Obstacles

A Lenten Journey Towards Freedom

As we enter the 5th week of Lent, we find Jesus at the tomb of His friend Lazarus. Jesus weeps as He arrives; He is grieving the loss of a friend, someone He loved. When Jesus calls out, “Untie him and let him go!” He is freeing his friend from every obstacle that tied him down, every struggle, worry, and sin. Lazarus exits the tomb reborn, forgiven and free. Sometimes we might ask why Jesus didn’t go right away when he heard Lazarus was sick. Why did he wait until he was dead? Lazarus had to face the obstacle of that sickness so that the Glory of God could be known.

When we pray for strength to overcome our obstacles, we might not like the time we have to wait for an answer, a resolution for what we need. But as we continue to pray, we need to accept the outcome God provides.

St. Peter Chrysologus said this:

“For Christ, it was more important to conquer death, than to cure disease. He showed His love for His friend, not by healing him, but by calling him back from the grave. Instead of a remedy for his illness, he offered him the Glory of rising from the dead.”

As we continue to journey through this Lenten season, praying to overcome our obstacles that keep us in our tombs, let’s turn to Jesus, our light. As we do, the shadows of doubt, turmoil and sin will fall behind us, leaving us walking in the light of His Glory: Untied, forgiven and free.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 6
4:30 PM James Chiera, Sr. by Loving Family
Jean Hillje by Family
George Robert Hillje, Jr. by Family
Michelina Lento by Mary Heitzman

Sunday – April 7
7:30 AM Rosa & Antonio Incero by Clara
9:00 AM Noel Murphy by the Trzczinski Family
Lois Hart by Armand & Barbara Guerin
James Waltersdorf by John & Linda Estep
11:30 AM Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife & Mother
Rose Lombardi by Don & Susan O’Brien
Giovanna Santilli by Family
5:30 PM People of St. Ambrose
Judy Benedetto Wark by Megan Plekan

Monday – April 8
6:30 AM People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday – April 9
9:00 AM Louise Criscione by Carolyn Chabot

Wednesday – April 10
6:30 AM People of St. Ambrose

Thursday – April 11
9:00 AM Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & St. Theresa by Private Request
Marg Foster Gagnon by Mary’s Circle of Love Family
Giovanna Santilli Dufresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home

Friday – April 12
6:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday – April 13
4:30 PM Jennie DesChamps by Family
Richard Bango by Doreen Bango
Anne Scarola Moore by Nancy & Ralph DiMarino

Sunday – April 14—Palm Sunday
7:30 AM Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara
9:00 AM For the Intention of Sarah Estep by St. Ambrose Catholic Community
Robert Sherlock by Nancy & Bob Styczynski
Jessie Martin by Sophie & Michael Capitula
Thomas Cenowski by Joe & Caroline Gomez
11:30 AM Patricio Figueroa by Figueroa Family
Terin Varughese by Varughese & Anna
Joseph & Loretta Hogan by Family
5:30 PM People of St. Ambrose

Holy Thursday
Family Potluck Dinner
Please bring your family and a dish to share as we celebrate together a meal of love, just as Jesus did with His disciples at the last supper. Our Potluck Dinner will follow Holy Thursday mass in the Parish Center.
(Mass at 5:30 PM + Dinner 6:30ish)
Family Life Ministry is sponsoring activities for children after they enjoy dinner.
“I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:34

Saturday, April 13th, 9 am—4 pm
**Early Bird Special @ 8 am**

Sunday, April 14th, 9 am—Noon
Donations will be accepted April 10—12th on stage in school gymnasium.
We cannot accept TV’s, computers, books, lawn mowers, or clothing items.

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

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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.

Bulletin Article Due Date Reminder
If you have an article for the Bulletin—please email it to Joan.Welch@rcda.org by Wednesday of the week before.
Mrs. Whittle’s Pre-K 4.1 has been very busy during March. Our class started off the month learning about Dr. Seuss. We wore crazy socks for Fox in Socks. We ate green eggs and ham with Mrs. Schaffer’s class and made crafts of Green Eggs and Ham. We created our own Dr. Seuss characters and named them. We wore our Pajamas to school and made sleep masks for “I don’t want to get up today.”

The week before St. Patrick’s Day, we learned about St. Patrick Day’s and Saint Patrick. During religion with Miss Claire, we learned about Saint Patrick. We made Holy Trinity Shamrocks, painted with water bottles to make shamrocks, and made rainbow windsocks. One day, we worked as a class to build a Leprechaun Trap. We set the trap up and then went to gym. When our class came back from gym, the room was a mess and there was paint and glitter everywhere but no Leprechaun.

Our class has been working on the letters D, Q, K, and J. We practice finding our letters, dabbing our letters, letter formation, letter-writing, and practicing the letter sounds. We enjoy listening to phonics songs and singing along to help learn all the letter sounds. Every week, we make a list of words that start with the letter that week and try to see how many words we can come up with. In addition to working on our letters, and writing our first and last names, we have been learning about rhyming. We enjoyed hearing all the rhymes in the Dr. Seuss books and coming up with our own rhyming words. We are building on our sight words every week in preparation for Kindergarten.

In Math, we have been working hard on tally marks, ten frames, patterns, shapes, number formation, counting by fives and tens. In Science, we have been conducting science experiments and learning through discovery. A highlight of this month is learning about Community Helpers and dressing up as our favorite Community Helper.

Married? Have children? Trying to have children? Need some daily support in living out your Catholic faith? Visit perpetuallifecare.org and check out the Marriage and Family menu for Diapers and Disciples and The Messy Family Project. Where families learn how to live in loving relationship with God and others.

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
April 13th & 14th
20 minutes after the
4:30, 9:00, & 11:30 Masses
Meet Deacon Frank in the Sacristy
All Altar Servers new and old encouraged to attend.
Ministry Spotlight

Do you have a little time here or there during the weekdays, consider becoming a volunteer in the parish office. Help is always needed making copies, taking phone calls or other odds and ends in the parish office. Contact Joan Welch our parish secretary at 518-785-1351 or Joan.Welch@rcda.org.

Holy Week & Easter

Mass - Confessions - Liturgies

APRIL 18—HOLY THURSDAY
- Parish & School offices closed
- 5:30 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- 6:30 pm—Community Potluck followed by watching until 10 pm (ending with Night Prayer)

APRIL 19—GOOD FRIDAY
- Parish & School offices closed
- 3 pm—Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
- 4 pm—Soup Supper in the Parish Center

APRIL 20—HOLY SATURDAY
- 1:00 pm—Easter Egg Hunt—Gym
- 7:30 pm—Easter Vigil Mass

APRIL 21—EASTER SUNDAY
- Masses: 7:30, 9 & 11:30 am
- NO 5:30 pm Mass

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!

ST. AMBROSE
Youth Ministry

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED!

Our Q&A panel will be answering questions on Catholicism, God, and faith. Come hear the answers!
Join us this weekend for 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. From 6:30-8:30 pm there’s dinner in the parish center; games; answers from our Q&A panel; sports; Adoration; and more!
Free and open to all teens. Bring a friend!

NEXT WEEK: Q&A Panel (Part 2)

Month of Service has begun! You can still sign up for projects, either using the sheets found in the back of the church, or on our website: stambroselatham.com/mos

PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS ARE:
- Toiletry kits for children—assemble kits for children entering foster care—TODAY, Sunday, April 7, 12:30—1:30pm, GYM.
- Family festival of service—kids & parents make cards & placemats; assemble birthday boxes—Sunday, April 14, 10—11:15am, Parish Center.
- Church cleaning—prepare the church for Easter—Sunday, April 14, 12:15pm, Church.
- Bring a dish to the Holy Thursday Potluck—Thursday, April 18, 6:30pm (following Holy Thursday Mass), Parish Center.
- Serve at RCIA reception—serve food and punch; clean up—Saturday, April 20, 8:30pm (following Easter Vigil), Parish Center.