Happy Easter! Alleluia, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, giving us a reason to always hope that the best is yet to come. Blessed Fulton Sheen once wrote, “Look at your heart. It tells the story of why you were made.” As Christians, we are a hopeful people at the center of our faith, yet so often we can find ourselves feeling anything but, leaving us feeling hopeless amongst all the crosses and obstacles we face in our daily lives. These burdens can consume every second in time that we have before the Lord calls us home, leading us to quickly forget that there is always reason to hope. Hope for better! Hope for Peace! Hope for Healing! Most of all, the Hope of everlasting life with the Lord! We find this hope when we look deep within, into the depths of our hearts, into our souls, that we were made for something better, we were made for God and the best He has to offer is still yet to come. This is our Easter joy, the reason we sing Alleluia as loud and joyfully as we can, for death has been conquered on the cross once and for all.

How much would our lives change if we always felt this Easter joy? Not letting our daily crosses, obstacles, divisions, doubt, fear, anger, etc. take away one more moment that we have to feel that joy, to feel His presence, His love and to always hope. Turning all of these moments of struggle into ones where we can run to Jesus’ arms to feel His love, comfort, healing, and strength as He wants more than anything to hold us ever close. God doesn’t want us to struggle, the Lord wants us to thrive every moment of our lifetime. He wants us not to try harder, but to start trusting. To trust deeper that He will take it on Himself. That He will change everything in you. To trust that He will always give you reason to hope once more. For I promise you that even if you don’t know where to begin, start with looking into your heart for why you were made. You will begin to see Him, hear Him more clearly and this will change everything! Our Easter joy can always be found within where He reigns as our God and King! Lord of all creation! The one who shows us that you are my beloved child! Just trust and hope once more in me...I will show you that the best is yet to come!

May the Risen Christ
fill your heart with joy,
bring you new hope,
and bless you with peace.
Amen.
# Mass Intentions

**Saturday – April 20—Holy Saturday**
- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil
  - People of St. Ambrose

**Sunday – April 21—Easter Sunday**
- 7:30 AM People of St. Ambrose
- 9:00 AM People of St. Ambrose
- 11:30 AM People of St. Ambrose
- 5:30 PM **NO Mass**

**Monday – April 22**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday – April 23**
- 9:00 AM William Magee by St. Ambrose Parish
  - Arcangela Mele by St. Ambrose Parish

**Wednesday – April 24**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service

**Thursday – April 25**
- 9:00 AM Gloria Dame by St. Ambrose Parish

**Friday – April 26**
- 6:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday – April 27**
- 4:30 PM Mary & Thomas Reid by Agnes Pero
  - Jim Pero by Terri & Jim Fagan
  - Mary Stanton by Pauline Ostrander & Catherine Rockenstire
  - Jozef Chilinski by Maria Chilinski

**Sunday – April 28**
- 7:30 AM Teresa Popolizio by Clara
- 9:00 AM Jessie A. Martin by Mike & Leslie Brady
  - Charles & Alberto Rosenthal by Carl & Marion
- 11:30 AM Jose Alberto Q. Duller by Quiachon Family
  - Patsy McGee by Rita & Bill Mohr
  - Rose Lombardi by Kevin & Shelly Flood
  - Arcangela Mele by Nancy & Bob Styczynski
- 5:30 PM People of St. Ambrose
  - F. Matthew Jackson by Cristina & Vince Commissio

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**Parish Support**

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

- April 7, 2019: $23,652.22
- April 8, 2018: $15,606.75

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

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**Happy Easter**

From the staff and students

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**St. Ambrose School**

Learning to be all God wants us to be

**Open House**

**MAY 5 12-2PM**

518-785-6453

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There will be **NO Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, April 26** due to school vacation week.

The Chapel will, however, be open for prayer during the day.
SCHOOL NEWS

We are having fun and learning a lot in Pre-K and Kindergarten music. We are using folk songs to teach musical opposites such as high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft, and short and long sounds. We have also been working on keeping a steady beat and using our four different voices, calling, speaking, whisper, and singing voice. Students have enjoyed creating their own rhythmic compositions using pies and cherries to represent long and short sounds and, as always, using the parachute is the best part of music class.

Our instrumental students are hard at work preparing for their spring concert and NYSSMA solo festival. Beginning in second grade students have the opportunity to participate in New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo festivals. Students perform a prepared solo, memorized scales, and sight reading for a judge and receive a score with comments. This year we had two students participate in the piano festival held at The College of St Rose in March and three more will be participating in the Shenendehowa festival on May 18th. This is a fantastic learning opportunity and we are very proud of all the time and effort the students putting in to preparing for the festival.

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.

Ladies’ Night Out

All women of the parish are invited to join in for an evening of faith and friendship. We begin with some fellowship, followed by a talk based on women of the bible, finishing up with a brief period of guided small group discussion. Each month the talks are unique and independent of each other, so you can come to one or come to all!

Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 pm
(we’ll begin with a small service project)
Tuesday, June 4th at 6:45 pm
Tuesday, July 9th at 6:45 pm

Bring a friend! All sessions meet in the parish center and conclude by 8:00 pm. For more information email justina.treventi@gmail.com

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED!

4/21
Happy Easter! NO GATHERING.

4/28
Come hear a talk on Protestantism and FAQs on Catholicism. The night also includes dinner, games, sports, Adoration, and more!
Free and open to all teens.
Bring a friend!
**Ministry Spotlight**

**Food Pantry Needs**

We strive to feed the hungry in our community. Our food pantry can serve an average of 100 households per month. The ongoing need is great and a way to serve is by donating food and monetary contributions.

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**Sandwiches - Sandwiches - Sandwiches**

What a great time and very productive. Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM 45 Volunteers made 1,000 sandwiches (500 lunches) in less than 1 hour. We had the lunches made, the cars loaded and ready for delivery and the Parish Center cleaned up by 10:00 AM. The Albany Rescue Mission were very happy for all of the lunches. Another job well done by our St Ambrose Community.

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**The Bishop’s Appeal**

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY**

The 2019 Bishop’s appeal will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person. In these next two weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop’s Appeal as generously as you possibly can.

Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop’s Appeal. Please join other Catholics from throughout the fourteen counties of the diocese in supporting this very important collection.

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**Month of Service**

**Saint Ambrose Church**

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

**Projects for the rest of the Month of Service are:**

**Volunteer at Jesus Day**—snacks, skits, bible stories, or crafts for First Communion students—Saturday, April 27, 9am-12pm, Parish Center

**Volunteer at the Regional Food Bank**—Wednesday, May 1, 5-7pm OR Thursday, May 2, 5-7pm

**Garden Cleanup**—mulch, weed, plant—Saturday, May 4, 9am-2pm—meet at School Circle

**Blessing Bags for Women in Need** (with Women’s Group)—assemble care kits for the needy—Thursday, May 9, 6:30pm, Parish Center

**Clean Altar Server Robes**—wash and dry, then return to the church for use

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**First Saturday Devotion**

**May 4
10 AM**

"When you say the rosary, the angels rejoice..." Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche. See you this First Saturday at 10AM!