# "The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church"



Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

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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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

# Pastor's Page

# EASTER AND THE YEAR OF MERCY: PART TWO

Last week we reflected on how the season of Easter is very much a season of mercy. In fact, the events of Easter are very much like the key that opens the door of God's mercy and love for us. This week, perhaps can explore a little bit further how this might be so. One way to do this is to look at what we might call *the gifts of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus*. Indeed, Easter brings with it so many wonderful resurrection gifts; but let us not forget that many of these gifts are also very much gifts of mercy.

Let us begin with the gift of *forgiveness*. A number of the resurrection appearances of Jesus are very much about forgiveness. On the Third Sunday of Easter, our Gospel at the Mass retells the moving account of Jesus meeting Peter (John 21: 1-19). Peter had denied Jesus three times, but now Peter responds to Jesus' three questions "do you love me?" by saying each time "yes Lord." We might say that Peter's forgiveness and restoration are sealed in this moment and he goes on to lead the Church. The previous Sunday we heard how the risen Jesus appeared to the apostles and then breathes on His disciples saying: "receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20: 22-23). Through His death and resurrection, we now have that wonderful possibility of mercy and forgiveness that continues in the mission and ministry of the Church, especially through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Pope Francis has also reminded us that *indulgences* are also great gifts made possible and available as part of the fruits of Jesus' death and resurrection. He wrote: "a Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church."

Jesus' death and resurrection also give another great gift of mercy, that is the possibility of *new life* for us here and now and, of course, our resurrection when our life's journey is complete. This gift of new life can be ours now, even in desperate situations, for the awful events of Good Friday became the new life of Easter. Billy Graham has put it well when he said: "sin's masterpiece of shame and hate became God's masterpiece of mercy and forgiveness. Through the death of Christ upon the cross, sin itself was crucified for those who believe in Him." Easter is such a wonderful sign then of God's mercy that brings new life and renewal here and now and the hope of our resurrection. To quote Saint John Paul II again: "The fact that Christ was raised the third day constitutes the final sign of the messianic mission, a sign that perfects the entire revelation of merciful love in a world that is subject to evil. At the same time it constitutes the sign that foretells 'a new heaven and a new earth', when God 'will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there will be no more death, or mourning, no crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away' (Revelation 21:4)." Above all then, Easter is about God's love and mercy that is more powerful even than sin or death!

Another Easter gift of mercy is that of *peace*: a very practical and very necessary gift! When the risen Jesus appears to the disciples, His first words are "peace be with you" (John 20: 19). Hopefully, we have experienced that peace when we have received mercy or forgiveness, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. After all, the words of absolution speak of two gifts: "may God give you pardon *and* peace." We can also experience a profound peace when we let go and show forgiveness and mercy to someone who has wronged us or our loved ones. Many of us live such busy and hectic lives and we can feel fragmented and pulled in every direction. That merciful resurrection gift of peace can help to restore our tranquility of spirit that also gives us a sense of focus and helps us to keep things in perspective.

So, as we continue this season of Easter, rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus, let us not forget that this is also very much a joy that celebrates God's mercy. Because of Holy Week and Easter, the door of mercy has been opened for us. The many gifts that the resurrection brings are very much gifts of mercy. Let us happily receive these gifts, let us live these gifts and let us also share them with all those around us. A final word should be from Pope Francis: "Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, "when they had sung a hymn" (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: "for his mercy endures forever."

Fr. Anthony

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



USHERS BREAKFAST We are having an Ushers breakfast after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 1st. All Ushers and spouses are invited. We did this last year and had a good time and a wonderful breakfast that benefits St. Ambrose youth (pay \$8 at the door). Please let John Estep know if you are coming and how many people (783-9266) or email him.

# **URGENT: MEDIA MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Media Ministry is in <u>desperate</u> need of volunteers at the 4:30pm, 9am and 11:30am masses. If you have a love for the

Mass and a heart for worship and can click a mouse - please consider giving your time to this ministry. **Help us keep this** 

ministry available at these masses by calling Mary Alice



Hunt at 518-859-6743 or stopping by the choir loft to check us out at any mass.

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.

#### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





Save the Dates

# 2016 Autumn Gathering

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

More Details Will Follow!!!

Office of Lay Ministry Formation

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## SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Like <u>altar serving</u>, being a Sacristan is a very beneficial way to help out your church community, and an active way to participate in Mass. Sacristans perform the following duties:

- Setting up the church before Mass. Typically, sacristans arrive at church half hour before anyone else. They light the candles, arrange the books, ready the linens and basically perform a little simple organizing before Mass begins.
- Prepare the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place for the start of Mass.
- Coordinate all Mass participants make sure Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are ready.
- Cleaning the holy materials after Mass in the sacristy.
- Before the sacristan leaves the church everything is set back in its place and secured.

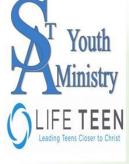
**Decide if this is something you think you can do.** Setting the table of the Lord is a ministry that is essential for the Mass. We are in need of sacristans for all Masses. Our schedules are flexible so after training you can let us know what Mass works for you. Our schedule is posted ahead several months at a time for your convenience. *Please contact the Sacristan Coordinator Pat Rayball 708-9615 for more information*.





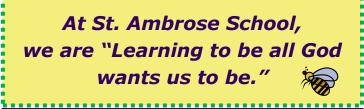
it free of weeds so that the food we grow will be our best crop ever. Everything from this garden goes into the hands of our brothers and sisters we serve through the food pantry. So we want this produce to be the absolute best it can be for our extended family. Please consider joining the team and caring for a small piece of the garden. Bring the whole family every once in a while to weed and maintain your spot. It takes maybe an hour a week for a few short months and then you start to see the fruit of your labor. If you are interested please contact the Lifeteen office for more information at 785-1351 x309. And if you have a green thumb we are always looking for planting advice.





# IT'S SPRING BREAK NEXT WEEK!

A GREAT TIME TO START GARDENING. WE'RE GETTING TOGETHER ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 10AM TO START WORKING THE FOOD PANTRY GARDEN. WE COULD USE ALL THE HANDS WE CAN GET SO PLEASE COME OUT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND LEND A HAND. WE'LL PROVIDE LUNCH AND WORK INTO THE AFTERNOON. PLEASE COME AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH US. CLAIM A PORTION OF THE GARDEN FOR YOUR OWN CARE AND BE THE KEEPERS OF THAT SPOT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS!



# Principal for the Day

I am writing today on behalf of 5 year old Connor who was Principal for the Day on Friday 4/15. "As principal I enjoyed ringing the bell first in morning prayer and eating lunch outside. I did not want to take a nap in my office. My sister Ali was my assistant. We played on the computer, read books and unlocked a lot of doors with our "special" keys. Our expressions are priceless and look just like Mrs. McGraw on a Friday afternoon!"



## **Kids Culinary Challenge**



Students are taking the challenge to prepare various culinary delights.

Aidan wowed us with his fresh zucchini salad, cheesy bread



and tropical drink. Bon appetite!



Marissa's pasta salad was marvelous!

The Esteps treated us to top notch desserts!





# Parish Nurse Nancy Acemoglu, RN



# **Pope Francis stands for Justice**

Part of living as Christians is the responsibility to stand for justice. How courageous of Pope Francis to stand up for the truth concerning the Armenian Genocide which slaughtered about 1.5 million innocent Armenians. The Pope has a strong history of living and working amongst a large Christian

Armenian population in Argentina. Pope Francis recently designated the late Gregory of Narek with the distinguished honor of being named a Doctor of the Church.

St. Blaise also was an Armenian Saint who we honor on February 3rd. My Armenian doctor husband fought fearlessly for the recognition of the Genocide in Washington, and all over the world. Our family visited Armenia many times, visiting the memorials and the museums. We saw the live footage of the death walks, the bones and the atrocities of this 20th Century crime against humanity that is solemnly remembered each April 24th. I'm sure the heavens are dancing. The bloodshed and lives lost will never be forgotten. "Getse Hayastan". Long live Christian Armenia, true loyal followers of Christ.

Amen

## **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, vouth 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

10:30am

456-3112

785-0234

462-1336

#### COLONIE

St. Clare's

Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 8:30 / 10:30am

LATHAM Our Lady of the Assumption

Sat: 4:30pm Sun: 7:30am, 9:00am St. Joseph Prov. House

LOUDONVILLE

Christ Our Light 459-6635 St. Pius X

Sat: 4:00pm/Sun: 9:00 / 11:15am Sat: 5pm/Sun: 8, 10 & 12 noon

#### PARISHIONER **REGISTRATION/UPDATE REQUEST**

Name:	
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# mail to the Parish Office.

## THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name:	
Address:	
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Please check:	
	Continue my subscription to the Evangelist,
	here is my \$18.00/yr.
	Add my name to the subscription list,
	here is my \$18.00/yr.
Please cut out.	, make check payable to St. Ambrose Church

drop it in the Collection Box or mail to the Parish Office.





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

April 17, 2016 April 19, 2015 \$15,983.42 \$15,727.52

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

# A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has*, love for one another.

# OLA SPRING BUS TRIP ...

On **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.**, we will be heading to the **Brooklyn Botanical Gardens**, to enjoy the beautiful flowers and nice weather.



The Bus will leave OLA parking lot promptly at 8:00 a.m. We anticipate returning at approximately 7:00-7:30 pm. We will stop for lunch at Puglia's in Little Italy in Manhattan for a family-style meal.

We will have some time to browse the little shops in Little Italy before we head to the Gardens. The cost is \$60, which includes everything. For reservations call Eileen at OLA Church Office 785-0234 or Josie at 785-0538.



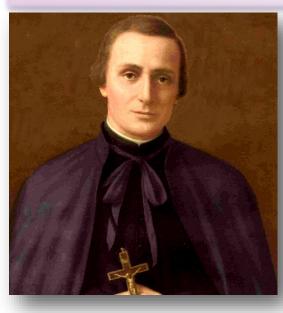
# "The Sweet Life"

Presented by the Siena College Chorus & Chamber Singers and Stage III Theater Troupe.

# Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 pm

at Beaudoin Theatre, Foy Hall—Siena College \$20/person—make check payable to FRIENDS OF FONTAINE, c/o Kay A. Connolly, 11 Brickley Dr, Albany, NY 12205 or call Kay at 459-2911 or email: **dechantal19@aol.com** Proceeds benefit St. Gabriel's School in Fontaine, Haiti

# On Thursday, April 28th we remember two great Saints!



St. Peter Chanel Priest and Martyr Patron of Oceania whose martyrdom led to the conversion of the people of the New Hebrides in the South Pacific.

# St. Louis de Montfort

Founder of the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, promoter of Marian devotion and the Rosary and author of *True Devotion to Mary*.



Mary IS THE SAFEST, EASIEST, SHORTEST AND MOST PERFECT WAY OF APPROACHING Jesus.





## CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – April 24	
9:00-12 Noon	TRASH-TO-TE
After 5:30 PM Mass	Confirmatio
Monday — April 25	
	School Sprin
7:00 PM	Core Team-
Tuesday – April 26	
6:45 PM	NO EDGE -
Wednesday — April 27	
7:00 PM	Grief/Loss (
Thursday — April 28	,
6:00-8:30 PM	AA, ALANO
7:00-9:00 PM	Prayer Gro
Friday — April 29	
7 AM-Midnight	Eucharistic A
Saturday — April 30	
Sunday — May 1	
8—12 Noon	BREAKFAS
After 5:30 PM Mass	Life Teen

TRASH-TO-TREASURE SALE-Gym Confirmation Large Grp-Parish Ctr

School Spring Break 4/25 to 4/29 Core Team-Chapel

O EDGE - Parish Ctr

Grief/Loss Group-Meeting Rm 1

AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms Prayer Group-Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

REAKFAST FUNDRAISER-Parish Ctr fe Teen

# HASS INTENTIONS

Monday – April 25—St. Mark						
6:30 AM	Francis Craven by Erin Craven					
9:00 AM	Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption					
Tuesday – April 26—Easter Weekday						
6:30 AM	Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption					
9:00 AM	Dominic Cioppa by Doris Morrison & Joe Burke					
Wednesday – April 27—Easter Weekday						
6:30 AM	For the Richard Family by Madeleine					
9:00 AM	Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption					
Thursday — Apr	il 28—Easter Weekday					
6:30 AM	Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption					
9:00 AM	Sissy Gorleski by the Children					
Friday – April 2	Friday – April 29—St. Catherine of Siena					
6:30 AM	Communion Service					
9:00 AM	Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption					
Saturday — Apri	Saturday – April 30—St. Pius V					
4:30 PM	Jeanette Gradoni by Jeanette Crola & Family					
	Howard C. Jones by Joe & Caroline Gom <i>és</i>					
Sunday — May 1—6th Sunday of Easter						
7:30 AM	Vincenzo Popolizio by Clara					
9:00 AM	Doris C. Walion by Zeunges Family					
	Leonard Murphy by Betsy & Don Reutemann					
11:30 AM	James E. Sharp by Laureen E. Sharp					
	Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family					
	by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Serino					
5.30 PM	Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose					

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2016							
Money Counters, <u>Sunday, May 1st</u> Team #4— Bill Sage & Judy Vautrin Money Counters, <u>Monday, May 2nd</u> Team #3—Joe Hogan, Richard Ostiguy & Rene Comtois							
4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM			
<u>SACRISTAN:</u> Joe Leombruno	<u>SACRISTAN:</u> Bob Lamiano	<u>SACRISTAN:</u> Fran Fiegler	<u>SACRISTAN:</u> Carolyn Chabot	SACRISTAN: Volunteer			
<u>Lectors:</u> #1-Laureen Sharp #2-Diana Spenard	<u>Lectors:</u> #1-Elizabeth Mahoney #2-Patty Lincoln	<u>Lectors:</u> #1-Carol Blanchard #2-Regina Brown	<b>Lectors:</b> #1-Anne Schwenzfeier #2-Patricia Frank	<u>Lectors:</u> Volunteer			
ALTAR SERVERS: Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford	<u>ALTAR SERVERS:</u> Mr. Vincent Cook	<mark>ALTAR SERVERS:</mark> Madeline Stallmer, Abby Hallock, Alexa Tahoe	<u>ALTAR SERVERS:</u> Nicole Piusienski, Akhil & Sarah Jacob	ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteers			
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: JA Conroy, D. Ellinger, J. Hogan, J. Leombruno, B. Sage, S. Burgess, M. Riley,	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> M. Rayball, V. Gyurko, C. Chabot, G. Gentile, B. Evers, D. Daub, J. Bodnar	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> N. Styczynski, A. Medici, MK Frederick, J. Conlen, M. Rosenthal, K. LaBom- bard, A. Langevin	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> D. Piusienski, P. Rayball, N. Hooley, D. Rootes, L. Sharp, J. Tengeler, S. Almonte	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> B. Masterson, MJ Foglia, D & C Wagoner, E. Bullis, M. Searles, D. Frament			
<u>Ushers:</u> G. Spenard, J. Minnick, E. Potyrala, Volunteer	<mark>Ushers:</mark> J. Bodnar, N. Brock, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron	<mark>Ushers:</mark> T. Maleski, J. Grady, F. Fraser, <mark>Volunteer</mark>	<mark>Ushers:</mark> R. Mullen, J. Martin, S. DeSess, D. Fuda	<u>Ushers:</u> Volunteers			
<u>MEDIA MINISTRY:</u> Sandi T.	<u>Media Ministry:</u> Gail C.	<u>MEDIA MINISTRY:</u> Premila J.	<u>Media Ministry:</u> Suzi T.	<u>Media Ministry:</u> Tenn C.			

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	Lynn Wozniak	
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Training)		
FAITH, HOPE AND SHARE		
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION		
FOOD PANTRY		
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MARY'S CIRCLE OF LOVE MINISTRY		
MEDIA MINISTRY		
MUSIC GROUPS		
PARISH SECRETARY		
P. A. EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS		
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SCHOOL BOARD		
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YOUNG AT HEART	Carolyn Chabot	

# WONDERING WHETHER YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

If you're a faithful Catholic in the Diocese of Albany, we welcome your attendance at the Vocation



Summit! No matter what your involvement in the Church, we need a great variety of people to carry out our new plans to promote vocations. Even if you just want to attend to learn more, visit the Shrine, and build your faith, join us on this terrific day for our diocese!

More details at: www.albanyvocations.org or Contact: youthministry@stambroselatham.com