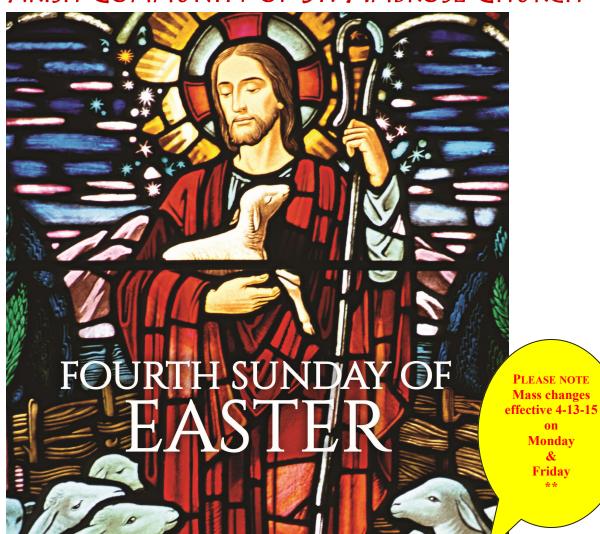
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MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE

on Monday & Friday

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm **Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm-Life Teen Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am **

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am

Communion Service: Friday 6:30am **

Holydays and Holidays subject to change (see bulletin)

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm Friday 9:00am-4:00pm Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Pastor's Page

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2015

This Sunday is, of course, the Fourth Sunday in Eastertime and it is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday", since our Gospel is always about that favorite image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Today is also a *world day of prayer for vocations*. While deeply valuing and promoting the vocation that every person has to follow Jesus and to build up the Kingdom of God, the Church community focuses today on the particular vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious or consecrated life.

There are many reasons why we have this annual day of prayer. The first is to promote what we might call a *culture of vocations* to the ordained ministries and to the religious life. We know only too well how necessary this is from our own



experience of the often called "shortage" of priests, deacons and religious. This shortage has many causes such as the secular culture in which we live, the terrible scandals of recent years and the questions that many might have about whether they (or a son or daughter) will be happy and fulfilled in such a life. The statistics for priests in our own Diocese are indeed deeply worrying. In 1980 there were 356 active priests, by 2000 this was down to 223 priests and by 2020 it is projected that there will be only around 59 active priests for the entire Diocese. Currently, there are a number of parishes "open" in the Diocese (that is still awaiting the appointment of priest), some

have been so for over a year. Why? Because, sadly, there is no priest available to send there.

However, our World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a second, and perhaps more positive and optimistic reason. If God calls a person to the ordained ministry or to the religious life, then this will indeed be a truly wonderful, fulfilling and joy-filled life. I can only speak personally, but at the end of many days I find the words on Psalm 115 on my mind and in my heart: "how can I repay the Lord for goodness to me." Certainly there are tough and trying days, but then who does not have these! Yet there are so many more great and exhilarating days. After nearly 30 years of being a priest, I still find wonder and awe in the fact that the Lord uses me to make a real difference in people's lives...each and every day; that as a priest I am with people in key, special and personal moments of their lives and that I have been entrusted with the task of preaching God's saving Word and of celebrating His life-giving sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

So, as we keep this special day of prayer for vocations to the ordained ministries and to the religious and consecrated life, please do pray for vocations and please actively promote a positive culture of vocations in our parish, our school and in your home. Finally, if any of you are thinking about such a vocation, think on and pray on...and perhaps chat with someone who can help you and guide you. Also, do visit the Diocesan vocations website at www.albanyvocations.org or the section in the USCCB website on vocations.

A few final words from Pope Francis' message for this world day of prayer for vocations...

"We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for small things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals!"

"Every vocation... always requires an exodus from oneself in order to center one's life on Christ and on his Gospel."

"A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people."

"I turn now to those who are well disposed to listen to the voice of Christ that rings out in the Church and to understand what their own vocation is. I invite you to listen to and follow Jesus, and to allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which 'are spirit and life'" (John 6:62).

Fr. Anthony

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ambrose Parish, Latham, New York believe that, through our faith and baptism, we have been called to give witness to the values of Jesus as expressed in the gospel and teachings of our Church. As individuals and as a Parish Family we strive to:

Develop our spiritual life, Spread the Gospel message, Respect the human dignity and rights of all persons Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children

Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 PM or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! So that proper preparation may be made, please make an appointment with Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date. Either the bride or groom should be a registered parishioner of St. Ambrose parish.

BAPTISM

Congratulations! If you wish to arrange preparation for baptism, please call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Ambrose parish.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
For those inquiring into the Catholic Faith. Welcome!
Please contact the Parish Office for program details.

VOCATION

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony.

PARISHES OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

COLONIE St. Clare's	456-3112	Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am
LATHAM Our Lady of the Assumption	785-0234	Sat: 4:30pm Sun: 7:30, 9:00 & 11am
LOUDONVILLE Christ Our Light St. Pius X	459-6635 462-1336	Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 & 12 noon



This weekend is the 2015 Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend! Through this important Appeal, we follow the example of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of Albany. By joining together in stewardship, we proclaim our unity to all; thereby letting those who need us the most know that they are an important part of our Catholic family. Please be as generous as you possibly can in responding to the Bishop's Appeal.

MOTHERS' DAY

Sunday, 10th May is Mothers' Day. As in past years, we have some special Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the church exits. These include a card (to send) and an envelope on which to write the name(s) you would like to be remembered and to place an offering inside (if you wish to do so). The intentions will be remembered during Masses on Mothers' Day. Please remember to return the envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offertory basket as soon as possible so that the intentions can be included in the Masses. We will also have a special prayer and presentation for mothers at all Masses.

World Day of Prayer is observed on **Sunday, April 26th**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of



this day is to
publically fulfill the
Lord's instruction to,
"Pray the Lord of the
harvest to send
laborers into his
harvest" (Mt 9:38:

Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Spring Enrichment 2015

Workshops and classes for adults who want to learn more about their faith



Monday, May 11th—Thursday, May 14th
At the College of St. Rose

Did you know....

- For one week every spring, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany offers formation classes and workshops for adults?
- These sessions are open to all interested adults whether they want to attend one session or several?
- The sessions usually range for about 2 hours each, beginning early in the day and going into the evening?
- Sessions are only \$12 each and cover a wide array of topics: from Scripture study, to engaging the modern world, to best practices in ministry, to explaining various aspects of Church teaching?
- That presenters range from national speakers, to local church leaders (including the Bishop), as well as world-class academics?

Visit <u>www.stambroselatham.com/spring-enrichment-2015</u> for more info and if you'd like to coordinate going with other members of our parish!

Thanks to everyone who made Confirmation such a wonderful day. Thanks most of all to Almighty God for the gift of His Spirit in our lives.









At St. Ambrose School , we are "Learning to be all God wants us to be."



PARISH NURSE NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN



Pictured above are a few members of Mrs. Erin Quirk's pre K Class with Father Barratt as they proudly display the many Easter Baskets they personally made for the ILL and ELDERLY.

A special thank you to all who helped with the Easter Outreach Project and to Melissa Argay, a Pastoral Candidate for Formation from St. Bernard's Institute for her assistance in this project.

Each day delightful Easter Baskets, candy, flowers and treats appeared by my door. The residents, children and those ill most appreciated all the out pouring of love and

appreciated all the out pouring of love and care.. We thank you for your loving hearts.

NEEDS:

There currently is a need for furniture for 2 families. Items include:

Beds, Dressers & Sofa Please call if you can help in any way.





Altar Server Lector Retreat for anyone in High School.

Have you thought about being an Altar Server or Lector but wasn't sure how to get started? Have you done it before but not for a while? Are you doing it now and want to continue?

Lifeteen is having a little getaway for anyone interested. Come one come all to our annual Altar Server, Lector Retreat at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY.

The cost is \$50 per person. We'll leave on Saturday morning at 9am and return for Mass at 5:30pm on Sunday.

This is the perfect chance to grow closer to Christ while growing closer to understanding Jesus Veiled in the Eucharist. To know Jesus is to love Him. To love him is to serve Him. To serve Him is to know yourself.



Acts of the Apostles-Chapter 2

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said, scoffing, "They have had too much new wine."

Thirty-three teenagers have just experienced the sacrament of a life time. The moment in which God enkindles His Holy Spirt within them and sparks an ability to embrace His grace and empower a life of Fortitude, Wisdom, Prudence, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. Will these young men and women be noticed? Will they blend into our Parish Family, disappear in the pews or who know well what from the pews? Those it is to live a life full as God intended must now help our newest members of this invitation to live fully the grace they have been given. Now is our families chance to embrace the gifts given to a few to be shared with the many here at home and in their world. Let us, by God's grace witness the sort of life we profess and live out the will of God we so readily admit to be the first best choice. And they will follow.

Around the Parish

Annual Heritage Day Polish Dinner



St. Michaels' Parish (in Cohoes) is hosting it's annual Heritage Day Polish Dinner on **Saturday, May 16th from 3 to 7 pm** at the church hall (20 Page Ave). Donation \$15.00 p/p. Take out available. Walk - ins welcome. Hall is

handicap accessible.

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For tickets please call Michelle at 518-235-3292 or Danuta 518-237-5151 (M-Th 10-3).

LOST AND FOUND

Did you lose something in the Church? If so, chances are it is still in the Church Lost & Found box. Please take a moment to go through the box to see if any of the items belong to you. The Ushers will be happy to show you where.

ALSO we have some jewelry items in the Parish Office—please contact us.

Stewardship

We Are A Tithing Parish Following "God's Plan for Giving"

April 19, 2015 \$15,727.52 April 20, 2014 \$24,188.07 (Easter)

"Thank you for being so generous!"

Thank you to all who are responding so generously to our financial need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to those who signed-up for electronic withdrawal. If you decide to sign-up for this option in the future, forms are available at the entrances to the church, or just call the Parish Office.

Many Thanks.

12th Annual "Trash-To-Treasure" Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 9—4 PM

(Early Bird Special 8:00AM \$3.00 entrance fee)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 9—12 NOON

Donations welcomed! They can be dropped off on the gym stage beginning Wednesday, April 22.

WE <u>CANNOT</u> ACCEPT TV'S, <u>COMPUTERS</u>, <u>BOOKS OR CLOTHES</u>. ALL proceeds to benefit St. Ambrose School Music Department.



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
will also be hosting a
RECYCLING DAY,
Saturday, April 25, 9—12 Noon
near the Soccer field.
Old TVs, computers, lawn mowers,

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etc. will be accepted.

Donations of \$10 per car.

Are you struggling with your emotions, a loss, an addiction, a relationship or family issues?

COUNSELING is available in the evenings at St. Ambrose.

A \$25 donation is appreciated. Contact Dave Dobkowski, Ph.D. at 859-4015 to make an appointment.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE REQUEST				
Name:				
Street:				
City:				
Zip:				
Phone No:				
Please Check				
■ New Registration				
☐ Change of Address				
☐ Moving out of Parish				
☐ Want Envelopes				
☐ Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)				
Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or mail to the Parish Office.				



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday - April 26

9-12 Noon TRASH-TO-TREASURE SALE-Gym 10:15-11:45AM Faith Formation (Last Class)

After 5:30PM Mass Life Teen

Monday - April 27

7:00PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday — April 28

6:00PM Communion Rehearsal-Church 6:45PM The Edge-Parish Ctr

7:00PM Magdalena Ministry-Lounge

Wednesday - April 29

6:00PM Communion Rehearsal-Church

Thursday - April 30

6:30-8:30PM AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN-Mtg Rms 7:00PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday - May 1

7AM-Midnight

Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday - May 2

9:00 & 11AM

1st Communion in Church followed by Reception in the Parish Ctr

Sunday - May 3

8-12 Noon

LIFE TEEN BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER in the

Parish Ctr

9:00AM After 5:30PM Mass MAY CROWNING IN CHURCH XLT Adoration/Reconciliation

Monday - April 27-Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Parish Intention

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday - April 28-Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

9:00 AM Kenneth Harrington by Marylin Casey

Wednesday - April 29-St. Catherine of Siena

6:30 AM Salvatore Cappollo by the Petigrass Family

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday - April 30-Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption

9:00 AM Alice Carlton by Maryann Benedetti

For the Intention of Sister Frances Patricia by Mary

Ellen & Bill Sage

Friday - May 1-Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday - May 2-St. Athanasius

4:30 PM James Sharp by Laureen Sharp

Laurie Carey by Richard & Debbie DeVoe

Virginia Opela by Barbara Langston

Sunday - May 3-5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM Teresa & Vincenzo Popolizio by Daughter Clara

Helen Juliano by Erin Craven

9:00 AM Joseph Slish by Margaret & Joseph Assini

Gary Evers by Ann & Jim McCauley

11:30 AM Bernard & Cecilia Bullerose by Theresa

Deacon Leo Rayball by Rayball Family

5:30 PM Life Teen - People of St. Ambrose

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 2015

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, MAY 3RD TEAM #4 — BILL SAGE & JUDY VAUTRIN

4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM
SACTRISTAN:	SACTRISTAN:	SACTRISTAN:	SACTRISTAN:	SACTRISTAN:
Sharon Burgess	Bob Lamiano	Fran Fiegler	Pat Rayball	Lenora LeMay
LECTORS:	LECTORS:	LECTORS:	LECTORS:	LECTORS:
#1-Dee Ellinger	#1-Rich Zmijewski	#1-Mary Kay Frederick	#1-Dorothea Carr	Volunteers
#2-John Bruno	#2-Ken Fusci	#2-Cathy DuBois	#2-Mary Anne Egan	
ALTAR SERVERS:	ALTAR SERVERS:	ALTAR SERVERS:	ALTAR SERVERS:	ALTAR SERVERS:
Michael & Michelle Com-	Jacob & Noah Smith	Mary Elena Belskis, Sara	Nicholas Koroso, P. Adams	Volunteers
merford, Volunteer	Volunteer	& Therese Biazon	& Meghan Mahar	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
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G. Spenard, J. Hogan, N.	J. Bodnar, V. Gyurko,	S. Laverne, R. & P.	M. King, R. Lapierre,	D. & MA Frament,
Hooks, J. & G. Leombruno	C. Pracher, E. Mahoney,	Ostiguy, M. Girard,	D. Piusienski, N. Fisk,	S. Kolcow, R. LeClair,
,	J. Rys	K. LaBombard	P. Rayball	B. Masterson
USHERS:	USHERS:	USHERS:	USHERS:	USHERS:
Volunteer, D. Mason,	J. Bodnar, N. Brock,	J. Estep, B. Johnson,	R. Mullen, J. Martin,	Volunteers
J. Couch, M. Commerford	R. Haggerty, C. Cameron	T. Maleski, K. Fuchs	S. DeSess, D. Fuda	
MEDIA MINISTRY:	MEDIA MINISTRY:	MEDIA MINISTRY:	MEDIA MINISTRY:	MEDIA MINISTRY:
Gary L.	Kathy G.	Suzi T.	Premila J.	Jill F.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2015

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 Thursday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 Friday:



Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 Next Sunday:

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