It’s always good for us to consistently step back and do a “spiritual check-in.” Asking ourselves where am I in regards to my growth in my relationship with the Lord? Have I found myself drawn in closer each day? Where am I in comparison to a year ago? What is my motivation for serving in the community and why do I find myself coming back each day or week here?

In today’s gospel, Jesus is amazed at the people’s lack of faith in His own native place. They are astonished, questioning and offended by His teaching with authority. Do we find ourselves feeling the same way at Jesus’ teaching or what we feel the Lord is asking us to do in response to our prayer? Following the Lord can be difficult at times. We can question why constantly as to what He is asking of us. Many times we find it contrary to our own thinking, hopes and desires and yet He still responds with the same answers. Leaving us to ask do I really mean the words “thy will be done” as we pray the Our Father. Bringing us back once more to the need to “check-in” and see where we are, where we need to change and where we need to grow in our faith in the Lord.

In other news, we are hoping to continue to our parish effort to become more welcoming to others. Those that come regularly, faces we recognize but maybe have never reached out to get to know, as well as those that are visiting for the first time. Our ushers are teaming up with families and individuals who would like to be that first welcoming face when people approach the church doors. A simple greeting and smile can have a tremendous impact on any of our experiences at mass.

However, this is only the beginning, for our hope is to make it so everyone feels welcome here in our home from the moment they walk in to the time they walk out. What ways do you feel we as a community can achieve this and strive to always become more welcoming? Those we sit near, those we slide down for to open up a seat on the aisles and introduce ourselves to before the mass can go a long way. We are St. Ambrose Parish Community, this is our home, the one that belongs to every one of us and anyone new who walks in the door. Let us show one another what we are really about, a community centered on the Eucharist and presence of Christ in our hearts and lives. Let’s strive to be ones who show in each of our actions that we want everyone to feel and call this place home.

May God bless you all!

Rev. R. K.

If you and/or your family would like to team up with our ushers and offer a smile and a hello at our doors, please complete one of the bright pink forms at the entrance of church and return it to an usher or place it in the collection basket.
St. Ambrose Church, Latham, New York

Mass Intentions

4:30 PM  Saturday, July 7
Richard Bango by Doreen
Timothy D. Butler by Claire & Family
Jean Hillje by Family
George Robert Hillje by Family
Leo Charbonneau Jr. by Jean Minnick
Jerry Lillis by Family

7:30 AM  Sunday, July 8
Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara
Margaret Mazza by MaryAnne

9:00 AM  Sunday, July 8
Intentions of Fr. Kelly by John & Karen
Matheson
Barbara Calabrese by Eileen & Rich Zmijewski

11:30 AM  Sunday, July 8
For the Members of the Garden Club by Friend

5:30 PM  Sunday, July 8
People of St. Ambrose

6:30 AM  Monday, July 9
Marianne Landauer by Family

9:00 AM  Tuesday, July 10
Frederick P. Snyder by Allen Family

6:30 AM  Wednesday, July 11
People of St. Ambrose

9:00 AM  Thursday, July 12
Shilin Zhang by Linda

6:30 AM  Friday, July 13
Communion Service

4:30 PM  Saturday, July 14
Rose Reid by Terri & Jim Fagan
Mary Micklas by Doreen
Theresa C. Zoshak by Cathy & Pat
Martin Killian by Killian Family
June Jacon by Killian Family
Janet Cavanaugh by Killian Family

7:30 AM  Sunday, July 15
Sam Aliberti by Children
Gigi Roselli by Carmela Cacciotti

9:00 AM  Sunday, July 15
Michael D. Grady by Mom
Donna Rowland by Betty & Armand Langevin

11:30 AM  Sunday, July 15
People of St. Ambrose

5:30 PM  Sunday, July 15
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Parish Support

We are a tithing parish following God’s plan for giving
June 24, 2018  $14,806.50
June 18, 2017  $14,520.71

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

Hearts Aflame

A Visible Sign of Heaven
Every Mass is a foretaste of heaven, as the saints gather around the Lamb before the throne of God. As we saints-in-the-making gather for the Eucharistic Congress on September 22, we hope to make visible that reality in a special way. Bishop Ed’s desire is that Catholics from every parish will gather in worship of God and celebration of our faith.

Hearts Aflame will be held on September 22, from 9am to 3pm, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Register at rcd.org/heartsaflame

Mary’s Circle of Love

Mary’s Circle of Love meets every other Thursday after the 9:00 Mass. This is a group for those 55 and older. Don’t let the name of this group “throw you off”. This is for men and women. The main essence of our mission is to develop a spiritual journey in the imitation of Christ. We journey with each other, sharing our joys, trials, fears and triumphs. All are welcome to attend our gatherings. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Mary Kay Frederick 783-5186 or email her at mkfrederick@gmail.com.

Mass intentions available online at www.stambroselatham.com or during office hours: Monday—Wednesday 8—4
Thursday 8—6
Friday 8—noon
JJ WEEKS BAND CONCERT
If you purchased tickets to the July 1st concert that has been postponed, please hang on to them as they will be honored on the new date. Please keep the band in prayer as we await the reschedule notification.

Matt Maher in Concert
THE “ECHOES OF WORSHIP” TOUR LIVE IN VOORHEESVILLE!!!
Sunday, August 5, 2018
6:00 pm
Lydia C. Tobler Performing Arts Center,
432 New Salem Road, Voorheesville, NY

An eight-time-GRAMMY nominee, he has garnered multiple radio successes writing and recording songs like “Lord, I Need You,” “Hold Us Together,” “Christ Is Risen,” “Because He Lives (Amen)” and “Your Grace Is Enough.” Maher has penned songs recorded by Chris Tomlin, Crowder, Third Day, Matt Redman, Hillsong, Casting Crowns, Jesus Culture and Bethel among others. Matt has written or co-written five No. 1 radio singles. In 2013, Maher had a career highlight performing in Rio in front of Pope Francis and a crowd of 3 million people, as well as performing in 2015 in downtown Philadelphia as part of the World Meeting of Families. In 2015, Maher was awarded his first RIAA Gold certification for his popular single “Lord, I Need You.”

TICKETS: https://www.itickets.com/events/400464.html

You are welcome to join in the Prayer Meeting that gathers each Thursday evening. Join us as often and whenever you can. Come and experience personal blessing, praise, worship music, Bible teaching, protection prayer, healing prayer, Rosary, quiet time, intercessory prayer. We meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Chapel. You are welcome any time and please know we are praying for you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Teaching for Kids...
Our Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation programs kick off in September! If you’re signing up for the first time, register at stambroselatham.com/ff and we’ll see you at book pick up! If your kids attended last year, they are already signed up for next year! Classes begin 9/9.

Summer Series For Adults
We are going to be having a special series on Jesus and the Eucharist as a run up to our diocesan Eucharistic Congress in the fall! We’ll begin meeting Thursdays in August.
Be prepared to see God’s gift of the Eucharist in even deeper ways and take your appreciation for Mass to a whole other level!

...and for Adults!

Summer Camp for Pre-K—Grade 1 has begun. Space still available!
Camp runs through August 24th
For more info contact Stacey Schaeffer at Prek4.2@stambroselatham.com
Calling all Castaways!

Imagination Station

Only 2 weeks before the adventure begins

Register online today for Vacation Bible School
July 23—27
8:45 am—noon

Join us for the best week of summer! Amazing Experiments, Creative Games, New Friends, Tropical Treats, Music and Adventure!

All Ages Welcome
Campers: Grade Pre-K 4—Grade 5
Volunteers: Grades 6—12 and Adults

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York

Thursday, July 12
5:00—7:00 PM

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Mary Stewart at stewartm65@yahoo.com

Matthew 25 Ministry
United Church of Cohoes
Saturday, July 21
Volunteers will be needed between 2:00 and 6:00 pm

We will be responsible for preparing and serving the entrée and for clean up afterward. The United Church provides the beverages, salads and dessert.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

For more information please call:
Lynn Caruso at 518-598-4555
Susan Student at 518-813-5744

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. 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!

ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN: Could God be calling YOU?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life - a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call (518) 453-6690 for more info.

Our Lady of Vocations, pray for us!

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