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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
Holy Days and Holidays subject to change
(see bulletin)

Reconciliation
Saturday 3PM or any time by appointment

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 16
4:30 PM  Tom Mink 35th Anniv by wife Nadine
           James Flanagan by the Iorizzo Family
           Antoinette Scacchetti
           Angelina Lent by Mary Heitzman

Sunday – March 17
7:30 AM  Edwin Guerin, Jr. by Barbara & Donald
           Lebentritt
           James J. Pender by Son
9:00 AM  John Doyle by Mary Stewart
           Elizabeth Burke by husband Joe
           Noel Murphy by Bob & Nancy Styczynski
           Margaret Gagnon by Anna Varghese
11:30 AM Terin Varghese by Varghese & Anna
           John Johnas by Tina Zandri
           Rita Hooley by Magnificat
5:30 PM  People of St. Ambrose
           For the Intentions of Jennifer Whittle by St. Ambrose Community

Monday – March 18
6:30 AM  People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday – March 19
9:00 AM  Bernie Provost by Joe & Caroline Gomez
           Catherine Sawicki by Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home
           Helen Nightingale by Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home

Wednesday – March 20
6:30 AM  People of St. Ambrose

Thursday – March 21
9:00 AM  Richard Meher by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage
           Alice Sage by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage
           Robert Scalise by Jean Moore

Friday – March 22
6:30 AM  Communion Service

Saturday – March 23
4:30 PM  Julie Amedio by Karen & Steve Amedio
           Wilfred, Ella & Janet Grignon by Family
           Mary Stanton by Rose Brand
           Zachary G. Hill by Karen Hill

Sunday – March 24
7:30 AM  Stephen Lebentritt, Sr. by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt
           Vincent Popolizio by Clara
9:00 AM  Zachary G. Hill by Karen Hill
           Noel Murphy by Carl & Marion Rosenthal
           Intention of Aliyah by Lina Garcia
           Anna Sano by Donna Sabatino
11:30 AM Virginia Dubuque by Trzcinski Family
           Libro Zandri by Family
           Pellegrina Pascarella by Carmella Miglore
5:30 PM  People of St. Ambrose
           Joann Bruchu by James & Sandra Premo

ST. AMBROSE
Youth Ministry

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED!

Can science and faith work together? Come find out! Join us this weekend for 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. From 6:30-8:30 pm there’s dinner in the parish center; games; a dynamic talk by Dr. Walter Yund, decision scientist and member of the Antique Telescope Society, on Science and Religion; sports; Adoration; and more! This awesome event is free and open to all teens! See you there!

NEXT WEEK: Special guest speaker Tom Acemoglu on Lent and the Liturgical Seasons

EASTER FLOWERS
AND THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be purchasing flowers to decorate the altar for Easter. If you wish to help with this endeavor, your donation, in memory of a loved one or in your family’s name, will be used to purchase Easter plants. Surplus donations will be used to continue the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting the underprivileged of our parish family. More information can be found on the lavender sheets found at the entrances of church. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH SUPPORT

We are a tithing parish following God’s plan for giving
March 3, 2019  $22,464.01
March 4, 2018  $20,224.35

Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.
Second graders have been very hard at work this Winter! We’ve completed a non-fiction study in English Language Arts. The students were elated to be able to share a culmination of their learning with family and friends as they read a non-fiction book they created all on their own! Our class also has had much opportunity to work in STEM on collaborative problem-solving. They were given a task, together made a plan, and saw the plan through using materials that were given. This was a fun and successful activity!

March 2nd was Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. In the 2nd grade we read many different Dr. Seuss books the week prior. For his Dr. Seuss’s ABC Book, the students created a class ABC book! We also went on a rhyming scavenger hunt around the school, trying to find words that rhymed. The students used the Ipad’s to take pictures as they documented the rhymes they found.

We all wish you a happy Spring!

Month of Service is approaching quickly this April! We will have sign-ups available in the Parish Center after all Masses on the weekend of March 16 and 17. We are in need of the following donations, which you can place in the Month of Service bins at the church exits. We will be collecting these up through (and including) March 31. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Baby Items:**
Enfamil infant formula - 12.5 oz. cans, bibs (new or gently used), baby food, umbrella strollers (new or very gently used), baby lotion (full size) & baby shampoo (full size).

**Toiletries for Children:**
Bar soap &/or body wash (full size), shampoo/conditioner (full size), hairbrushes, hair accessories (hair ties, bows, headbands, etc.), toothbrushes, toothpaste (full size) & towels (adults and child size).

**Birthday Boxes for the Food Pantry:**
Jars of frosting (preferably with sprinkles), cake mix boxes, vegetable oil (16 oz.), applesauce cups (2-oz. packs), balloons & ziploc bags (sandwich size).
Ministry Spotlight

Martha Ministry

Have you enjoyed the time of fellowship during the Easter Season? Do you like helping in hospitality celebrations? Consider joining the Martha Ministry who serve refreshments and welcome parishioners during our fellowship events, such as Holy Week, Confirmation and First Communion receptions. This ministry also organizes the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those who are alone or in need. For further information contact Donna Sabatino at 518-782-1470 or Rose Anne Szwedo at 469-5367.

Easter Food Bags Project
The St. Ambrose Food Pantry Volunteers will again offer Easter dinner supplies for families in need. Market Bags will be available starting weekend of March 16th & 17th. In addition to the food list attached to the Easter bags, gift certificates from Hannaford or Price Chopper in $5, $10 or $15 amounts would be most appreciated. These will be distributed according to family size for purchase of a meat choice. Please DO NOT PLACE GIFT CERTIFICATES IN THE BAGS. Please place in an envelope or drop off no later than April 5th at the office or in offertory collection marked St. Ambrose Food Pantry or Easter Dinner. The number of families requesting assistance has increased a great deal; together we can help these families experience a most BLESSED EASTER.

Volunteers Needed
The Food Pantry is in need of a few able body people to unload the Regional Food Bank truck. It would require less than an hour of your time on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:30 am. Next delivery is March 8th. Any interest please call the church office.

Sandwiches—Sandwiches—Sandwiches
It's time to make sandwiches again. Last year, about 60 of us made over 900 sandwiches (450 lunches) in a little over 1 hour. We are going to do it again. We will be taking all these lunches to the Albany Rescue Mission. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center.

We are also asking for donations: peanut butter, squeeze jelly, potato chips, candy, plastic sandwich bags and small paper lunch bags. There will be a table set up in the church foyer for those items. Any questions call John Estep 518-783-9266.

Food Pantry
The Food Pantry served 106 households in February. This included 220 adults and 161 children. As always the generosity of St. Ambrose parishioners is deeply appreciated and helpful. The ongoing need is great and all food and monetary contributions are much appreciated as we strive to feed the hungry in our community.

Soup and Stations
Plan to attend a special presentation, Biblical Way of The Cross, on Friday, March 29th at 5:30 at St. Mary’s Church, Crescent. This presentation is based on the Stations of the Cross led by Pope John Paul II. It features song, word and prayer and is led by members of the Albany Chapter of NPM, National Pastoral Musicians. Following Stations please stay to enjoy a simple supper of soup and bread and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken. Be sure to register by Friday, March 22nd by contacting Melinda Cestaro, mcestaro@gmail.com.

Parish Easter Egg Hunt
The Egg Hunt Committee would appreciate your help in donating small individually wrapped candy that will fit inside plastic Easter eggs. There will be a basket available for the candy at the main entrance of the Church through April 14th. THANK YOU!