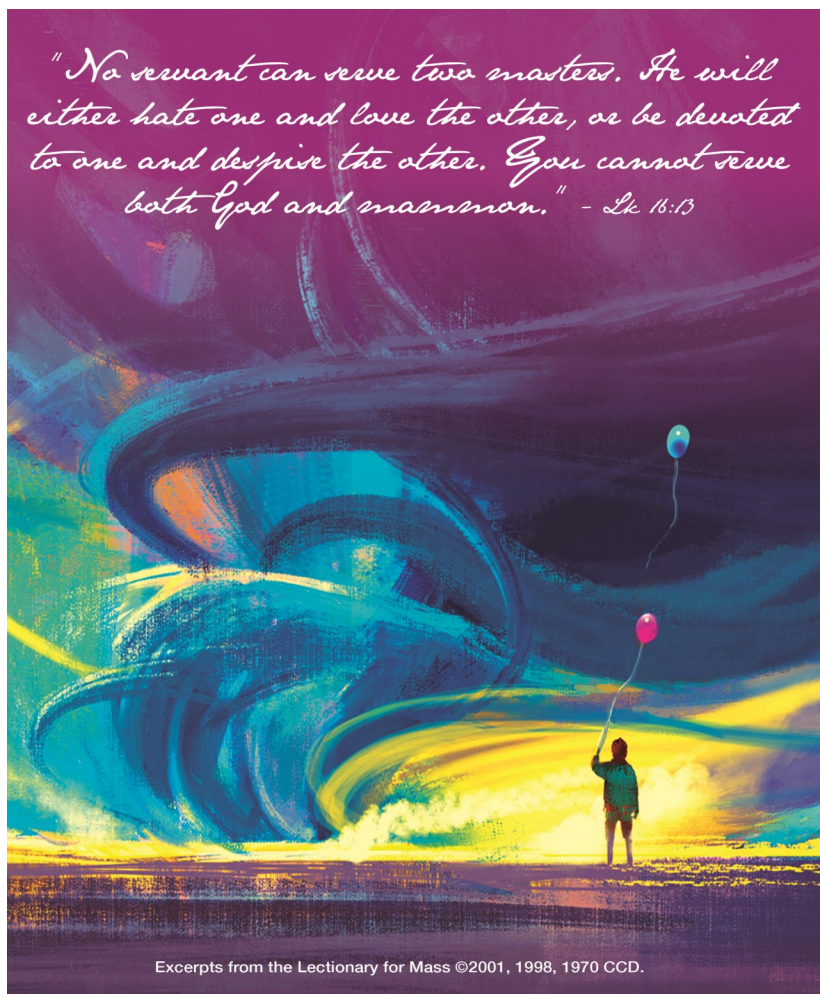


"The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church"

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:13



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

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Pastor's Page

THE PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST STEWARD

Our Gospel reading today once again takes us back to customs and practices at the time of Jesus as Jesus tells the crowd another parable. Many landowners and those who had large properties or estates would usually employ a steward to make sure that things were managed properly. As we may imagine, stewards had a great deal of responsibility and power and they were most certainly placed in a position of great trust. Often stewards would have been employed by the family from one generation to another: a son taking over the job from his father.



Sadly, we hear of a dishonest steward in the Gospel story or parable. Despite the relationship that he must have had with his master and despite the trust and responsibility that he had been given, he has been busy cheating his master and now he is being found out. He is obviously a very shrewd man as he sits down and considers all his options for the future. He comes up with a plan to save his skin and to avoid complete disaster.

As we know, Jesus uses parables as stories that then contain a message or a moral. So, what can we learn from this rather strange and puzzling parable of the dishonest steward? Well, it is probably not really about giving shrewd advice or guidance with respect to what to do when dishonesty or cheating is found out! Rather, it is about our good stewardship and being shrewd concerning all the gifts that we have been given by God. Perhaps we can go even further back than this, because the parable is also about realizing that we are stewards in the first place! Everything that we have and are is, in fact, a gift from God: we are not possessors but stewards. This is true for our spouse, our children, our personal gifts, our property, or our bodies; as well as for the spiritual gifts that God has given to us.

This year, we are thinking a great deal about being **disciples of the Lord** (it is a theme for our focus on creating a culture of vocations in our parish and school and also for our parish and school festival next weekend). A key and very practical way of growing in discipleship is to realize that we are stewards of the many gifts that God has given to us.

The Lord asks us to use all these gifts that he has entrusted to us wisely and well. If we do not do this, then we are like the dishonest steward in the parable, cheating our master (and ultimately ourselves too.). God also asks us, every so often, to make an account of all those gifts that he has given to us; not like the dishonest steward who does this because he is going to be fired, but rather so that we can appreciate afresh all that has been given to us on trust and to give thanks to God for the gifts that we have. After all, it is so easy to take things for granted, especially the many gifts that we have: family, friends, good fortune, as well as spiritual gifts such as the Eucharist, the sacraments or prayer. In fact, it is a great exercise at the end of every day to sit down just for a couple of minutes and to give thanks to God for the blessings and gifts we have received that day.

Let us then truly realize and appreciate that we are stewards and not possessors of everything we have and everything we are, and let us be good and honest stewards of all that God has given to us!

Fr. Anthony

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE

The 44th Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held **Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany, New York.**



Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office.



Please plan to join us for our next Night of Praise!

Thursday, September 22 - 7 to 8 pm

A Special Invitation...

Bishop Scharfenberger will join Fr. Anthony to share some reflections.

Come and sit with Jesus for awhile...

With gratitude in our hearts for our Father's great love and mercy, let us come together for a night of song, praise and worship.



*"When you say to
God, 'Our Father',
He has His ear
right next to your
lips."*

St. Andre Bessette

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!

There will be a table at the PARISH FESTIVAL, on **September 25th**, for anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server. There are some changes happening to the duties of Altar Servers beginning in October. In an attempt to have everyone ready for these changes, we ask that all servers attend at least one **"Server Informational Meeting"**. These are scheduled **AFTER Mass** on the following dates:
September 10th/11th after 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm,
September 18th after 9 am, September 25th after 11:30 am and again at 2 pm during the festival. Please join us!

Do you love Christian music?

We are blessed to have the following concerts taking place in our area over the next couple of months:

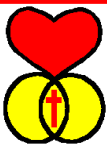


October 13

Upstate Concert Hall, Clifton Park
Switchfoot and Relient K

November 14

Lake George Forum
Big Daddy Weave, Plumb and We Are Messengers



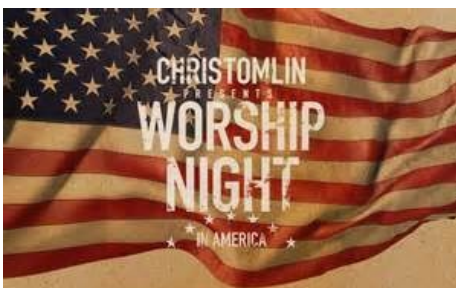
A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND will turn the work of marriage into fun and romance!

For more information call Ed & Rhonda at **518-279-3243**.

Upcoming dates: **November 4-6, 2016**

We are excited to participate in the Movie presentation of **WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA:** **An Evening of Unity and Prayer for our Country**

Join Chris Tomlin, authors/pastors Max Lucado and Louie Giglio and many more national faith leaders and musical guests for **WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA: An Evening of Unity and Prayer For Our Country**.



Playing exclusively and one night only in theaters and select churches nationwide **Tuesday, October 25**. Experience the sold-out event filmed at Madison Square Garden, plus exclusive back-stage footage and interviews that will inspire, challenge and encourage your family, church, and community.

To purchase tickets visit christomlin.com, click on NY and select Church of St. Ambrose. Ticket price is \$8.00 (\$7.00 plus \$1.00 fee) and you have the option of purchasing Chris Tomlin's new album "Never Lose Sight" in either CD or digital download format for only \$3.99. Movie begins in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:10 pm – all are welcome!

Bring your family!

Bring your friends!

No cost to attend!

**Share your
community and let
others experience
the love here!**

**Next
Weekend!**

The Fest

Sunday, September 25th
12:30pm to 5:30pm

**St Ambrose Parish
Festival 2016**

Sunday, September 25th

12:30pm to 5:30pm

**You are invited to bring a
salad or dessert to
share.
Sign up in the back!**



We would love if everyone
could bring a non-
perishable food item but
the day is free to attend!



Volunteer
signup sheets in
the back of the
Church!

What will be happening at the Fest?

- Food
- Family activities
- Faith
- Tours
- Games
- Celebrating the 60th
anniversary of the setting
of the parish's foundation
stone!
- Celebrating who we are as
a parish family!

Let us know you are coming!

You don't need to RSVP to come but it will better
help us prepare food and events!

Name: _____

Number of people attending (approximate): ____

You can:

- Drop this in the collection basket during Mass
 - ...or Email your reply to
"faithformationAA@stambroselatham.com"
 - ...or RSVP on the parish website
(stambroselatham.com/parish-festival)

Sunday Night is the Night!!

LIFETEEN/

Confirmation is filled with ...

ESCAPE THIS ROOM



SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

RUN! DON'T WALK


HONOR INTRIGUE

If you're in **high school** you must come to this event. It promises to be the event of the summer with all of the above, including **tons of food,**

LIVE MUSIC and friends everywhere! Starting with the **5:30pm Mass.**


If you already went to Mass then come at 6:30 for tons of food and fun. See you all there. The core team is dying to meet you ...



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

**~ Another year has just begun
So much to learn
And so much fun
Welcome back *EVERYONE!* ~**



*At St. Ambrose School,
we live by some
additional
"BEE ATTITUDES"* 

BEE CURIOUS

BEE CREATIVE

BEE COMPASSIONATE

BEE CONFIDENT

BEE A FRIEND

BEE FIT

NURSES' NOTES...
NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN



How exciting to see the new school year begin with the little ones with crisp new uniforms and shiny shoes, which won't be shiny for long, as I see them running happily in the school yard.

It has been a beautiful summer with great weather and flowery gardens and birds chirping. Here it has not slowed down and there are a lot of hurting people, and many deaths. If I may ask for you to pray for the families, it is so important and greatly appreciated.

Our family lost our beloved Aunt Angie, a great example of love and kindness, part of our immediate family, and such an important part of our holidays. Her funeral was celebrated at St. Isaac Joques on the Lake like my Dad's funeral, and our family thanks you for the cards and remembrances in her honor.



COAT COLLECTION
to benefit needy families
October 22nd & 23rd only

A bin will be placed in the back of the Church. All sizes, adults and children, as well as snow pants. In conjunction with Catholic Charities to help area families. Call me for further information at 785-1351 x304.



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

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.

THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone No: _____

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.**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY



Finding Our Place in the Family

Saturday, October 1, 2016

10 am until 2 pm

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, NY

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger is pleased to invite you to the Diocese of Albany's upcoming **Summit on the Family**
Finding Our Place in the Family



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

September 11, 2016 \$19,230.83
September 13, 2015 \$16,941.90

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



Thank you for your generous response to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal.

The amount raised thus far is **\$149,665** with a total of **421** pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this annual appeal depend on you and your generosity. Your gift helps St. Ambrose Parish pay its diocesan assessment of **\$172,616**.

Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at:

www.thebishopsappeal.org

Many thanks for your support!

Fr. Anthony

SEPTEMBER 24/25, 2016

"CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION"

REASON – FAITH – SERVICE-LEADERSHIP

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

As we are a tithing parish, a portion of our regular collection will be tithed toward this Special Collection.

Advertiser Of The Week

*From beginning to end,
and everything in between.*

Many of the biggest events that happen in our family happen in a spiritual way. Like St. Ambrose, we'll always be here for you when you need us most.



We appreciate our advertisers who make this bulletin possible for our parish.

**NEWS FROM THE ALBANY DIOCESE'S
CONSULTATION CENTER**

Monday, September 26, 7:00—9:00 PM

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Presented by Garra Lloyd-Lester
Assistant Director of the Suicide Prevention Center of NYS

At Our Lady of the Assumption Church
498 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham

Sponsored by The Consultation Center, Our Lady of Assumption Parish and The Suicide Prevention Center of NYS

For more information or to register call the Consultation Center at 518-489-4431

**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.

"Quotes, etc."

"A person is a person no matter how small."

Dr. Seuss

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – September 18	
10:15-11:15 AM	Faith Formation
5:30 Mass	Life Teen/Confirmation Kick-off starts with 5:30 PM Mass in the Church
Monday – September 19	
7:00 PM	Core-Chapel
Tuesday – September 20	
Wednesday – September 21	
6:00-9:00 PM	Virtus Training-Parish Ctr
Thursday – September 22	
6:00-8:30 PM	AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM	Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00-8:00 PM	NIGHT OF PRAISE-CHURCH
Friday – September 23	
6 AM-Midnight	Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
Saturday – September 24	
3:00-4:00 PM	Confessions-Chapel
Sunday – September 25	
PARISH FESTIVAL FOLLOWING 11:30 MASS	
11:30 AM	BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT MASS
After 5:30 Mass	Life Teen Meeting-Parish Ctr

Monday – September 19—Weekday

6:30 AM **Santos Manuel Rodriguez**
9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Tuesday – September 20—Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gòn

6:30 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*
9:00 AM **Jeanne Morgan by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage**
John J. Corbett, Sr. by his Children

Wednesday – September 21—St. Matthew

6:30 AM **Rose Marie Oleyourryk by Madeleine**
Rose Marie Oleyourryk by Bernard Nadeau
9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Thursday – September 22—Weekday

6:30 AM *Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption*
9:00 AM **Chris Clark by Frank, Chris & Linda**

Friday – September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:30 AM **Communion Service**
9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Saturday – September 24—Weekday

4:30 PM **Theresa Carey by Richard & Debbie DeVoe**
Brian Schwenzfeier the Puzier Family
Julie McKeown by Jerry & Sue Yarter
Margaret Barber by Pat Swanson
Rose Oleyourryk by JoAnn & Dominic Gerace

Sunday – September 25—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM **Rose Marie Oleyourryk by Mary Anne**
9:00 AM **Constantine Doukas by Wife**
Vicki Rocheleau by Sophia Smith & Family
Quinn Chirichigno by Lily & Paul Spera
11:30 AM **Joseph Garceau by Frank & Kathy Garceau**
Chickie Sorrentino & the Sorrentino Family by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Serino
Brian LeBuis by the Faith Formation Team
Elizabeth Judge by Anie
5:30 PM **Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose**



LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

TEAM #10 — RENE COMTOIS, RICH HAGGERTY, DANA RENDA & SUZANNE TRZCINSKI

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

TEAM #2—JAN, MIKE & PAT RAYBALL

4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM
SACRISTAN: Sharon Burgess	SACRISTAN: Bob Lamiano	SACRISTAN: Donna Sabatino	SACRISTAN: Fran Fiegler	SACRISTAN: Volunteer
LECTORS: #1-Mary Sue Ray #2-Joseph Hogan	LECTORS: #1-Ken Fusci #2-Rich Zmijewski	LECTORS: #1-James Conlen #2-Cathy DuBois	LECTORS: #1-Anne Schwenzfeier #2-Pay Rayball	LECTORS: Volunteers
ALTAR SERVERS: Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford	ALTAR SERVERS: Jacob & Noah Smith	ALTAR SERVERS: Ben Miller, Michaela & James LaBombard	ALTAR SERVERS: Kassie Egan, Ajith Kurian, Marisa Mullen	ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteers
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USHERS: G. Spenard, J. Minnick, E. Potyrala, Volunteer	USHERS: P. Szwedo, R. Haggerty, V & M DesChamps	USHERS: T. Maleski, J. Grady, F. Fraser, Volunteer	USHERS: D. Fuda, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cavanaugh, R. Selkis	USHERS: Volunteers
MEDIA MINISTRY: Kathy R.	MEDIA MINISTRY: Gail C.	MEDIA MINISTRY: TBD	MEDIA MINISTRY: Ed C.	MEDIA MINISTRY: Nancy R. / Terin*

FAMILY MASS
SEPTEMBER 25TH AT
11:30 AM

**...FOLLOWED BY OUR PARISH
FESTIVAL—HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS,
DRINKS (NO COST)!**

**BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT
TO SHARE!**

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT MASS.
STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS BRING
YOUR BACKPACK TO MASS AND WE
WILL HAVE A SPECIAL BLESSING AS WE
BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE A FRIEND
OR A NEIGHBOR!

