wwmenyalb.org](https://www.wwmenyalb.org).

**Albany Chapter of Magnificat**

**Women's Breakfast**  
Saturday, June 2   9AM – 12PM  
Holiday Inn Express Latham  
Tickets: $25.00; Clergy & Religious – Free  
Guest Speaker: Susan Conroy  
Register by May 21 - send your $25 check payable to  
*Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat*  
PO Box 340  
Clifton Park, NY, 12065  
Include your name, address, phone # and email address.  
Register online at magnificat-ministry.net/chapters-websites/albany-ny/

*PLEASE NOTE: This breakfast has limited seating available and tickets will sell fast! Register Today! No walk-ins at the door.*
Technology has been going great, these past few months. As you can see from the pictures, the students have been loving their new iPads! The “older” students (grades 2-4) often opt to play educational games to improve their skills in all subjects. Among the most popular apps are Mathletics, Ghost Typing, and Khan Academy. While some of our Pre-K friends still prefer to use our desktop computers with programs like Sammy’s Science House or Bailey’s Book House, others use iPad apps like PBS Kids, ABC Alphabet Phonics, and ABCyia. The iPads have been such a great support in helping the younger children who are more accustomed to modern technology.

In ELA, the sixth grade recently completed their 12th vocab quiz (and everyone aced it!). We spent the last couple weeks of April reviewing figurative language (i.e. metaphors, idioms, alliteration, personification, etc.), before returning to another short vocab unit. In early April, the students blew me away with their poetic abilities as we learned how to write couplets, acrostics, haikus and limericks.

Seventh grade is in the middle of their final project for the year: a digital character notebook for To Kill A Mockingbird. The students are to analyze the different characters of the novel using textual evidence and quotes from the book itself. The students should be able to decipher if a character is “round” or “flat”, and “static” or “dynamic.” The students really enjoy juxtaposing different characters and finding similarities and differences between them.

Eighth grade is also working hard toward their final project. I’ve been giving the class daily prompts to help them start thinking about their final paper, which will be a 3-4 page essay about their time in middle school, and their goals for the future during this big transitional period.

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**ST ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE**

**The Encounter**

Today teens receive so many different view points regarding matters of faith, relationships and morality that the reality of true freedom and happiness is being lost to them. One of the most relevant ways to help them know truth and joy is through a personal encounter with God through Adoration, Mass, and the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. The St Isaac Jogues Youth Conference provides an atmosphere away from the daily distractions to experience that encounter in a dynamic way. The conference is offered to all High School teens on July 13-15, 2018, for more information contact youth ministers Adam Krywinski - Adam.Krywinski@rcda.org or Clare Daly - Clare.Daly@rcda.org Registration for the conference is done online at www.joguesyouthconference.com

Please note: By attending this conference, students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will fulfill their obligation to attend a retreat in the upcoming school year. Please call the office at 785-1351, ext 307 for more information.

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**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.
May 20, 2018

**“Bloom where you’re planted”**

Thanks to the help of many hands at our grounds clean-up day during the month of service, the Garden Club is off to a great start!

Now we will begin the work of the season. We invite anyone who would like to work in the garden from time to time, to join us. We typically work on Monday and Thursday evenings from about 5:45 or so, until our tasks are done or dusk chases us home.

We do not ask for any ongoing commitment of time—just come as you can. You will be welcome.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list please contact Mary Sue Ray at msray102@aol.com.

If you would like to support the Garden Club in another way, we appreciate gift cards for:

- Valoze’s
- George’s Market & Nursery
- Lowes

Gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket.

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**“They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served” John 12:2**

Do you have a passion for Hospitality or Service? Do you like to bake, cook or serve guests? What about decorating or simply washing dishes? Are you always the host/hostess to your friends and family? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the Martha Ministry invites you to join them in making our parish events special occasions for our community.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Holy Week events including the Soup Supper and Dessert Sharing, receptions for First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA candidates are just a few of the opportunities for serving.

As we begin to host more events such as concerts, parish mission, and service projects, we will need more members to assist with all aspects of these events. We welcome you to join us for as many or as few events as your schedule allows. If you would like more information please contact Rose Anne at 518-469-5367 or raszwedo@gmail.com or Donna at sabatinod88@gmail.com.

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**Fr. Brian Kelly, Pastor**

This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today’s world. - Pope Francis

The school year may be winding down, but we are already planning for all of our faith formation programs for next year including the Pre-K through Grade 5 program, Middle School Program and RCIA which all meet on Sunday mornings as well as our Youth Ministry/Confirmation program which takes place on Sunday evenings. If you have a love of your faith, are willing to speak about your faith, and have a desire to grow in your faith, please prayerfully consider becoming involved in one of these rewarding programs.

The Faith Formation staff will provide you with all the tools you need to be successful including training, a mentor, curriculum, books and supplies. For more information, please contact Tom Acemoglu at Thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org or 518-785-1351, ext 307.