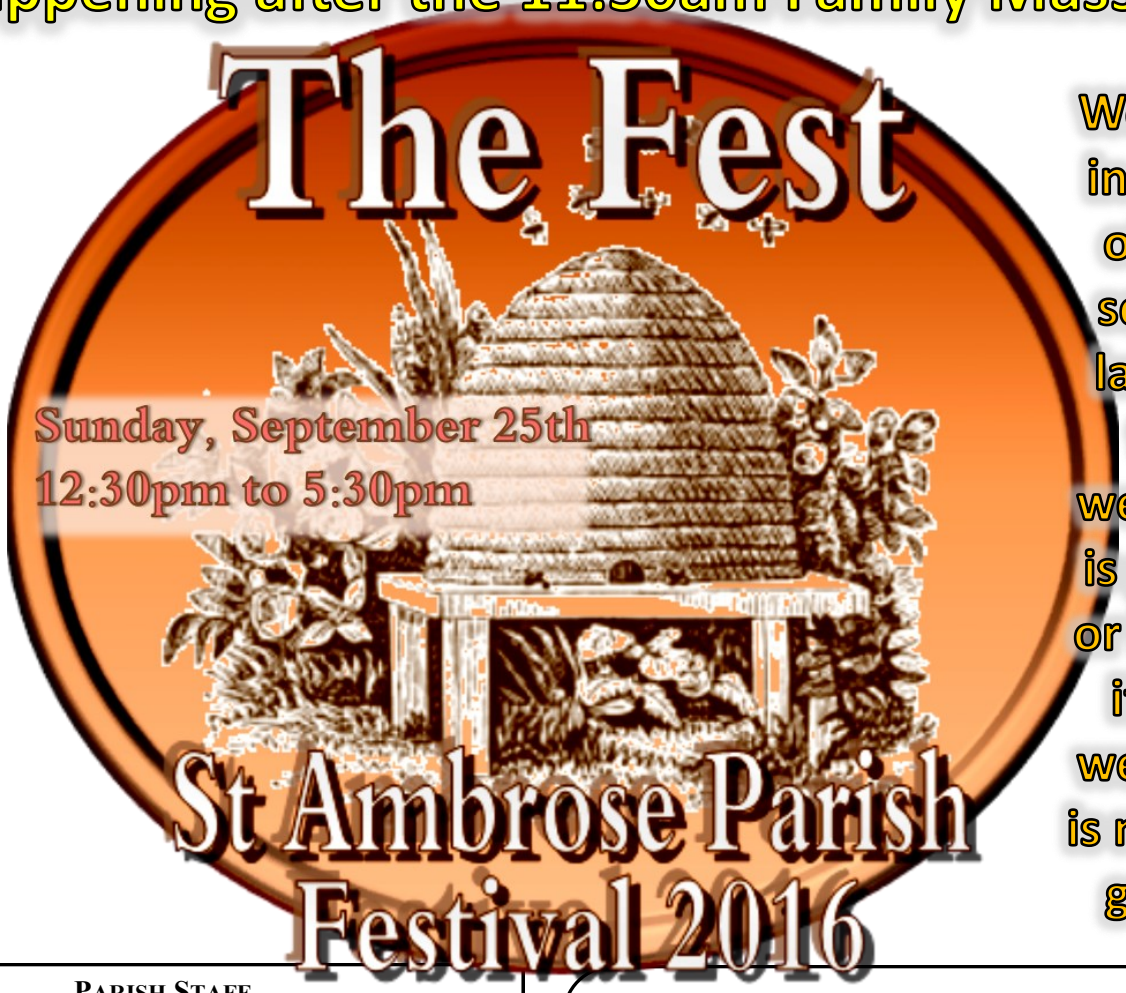
"The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church"

Happening after the 11:30am Family Mass!

Come, eat, hang out, bring friends, and have fun!

Blessing of Back-packs at Family Mass



We'll be in front of the school lawn if the weather is good, or inside if the weather is not-so-good!

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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–4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Pastor's Page

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

As we continue our journey through Saint Luke's Gospel, we hear another familiar story from Jesus. Like the parables of the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son, or those very human and moving encounters with Jesus such as that of Zacchaeus or the repentant thief, the story of the rich man and Lazarus is yet another passage that we find only in St. Luke. It is helpful to ask the question "why is this so?" Saint Luke's Gospel is often called the *Gospel of mercy* or the *Gospel of compassion*. Saint Luke likes to highlight Jesus' love, mercy and compassion and so he loves to report to us those parables or encounters that bring out these qualities.

We certainly would feel compassion for the poor man Lazarus and his wretched life and perhaps also anger at the way that he was ignored and badly treated. We may also feel a certain sorrow for the rich man who seems to have everything in this life, but who is now left with nothing (thinking of that sobering saying that "a shroud has no pockets!"). As far as we know, the rich man was not a bad person: we are not told that he cheated others, or that he did terrible things to people. So, what was his fault that condemns him to such a dreadful fate once he dies? Perhaps, above all, it was a type of blindness and indifference: it was not so much that he deliberately ignored the poor man, but rather that he never even noticed him at his doorstep.

We might say that it was a case of what psychologists call "compassion fatigue" on a grand scale. When Saint John Paul II first visited the United States he commented on this Gospel saying "the rich man is condemned because he did not pay attention to the other man. He failed to take notice of Lazarus, the person who sat at his very door and who longed to eat even the scraps from his table." The rich man lost his place in heaven not so much because he was rich, but because he had become self-centred and indifferent.

Ironically, what happened then was that the rich man actually became poor: he lost those key human qualities that God has placed within us such as love or compassion, especially for those most in need. This poverty probably did not happen all at once, but over a long period of time. Little by little, like a bad habit or disposition that can gradually but surely take root in the heart, he became immune and blind to Lazarus and maybe to all those who needed his help. The story brings all this out in the use of names. Notice how we know the name of the poor man: Lazarus; yet we do not know the name of the rich man. But, if we think about it, in life would one not normally know the name of a rich person, but have no clue as to the name of a poor person? So, things are reversed. Why? Because the rich man had lost his humanity and the gifts that God had given him, whereas Lazarus remained an authentic human person: wretched and poor for sure, but still a person.

So, what about us? Jesus, as we know, does not share these stories with us just to leave matters there. No, they are gifts to us to help us in our journey of discipleship: that is of hearing Jesus' call and answering it with courage. One question we might ask as we review each day is whether we have become indifferent or even immune to people in need, whether it is a material need or a spiritual need. They are many who look for crumbs or scraps from the table of plenty, whether it is for food or material things, or for comfort, compassion or love. It is a great thing to have a reality check each day to make sure that we do not slowly, but surely, slide into a habit of indifference or coldness to those in need who are very often literally or at least figuratively right on our doorstep. One practical way is to make a point of trying to help a person in need each day: a good deed for the day!

Fr. Anthony

Sign up for CYO Basketball will take place in the St. Ambrose school Gym on **Monday, October 3rd and October 17th**—times for both dates will be **from 6 PM TILL 8 PM**. To qualify the player's family must be a member on St. Ambrose Parish or St. Ambrose School. If the player is a parish member they must attend faith formation.

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 25th after 11:30 am and again at 2 pm during the festival. Please join us!

Do you love Christian music?

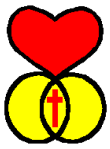
We are blessed to have the following concerts taking place in our area over the next couple of months:

October 13

Upstate Concert Hall, Clifton Park
Switchfoot and Relient K

November 14

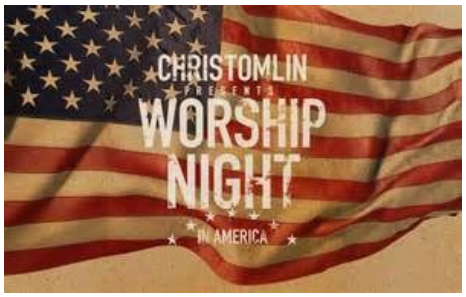
Lake George Forum
Big Daddy Weave, Plumb and We Are Messengers



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.



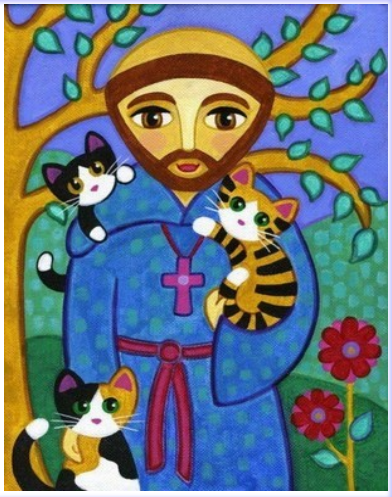
To purchase tickets visit christomlin.com, click on NY and select Church of St. Ambrose. Ticket price is $8.00 ($7.00 plus $1.00 fee) and you have the option of purchasing Chris Tomlin's new album "Never Lose Sight" in either CD or digital download format for only $3.99. Movie begins in the Parish Center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

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 2nd at 1 PM

Meet at St. Francis Circle
(by the covered walkway entrance)

Bring your pets or a favorite stuffed animal



Let's Consecrate Ourselves to Divine Mercy!
Bishop Scharfenberger invites you and the entire Diocese to experience mercy like never before, by our Diocese's Consecration to Divine Mercy. To complete the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we can join him in a 33-day preparation period, beginning October 11, and culminating with Consecration to Divine Mercy at the Cathedral, Sunday, November 13, at 5 p.m. or on your own. We will use the book 33 Days to Merciful Love by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. The daily reading takes 3-5 minutes and is pondered during the day. The 33-day preparation can be done alone or in a group. You can order the book via the website: www.shopmercy.org/albany.
Please consider joining our group session time and location to be announced!

Be on the lookout for upcoming dates for discussion groups happening at the parish!

A Day for Faith & Family!
Saturday, October 1, 2016

Shrine of The North American Martyrs in Auriesville

Summit on the Family

The next big Event for Families

Our diocese is presenting the first ever Summit on the Family!
Held at the
Shrine of the North American Martyrs
Shrine also know as Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville NY.

This is an amazing place unlike any other shrine in the country. Did you know right in our back yard is a shrine dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and keeping Holy the grounds where St. Isaac Jogues and his companions sacrificed their lives for our faith. This place is ground zero. It is not a representation of an event that happened somewhere else but the actual ground that blood was spilled. And it's only 45 minutes from Albany.

Saint Ambrose Youth Ministry

Come bring your families out to this amazing shrine and enjoy a free day of sharing and fellowship with our diocesan family. Bishop Scharfenberger will be there along with tons of priests and religious. There are speakers and presenters and of course the natural beauty of the shrine itself. You can find all the details of the great event Happening Saturday, October 1st. See the web page for more details.. **http://rcda.org/familysummit/**

Breakfast

The Parish Family Breakfast is back!!!

Come one and all and share a breakfast meal with family and friends

Sunday October 2nd from 8am to noon.

The usual menu of deliciousness will be available and which is: Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Chocolate, Blueberry or plain Pancakes, Fruit cups, Toast, Pastries, Waffle Station and the favorite, fresh made Omelet Station. Come and order your omelet anyway you like it. YUMMY! Juice and coffee always flowing and the best part are the smiles and friendships available to all. Come and have a meal to start your day. As always all proceeds of the breakfast go to support the Lifeteen High School mission trip. Thank you so much for all your support over the years as we go to help where we can and to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ the way He calls us to serve.

LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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Catholic Middle School Ministry

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

St. Ambrose School along with the other 21 Diocesan Catholic schools have been working tirelessly for nearly 3 years to complete the necessary steps to become accredited through AdvancED. School improvement is, of course, an ongoing process but this portion of our efforts will be culminating with a site visit by an external review team on Tuesday, October 4th. A team of 2 educators will spend the afternoon visiting and observing classrooms, meeting with myself and possibly speaking briefly with staff members and/or parents. The uniqueness of this accreditation process is that not only will individual schools hopefully become accredited but the entire system of schools in the Albany Diocese will be accredited as one entity.

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

A Servant's Heart

A servant's heart
chooses each day to give
not knowing this may be its last day to live.

A servant's heart doesn't stop to ask,
will this be for me a great or small task?

A servant's heart does willingly all things, for it's pleased to see all the blessings it brings.

A servant's heart is glad and rejoices, because it has found the key in making right choices.

A servant's heart knows how to love,
it gives all the glory to God above.

Sunday was a wonderful testimony to the gentle calling of being a servant. May God bless you for all the things that may seem small, yet are abundant in making this Community loving and caring, and welcoming to all.

We are many hands that create a beautiful tapestry and witness of the fruits of God's love.

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

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_____ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my $18.00/yr.

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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

Summit on the Family

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*

stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

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Following "God's Plan for Giving"

September 18, 2016	**$16,914.39**
September 20, 2015	**$13,853.89**

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

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of **Lloyd E. Kinney, Marie Therese Hopko** and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.

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.

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.

Save the Date

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger will celebrate the **White Mass** for members of the St. Luke's Guild, other Catholic physicians and their families on **October 29 at 4:30 PM at Our Lady of the Assumption in Latham**. A reception with the Bishop will follow the Mass. Further details will follow at which time we would ask you to indicate if you will participate. Should you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Thomas, M.D. at my email: **(fjtnok@verizon.net)** or the Office at **StLukes.Guild@rcda.org**.

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The Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus awarded three scholarships valued at $500 to students who began high school this September at a local Catholic High School. The high schools will each be provided an additional $500 to be used at the discretion of school officials via the NY State Council's Catholic School Support Program. We are proud to announce that **Devin Cushing of our parish who is enrolled at Catholic Central High School** was one of the scholarship winners.
Congratulations Devin!

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization. Information about the Latham-Colonie Council and its many programs and activities is available at **www.lathamcoloniekofc.com**.

First Saturday Devotion will be held on **Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 AM in the Chapel.** Please join us for this devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

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 26
7:00 PM — Core-Chapel

Tuesday – September 27

Wednesday – September 28
9:00 AM — Class Mass-Chapel
6:00 PM — Prayer & Worship Meeting-Sacristy

Thursday – September 29
6:00-8:30 PM — AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00-9:00 PM — Prayer Group-Chapel
7:00 PM — Mission Trip Planning Mtg-Parish Ctr

Friday – September 30
6 AM-Midnight — Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – October 1
3:00-4:00 PM — Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – October 2
8-12 Noon — PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST-PARISH CTR
1:00 PM — BLESSING OF ANIMALS-GYM OR OUTSIDE
10:15-11:15 AM — Faith Formation
After 5:30 Mass — Life Teen XLT/Adoration/ Reconciliation-Parish Ctr

Monday – September 26—Weekday
6:30 AM — ***Bryon C. McKim by Joe & Caroline Gomez***
9:00 AM — *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Tuesday – September 27—St. Vincent de Paul
6:30 AM — *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*
9:00 AM — ***Marin Ryan by Peggy Ethier***

Wednesday – September 28—Weekday
6:30 AM — ***Rose Oleyourryk by St. Ambrose Food Pantry***
9:00 AM — ***Class Mass-Chapel***
9:00 AM — *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Thursday – September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
6:30 AM — *Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption*
9:00 AM — ***Karen & Bob by Pat Judge***

Friday – September 30—St. Jerome
6:30 AM — ***Communion Service***
9:00 AM — *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Saturday – October 1—St. Thèrèse of the Child Jesus
4:30 PM — ***Shelden R. Bell by Laureen E. Sharp***
Margaret Barber by Erin & Andrea
Kathy Cox Morris by Laureen Sharp

Sunday – October 2—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM — ***Teresa & Vincenzo Popolizio***
9:00 AM — ***Nicholas Sabatino by Donna Sabatino***
Mary E. Malone by Brian A. Hanrahan
11:30 AM — ***William Houlihan by Justina & Andy Treventi***
Winston & Etta Kennedy by Murielle Rayball
Laurie Gorski by Kristine Maxwell
5:30 PM — ***Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose***
Hong Yang Chung by Linda & Alexis Dibernado

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2016

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
TEAM #1 — ANN MILLER, JOHN BODNAR, PAT O'CONNOR, PATTY LINCOLN & TOM PAOLUCCI
MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
TEAM #3—JOE HOGAN, RICHARD OSTIGUY & RENE COMTOIS

4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM
SACRISTAN: Hal O'Brien	**SACRISTAN:** Bob Lamiano	**SACRISTAN:** Fran Fiegler	**SACRISTAN:** Pat Rayball	**SACRISTAN:** Lenora LeMay
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Volunteer

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Like altar serving, 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.

Volunteer

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***.