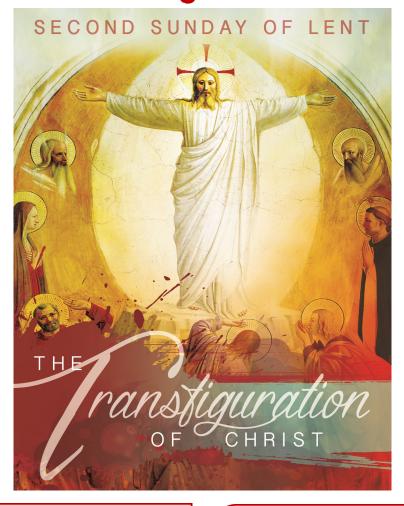
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Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

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

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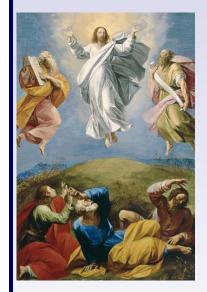
OFFICE HOURS

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

Pastor's Page

LENT AS A TIME OF TRANSFIGURATION... A PROJECT SUGGESTED BY BISHOP SCHARFENBERGER

We are already beginning our second week of our journey through Lent and our wonderful readings this weekend invite us to focus on transformation and transfiguration. At every second Sunday in Lent, we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus before his disciples Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Jesus is transfigured or transformed in front of his closest disciples: His inner beauty and awesome power as Son of God and Son of Man shines out. The disciples are both afraid and awe-struck at the sight. And yet, just a short time after this they see Jesus transformed again, this time in his suffering as He carries His cross and is crucified, before they then see the risen Lord transformed again in His glorified body at Easter. There is so much to think about as we are given this Gospel to help us in our journey through Lent to Easter.



So, we are given this Gospel to remind us about how God's love and mercy can transfigure or transform us: our inner beauty as sons and daughters of God can shine out! It is also a reminder that the Lord asks us to be His agents of that same transformation and transfiguration; to share the good news of what we have received. In other words, we are to be evangelizers and disciple-makers. Peter thought that it was wonderful to be present at Jesus' transfiguration and perhaps wanted to stay on the mountain, making a shrine there. Instead, Jesus takes Peter and the other two disciples back down the mountain: they cannot stay there for He must continue His mission and ministry (and so must they!).

Thinking of all this, Bishop Scharfenberger has shared with us a way that we can focus on this transformation and transfiguration, both for ourselves and our families and friends, but also so that we can be better examples and disciple-makers. Here are some excerpts from the letter in which he puts forward this suggestion...

"This Holy Year of Mercy is a grace that keeps giving. I would like to offer you a gift that you can share with your family, parishioners and loved ones, which has touched my

heart deeply: an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary....The process I used was an updated version developed by Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC. May I invite you to share this experience with me, which will culminate in a celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on **Monday, April 4th, at 6:30 P.M. in our Cathedral**? This year's feast, which I think of as the Dawn of Mercy, falls the day after Divine Mercy Sunday. It recalls the moment of Mary's free and total "yes" to be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It can also be our "yes" this Holy Year to let Mary's heart be our personal holy door to the heart of Jesus Christ, who is Mercy Incarnate. Here's how we can do it together...

Beginning on March 1st, Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent, you and those with whom you share the experience can enter into an easy-to-follow daily prayer and reflection process that fits perfectly into the culmination of Lent with the Easter Season. It's called *33 Days to Morning Glory*. As a good retreat-master, Fr. Michael leads us step-by-step to the Consecration in his very personal and readable book. For all of the resources you need, please visit www.rcda.org/Offices/parish_services/Marian%20Consecration.html, our dedicated web page, or call Renée, our Coordinator for Parish Services, at (518) 453-6609 http://www.rcda.org/Offices/parish_services/index.html).

After the Consecration, *doing* the Works of Mercy will engage everyone in the New Evangelization. For the graces of the Consecration do not end with the ritual! To learn more, Fr. Michael will generously offer free presentations around our diocese from February 8th to 16th. Become a regional site for his talks! Just contact Dan and Katie Offsay, his Marian Missionaries, at (860) 887-2694, or go to <u>littleflowerbug513@yahoo.com</u>. Fr. Michael's speaking schedule will be posted on our dedicated website for the Consecration."

Fr. Anthony

rayer Warrior Ministry Do you know a parishioner who is homebound and is looking for community interaction? Then this is the ministry for them! The Prayer Warrior Ministry is a group of parishioners who, due to short or long-term conditions, can no longer attend mass with the community, but long for community interaction. We are a group who will pray daily for the intentions of our parish and the world, using scripture readings combined with intentions gathered from our Parish Intention Book. This ministry is open to all members of our community, as well as those who are homebound. Please join us for a brief 30 minute information gathering on Thursday, February 25th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



s often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."

The next weekend of February 27 & 28 Fr. Paul Wilderotter will be here on behalf of

FOOD FOR THE POOR.

As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection. Envelopes will also be provided for those who wish to

make an individual donation.

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7 PM in the Church.

> This week the stations will be led by Faith Formation Catechists.

2016 Autumn Gathering

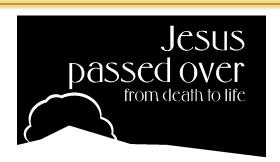
Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016 Place: LaSalle Institute, Troy Time: 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

More Details Will Follow!!!

Office of Lay Ministry Formation

™MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you interested in getting more out of your marriage? Next Marriage Encounter weekend March 11-13. Call 518-279-3243 or visit www.albanyme.org for more information.









Lent 2016

Our Hearts Turned to God

Speaker: Brian Evers

Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 PM in the Parish Center

This night offers the parish a chance to reflect on changing the course of our lives and turning away from those patterns in our life that move us away from God.

Sacrament of Mercy

Speaker: Fr. Anthony Barratt

Wednesday, March 9th at 7 PM in the Parish Center

Jesus left us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring healing to our brokenness. Fr. Barratt will guide us through how we celebrate and receive His great gift in the Sacrament.

The Light is On For You!

Parish Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 15th 7pm to 8:30pm

3:16 Songs to the Beloved

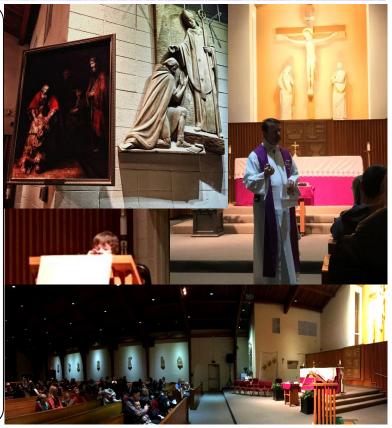
Night of Praise

On March 16th, come celebrate the love of the Father and the great gift of His mercy. Join us at 7 PM in the Church.

On February 9, 2016, the following students received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey toward receiving the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at their First Holy Communion on May 7th.

Benjamin Fondacaro Braeden Novak Jeanette Bermejo **Brodie Garland** Peyton O'Brien Madelyn Bevins Jeffrey Boeck Aiden Guzi Ava Pacifico Wesley Carlo Rvan Hanley Mahina Pascazio Cormac Clarke Arianna Hoffman Gianna Pepe Richard Rafferty III Jude Coppola Ashlyn Horan Finn Crowther Peter Kennedy Ava Rocco Gabriella DiBacco Ajay Kurian Molly Ryan Tanner Donovan Juan Miguel Lorenzo Patrick Ryan Marissa Mackay Kaelyn Dugan Sofia Spera Lily Maynard John Elma Jeremiah Strock Carolyn Merolle Mya Endres Rosa Tropiano Henry Mora Cameron Erano Brianna Venditti

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world"



Are you being called to share your faith?

We asked some of our catechists to share some thoughts on what they enjoy most about being a catechist:

- "keeps me connected to the church community"
- "sharing my faith with young people"
- "love the faith"
- "by sharing my faith with others, I continue growing in my own faith"

The faith formation team has a variety of programs and opportunities waiting for you:

- Pre-K thru 6 Sunday mornings
- The Edge (grades 6-8) Tuesday evenings
- Life Teen (high school) Sunday evenings
- · Confirmation (grades 10-12) monthly
- Youth Ministry Core Team Monday evenings
- RCIA Sunday mornings
- Adult Formation ongoing throughout the year

To learn more about joining the faith formation team as a classroom volunteer, catechist, leader, or guest speaker call us at 785-1351, ext. 307 or email us at

faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

SUCCEE

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

Our Week in Review

Tuesday evening our 2nd grade students received the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Their little halos were beaming as well as their sweet little faces!

Wednesday morning the school and parish community gathered together to begin our Lenten Journey as we received ashes and prayed to 'repent and be faithful to the Gospel.'

Thursday morning our Odyssey of the Mind teams performed their long term problem. Their creativity, ingenuity and humor wowed the students, parents and teachers. Team No Cycle Recycle will represent St. Ambrose at the Region 7 competition on March 5th at Shenendehowa East High School. We are so proud of everyone's efforts!

The 100th day of school is celebrated in a hundred different ways. How would you celebrate?

Of course, we showed our love and care for our friends in a way that would make St. Valentine very proud!

Registration for 2016-2017
is now open!
Call today for a tour 785-6453!
It would be our pleasure to
share with you all
St. Ambrose School has to offer
children 3 years old through
grade 8.



PARISH NURSE NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN "NURSES NOTES"

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong.

Because someday in life you will have been all of these...





There has been a special request for about 20 candles to be used in a

faith program for the elderly. If you have any to spare or you would like to help with this

Project, you may leave them in my office. Thank you...



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 about 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: 7:30am, 9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House 10:30am
LOUDONVILLE		
Christ Our Light	459-6635	Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am
St. Pius X	462-1336	Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 & 12 noon

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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.





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

Ash Wednesday (2/10) \$ 1,724.25

February 14, 2016 \$13,617.60 February 15, 2015 \$13,047.25

Renewed thanks for your generosity and many thanks to everyone for the generous response to the Increased Offertory Campaign.

MASS OF PEACE—Wednesday, March 2

We'll gather for Mass at 7 pm. Before Mass, please join us for a potluck supper at 5:45 pm at Emmaus House (45 Trinity Place, Albany) sponsored by the Albany Catholic Worker...482-4966.

All are welcome!



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.





Monday - February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:30 AM Edward Kettler by Richard Lasky & Jim Wagner Richard Case by Richard Lasky & Jane Wagner

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday – February 23—Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

9:00 AM Roseann & Stan Cousin Irene

William Pringle by Tina Zandri

Wednesday – February 24—Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Mary Pepe by Daughter

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – February 25—Lenten Weekday

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

9:00 AM Sarah Nash by Mom, Dad & Sisters

Friday – February 26—Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday - February 27-Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM Parish Intention

Sunday - February 28-3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM Vincenzo Popolizio by daughter Clara

9:00 AM George Keeler by Kevin Dommer

Frank Houle by Dan, Eileen & Tim Johnson

11:30 AM Anna Sydor by Frank & Kathy Garceau

Susan Parsons by Patrick, Kristin & Jeremy
Sheila Bouchard & David Bouchard by Robert &

Beverly Cullen

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/

Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1

Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

1st Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

It's Lent—a time of taking stock, selfsacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything it's time to forgive?



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – February 21

10:15 AM

NO Faith Formation

NO Life Teen After 5:30 PM Mass

Monday — February 22

7:00 PM

Core Team-Chapel

Tuesday — February 23

6:45 PM

EDGE - Parish Ctr

Wednesday - February 24

Thursday — February 25

6:00 -9:00 PM 6:30 PM

AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms Prayer Warrior Ministry Mtg-Parish

Ctr

7:00 -9:00 PM

Prayer Group-Chapel

Friday - February 26

7 AM- Midnight **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross lead by Faith

Formation Catechists in the Church

Saturday — February 27

Sunday — February 28

10:15 AM

Faith Formation

After 5:30 PM Mass Life Teen

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Each year our school is approached by parents who strongly desire a Catholic education for their children but simply cannot afford one. You can make a difference in a child's life by sponsoring all or part of a child's tuition. Please consider helping a student in need of receiving a

CATHOLIC SCHOOL Catholic Education. Thank you.

Terri McGraw - School Principal 785-6453

New Sanctuary for Immigrants Drop-In Every Wednesday

Are you an immigrant (or know one) who needs help? Please visit with members of our New Sanctuary group. We assist with legal concerns, education, employment advocacy and access to healthcare. (Office location: Our Lady of the Americas Shrine Church—465.3685 x10. Entrance: 274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. E-mail: ns4immigrants@gmail.com).

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH TEAM #4— BILL SAGE & JUDY VAUTRIN

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH TEAM #3-JOE HOGAN, RICHARD OSTIGUY & RENE COMTOIS

4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM
Sharon Burgess	SACRISTAN: Bob Lamiano	SACRISTAN: Donna Sabatino	SACRISTAN: Pat Rayball	SACRISTAN: Mark Trudeau
LECTORS: #1-Joe Leombruno #2-Frank Carlino	LECTORS: #1-Patty Lincoln #2-Valerie Gyurko	LECTORS: #1-James Conlen #2-Regina Brown	LECTORS: #1-Anne Schwenzfeier #2-David Piusienski	LECTORS: Volunteers
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