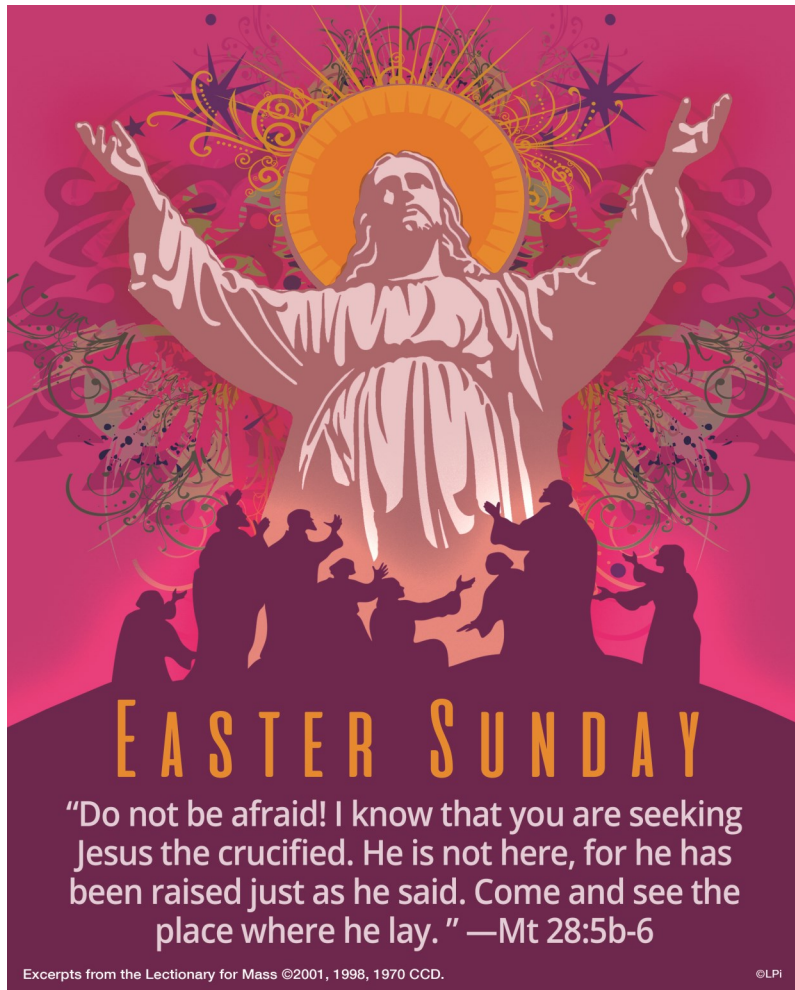


"The Parish Community of St. Ambrose Church"



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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)*

CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE

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518-785-1351

WEBSITE: www.stambroselatham.com

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm

Friday 9:00am–4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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THE MORNING EVERYTHING CHANGED

Tom Acemoglu

Pastoral Associate for Evangelization and Catechesis

One of the most captivating places on earth is the Church of the Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the place that is most recognized as the site of Jesus' own death and Resurrection.

It's been in the news a lot recently because it just recently underwent a major renovation. The original Church dates back to about the 4th century AD when the site was re-discovered by the Emperor Constantine's mother Helena. It's said that her companions also found the remains of Jesus' cross. That Church was mostly destroyed in a campaign to destroy Christian places of worship. The core of current Church structure goes back to the 11th century and we're still trying to take care of it today.

It's interesting when you think of it because a lot of what you're going to be looking at this Easter Sunday within our Church are encased in the walls of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Instead of looking forward and seeing our large crucifix of Jesus accompanied by Mary and John, you have the actual Golgotha. Instead of the 14th Station at the left side of our humble parish Church, you have the actual tomb of Jesus. These are the places where Jesus was pierced, spat at, mocked, abandoned but still so desperately comforted by the people brave enough to be at His side. People like Mary, who we can say with confidence actually stood at places within that Church.

That tomb itself is right in the middle of the Church. People line up and venerate the place where Jesus' body lay, wanting just a minute with this holy spot.

I've never been there but a friend of mine spent the night locked in the Church (no Christian keeps the keys to the Church because the different denominations can't agree on who should carry it...one Muslim family has held that job since the 11th century). He told me about what it felt like to

just hang out where Jesus died and was buried. It's a little overwhelming when you think of it: that the same image of the crucifix that we all grow up with first happened just a stone's throw away.

I feel great awe and a great deal of gratitude for that place and that so many people work so hard just so people like you and me can go visit it and offer our prayers.

But here's the thing...

Jesus isn't there.

In fact, Jesus is closer to you now than in Jerusalem this morning because you are here and so is He.

He's yours to talk to if you only you would close your eyes and say hello to Him.

His actual Presence is more complete in that Tabernacle underneath our statue of the Holy Family than it was hanging on the Cross at 3:01pm, at the minute after He died.

If you receive Him in the Eucharist, He is much closer to you than He was to Peter and John as they ran to and fro in their search for Jesus, searching His empty tomb and finding nothing.

He is so close to you right now. He's yours and you're His. In the Cross and the Resurrection God removed every obstacle standing between you and Him. Sin can't separate you from Him and neither can suffering. Distance can't separate you from Him and death certainly can't separate you from Him. If God wouldn't let a sealed tomb separate His Son from Himself, then He won't let anything separate you from Him either. Why? Because in our Baptism we became His sons and daughters too. He'll fight for us just like He fought death itself for His own Son.

Alleluia, my friends. He's here and He is risen.

TRASH to TREASURE

Saturday, April 29th, 9 am—4 pm

***Early Bird Special @ 8 am**

Sunday, April 30th, 9 am—Noon

Donations will be accepted April 27—28 on stage in school gymnasium.

We cannot accept TVs, computers, books or clothing items.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy services will be held **April 23rd at 2 PM at St. Ambrose Church**. There will be a Holy Hour, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass. (No confessions) Father Jeffrey L'Arche, M.S. will be the celebrant. A good will offering will be collected.. For information call **462-4108**.

MARTHA MINISTRY

We will need help with **First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th at 9 AM and 11 :30 AM and the Confirmation on Sunday, May 14th after 5:30 PM Mass.**

If you would like to help us, or if you have any questions please call Donna Sabatino at 782-1470.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

"CARONDELET CONFECTIONS PARTY"

at St. Joseph's Provincial House
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Latham, NY

Sunday, April 23, 2017

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15

Call Kris at 518-389-2654

ONLY 300 tickets will be sold

Delicious desserts, "Big Money Raffle", 50-50 raffle and numerous raffles



Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of **Elaine L. Brown** and all those who will be remembered in Masses this week.



ATTENTION 7:30 AM MASS-GOERS

WE NEED YOU!!

The Media Ministry is looking for **TWO** new volunteers to help run the displays at our **7:30am Mass starting this summer!!** If you love the Mass and can click a mouse, we can show you what to do!! Typically volunteers serve at one Mass a month and we will coach you until you feel comfortable running the displays on your own. Please consider helping us with this important ministry!! It's a great way to help our community and give some extra service to God! **Call Mary Alice at 518-859-6743 to volunteer or ask questions.**

FAITH FORMATION

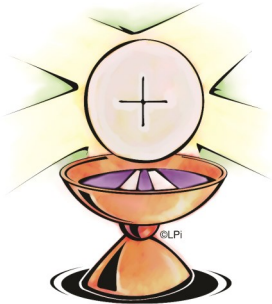
No matter what age you are or where you are in your Faith journey, St. Ambrose has activities, events, classes and opportunities for you to grow in your faith.



We help prepare children and adults who have not yet received Sacraments of Initiation, such as Baptism, first Eucharist and Confirmation. This includes our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

Our door is always open! Contact Tom or Justina at 785-1351, ext. 307 or email faithformationaa@stambroselatham.com

Upcoming Sacraments:



First Communion

Saturday, May 6th
9:00 & 11:30 am

Confirmation

Sunday, May 14th
5:30 pm



Vacation Bible School:

July 31—August 4

9:00 am—noon

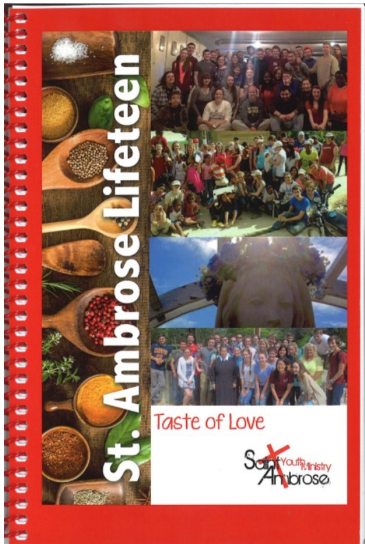
Register at

www.stambroselatham.com



On Holy Saturday at 1:30am we left for our mission Trip. We will return on Sunday, April 23rd about 1:30am. When we return we will have stories and pictures to share. We will talk about the love and kindness; the trials and tribulations. And please good good Father help us to know you better and to return to our Parish family with a renewed sense of humility, generosity and sacrificial love. Please pray for us as we go and share that love this Parish Family has with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mark Trudeau, Debra Baker, Adam Krywinski, Therese Biazon, Tara Bryan, Sarah Siple, Alexei Garceau, Christopher Sevinsky, Shannon Bryan, Jessica Farley, Stefan Kolcow, Caelan Clickner, Kassie Egan, Luke Geddis, Michael Kendrick, Heather Green, Justin Gonzalez, Gloria Nabbosa, Margaret Nuss, Marygrace Wehrenberg, Blaze Flores, Daniel Arango, Mary Siple, Tim Egan, Adam Trudeau, Marygrace Polsinelli, Katie Rucinski, Cameron Brochu, Nate Einstein, Owen Farley



It's finally here.

Our Parish family Cookbook and more. We have recipes from Pope Francis, Bishop Scharfenberger, Fr. Anthony and many other Diocesan Priests and religious. And then of course from many of our best Parish Family master chefs. Take a look and see them in the back of Church. If you would like one please add your

name to the list and we will be happy to send it to you.

They are \$20 each and would make great Easter gifts for those special people in your family. Limited number of books so buy them now!



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



A Word from the Principal...

In these days leading up to the holiest days of our faith, we have been talking about the Stations of the Cross and what each one represents during our daily morning prayer. Jesus did nothing to deserve this kind of punishment and yet he accepted his cross with grace and humility. We learned that sometimes life just isn't fair. Like Jesus, we have struggles in life and sometimes we fall down. At times we may need the help of others to carry our crosses and sometimes we need to be that helpful friend. Our certain faith tells us that every burden can be overcome through the love of our Lord, Jesus!

*He is not here,
he has*

Risen!

John 20:1

On behalf of the St. Ambrose School community, I wish you and your family a most Blessed and joy-filled Easter!

-Terri McGraw

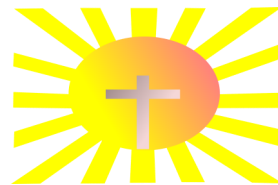
Checkout our daily learning at
www.stambroselatham.org

NURSES' NOTES...

NANCY ACEMOGLU, RN



In the writings of Fr. Herald Joseph Brock we are reminded that not only in the face of death that life's meaning becomes clear; because, by itself, death remains a crushing, answerless enigma. Something is necessary; the gift of the Cross. The Cross holds the key that unlocks the mystery of suffering and death. It is a beacon that shines with the bright light of hope in the dark valley of human despair; it is the staff on which we lean for strength when the weight of sorrow is too heavy to bear. It is not simply that we carry the Cross; the Cross carries us, too.



May each person be blessed and renewed with the gift of hope and love of family, as we commemorate our Lord's Resurrection.



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

*Please cut out and drop it in the Collection Basket or
mail to the Parish Office.*

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.**

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



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

**Due to early transmittal of the Bulletin
April 9th will be reported the following week.**

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

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.

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you
have made me to know you, to love you, to
serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill
my deepest longings. I know that you are in
all things, and that every path can lead me to
you.

But of them all,
there is one
especially by which
you want me to
come to you. Since
I will do what you
want of me, I pray
you, send your
Holy Spirit to me:
into my mind, to
show me what you

want of me; into my heart, to give me the
determination to do it, and to do it with all my
love, with all my mind, and with all of my
strength right to the end.

Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen



Featuring

Patrick Madrid
Renowned Catholic
Author, Lecturer,
Radio Host

Program

9:00AM

Lectures

Holy Mass

Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions

Location

**Our Lady
of Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, NY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

**SECOND ANNUAL
ROAD TO EMMAUS
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**"In the Footsteps of the
Saints"**

**REGISTRATION FEES
(INCLUDES A BOX LUNCH)**

Pre-registration by

4/14/17: \$55

At the door: \$65

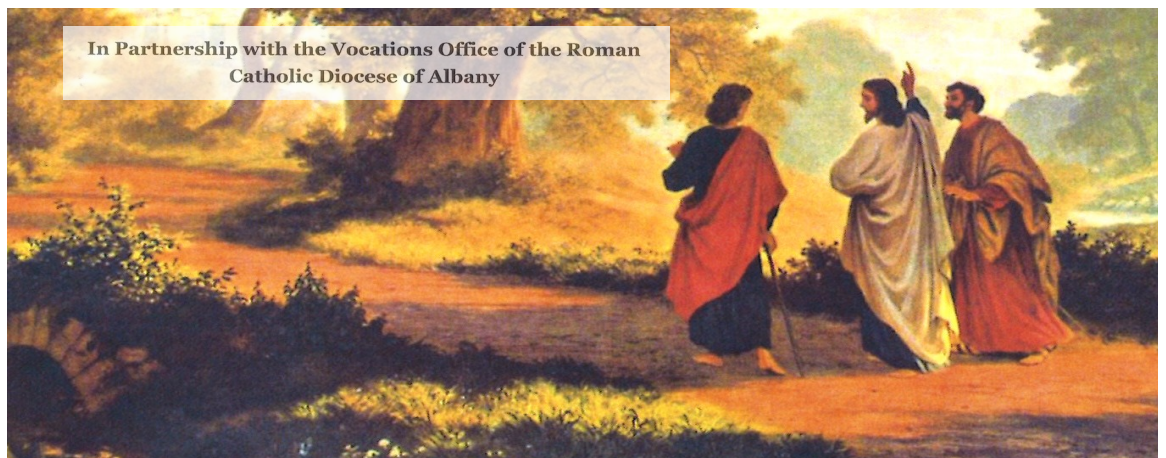
Students: \$10

Registration begins at
8:00AM

Register online:

www.albany-emmaus.org

In Partnership with the Vocations Office of the Roman
Catholic Diocese of Albany



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

Sunday – April 16—Easter

10:15-11:15 AM **NO** Faith Formation

After 5:30 Mass **NO** Life Teen

Monday – April 17

School Spring Recess

Tuesday – April 18

School Spring Recess

Wednesday – April 19

School Spring Recess

Thursday – April 20

School Spring Recess

Friday – April 21

School Spring Recess

6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – April 22

3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – April 23

10:15-11:15 AM Faith Formation (**Edge Only**)-Parish Ctr

2:00 PM Divine Mercy Sunday-Church

After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr



Monday – April 17—Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 AM **Cecelia Craven by Erin Craven**

9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Tuesday – April 18—Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

9:00 AM **Anne J. McCormick by the Curley Family**

Wednesday – April 19—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 AM **Parish Intention**

9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Thursday – April 20—Thursday within the Octave of Easter

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

9:00 AM **Sheldon R. Bell by Aunt Raffie**

Thomas V. Flanagan by Justina Treventi

Friday – April 21—Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 AM **Communion Service**

9:00 AM *Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption*

Saturday – April 22—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

4:30 PM **Nicholas Muscatiello (10 yr Anniv) by Antoinette Muscatiello**

Charles McGovern by Numrich Family

Francesco DePalma by Antoinette Muscatiello and Theresa

Gretchen Gagnon by Nancy & Bob Styczynski

Sunday – April 23—Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM **Florence & Joseph Aliberti by Clara**

9:00 AM **Anne McCormick by Janssen Family**

James M. Curtis by Bobby & Patsy McGee

John McFarland by Eileen & Rich Zmijewski

11:30 AM **Pamela Scattareggia (2nd Anniv) by Family**

5:30 PM **Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose**



LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2017

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD

Team #10—Rene Comtois, Rich Haggerty & Suzanne Trzcinski

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, APRIL 24TH

Team #1—Tina Zandri & Marian Davis

4:30PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	11:30AM	5:30PM
SACRISTAN: Hal O'Brien LECTORS: #1-Ralph DiMarino #2-Nancy DiMarino ALTAR SERVERS: Rachel Dwyer, Michael & Michele Commerford EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: S. Burgess, JA Conroy, D. Ellinger, E & MS Ray, ML Trudeau, N. Hooks USHERS: J. Van Wie, D. Mason, J. Couch, J. Minnick MEDIA MINISTRY: Sandi T.	SACRISTAN: Bob Lamiano LECTORS: #1-Ken Fusci #2-Valerie Gyrko ALTAR SERVERS: Dan Buser EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: E. Mahoney, B. Evers, P & RA Szvedo, G. Gentile USHERS: J. Bodnar, R. Haggerty, C. Cameron, Volunteer MEDIA MINISTRY: Julie / Julie	SACRISTAN: Donna Sabatino LECTORS: #1-Kimberly LaBombard #2-Marion Rosenthal ALTAR SERVERS: Ben Miller, Michaela & James LaBombard EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: K. Matheson, J. Cyriac, M. Girard, R. Hallock, A. Robinson, S. Earl, N. Styczynski USHERS: T. Maleski, J. Grady, R. Pascazio, F. Fraser MEDIA MINISTRY: Nancy W.	SACRISTAN: Nancy White LECTORS: #1-John Natale #2-Mary Ann Valdez ALTAR SERVERS: Kassie Egan, Ajith Kurian, Marisa Mullen EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: D. Rootes, N. Hooley, D. Carr, L. Sharp, M. King, J. Tengeler, S. Almonte USHERS: D. Fuda, E. Fitzgerald, K. Cavanaugh, R. Selkis MEDIA MINISTRY: MaryClaire O.	SACRISTAN: Volunteer LECTORS: Volunteers ALTAR SERVERS: Volunteers EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: J. Proctor, S. Kolcow, R. LeClair, L. LeMay, J. Finn, D & MA Frament USHERS: Volunteers MEDIA MINISTRY: Tenn C.

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION.....	Helmut & Vicky Neurohr	785-4630
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BUILDING AND GROUNDS.....	Rich Zmijewski.....	785-3142
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.....	Nancy Hooley	783-3411
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Training).....	Helmut Neurohr.....	785-4630
(Scheduling).....	Mary Stewart	785-6727
FAITH, HOPE AND SHARE.....	Nancy Acemoglu	785-1351 x304
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION.....	Connie Strassburg.....	783-3342
FOOD PANTRY	Pauline Kubizne.....	785-7816
.....	Patricia Ostiguy	783-5175
GARDEN CLUB	Mary Sue Ray	469-1329
GRIEF LOSS GROUP	Nancy Acemoglu	785-1351 x304
LECTORS	Joe Leombruno	518-729-0895
LIFE TEEN & JR. HIGH LIFE	Mark Trudeau	785-1351 x309
MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRY	Erin Muir	785-1351 x302
MARTHA MINISTRY	Donna Sabatino.....	782-1470
.....	Frances Fiegler	785-8763
.....	Rose Anne Szvedo	469-5367
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MEDIA MINISTRY	Mary Alice Hunt.....	859-6743
MUSIC GROUPS	Thomas Green.....	785-1351 x306
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P. A. EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS.....	Tom Acemoglu	785-1351 x307
PASTORAL CARE	Nancy Acemoglu	785-1351 x304
PRAYER & WORSHIP	Richard Ostiguy.....	783-5175
RESPECT LIFE	Erin Muir	785-1351 x302
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)	Tom Acemoglu	785-1351 x307
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SECRETARY	Kelly Sano	785-6453 x320
SCHOOL BOARD	William Miller	785-6453 x320
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY	Paul Wilkes.....	785-1351
TRUSTEES.....	Mary Stewart / Stephen Green.....	785-1351
USHERS	John Estep.....	783-9266
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	Tom Acemoglu	785-1351 x307
YOUNG AT HEART.....	Carolyn Chabot.....	785-6315

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.*