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FROM THE PASTOR



Bishop Barron writes, "Friends, today's Gospel finds Jesus encountering a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue at Capernaum. Isn't it interesting that the first unclean spirit that Jesus confronts is in the holy place, the place of worship? And what marks this man? Though

he is a single person, an individual, he speaks in the plural: "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

The diabolic is, literally, a scattering power: *diabalein*. Sin separates us from one another—*Sunde*, related to sundering—but it also divides us interiorly, setting one part of the self against another. We've all experienced this: our minds are divided, our wills are split, and our emotions militate against our deepest convictions.

The authoritative voice of Jesus brings the man back to himself. And friends, this is precisely the effect that Jesus' voice has had up and down the ages. When you allow his word to reach deep down within you, you get knitted back together. When Jesus becomes the clear center of your life, then your mind, your will, your emotions, your private life, your public life—all of it—finds its harmonious place around that center."

What a fitting gospel and reflection for each of us to take to heart, for some of us feel divided, interiorly and exteriorly. We feel this in ourselves and within the parish, leading us back to one question. Why are we here? Each of us is here for the Lord, each of us needs the Lord to knit us back together from within and amongst each other. For a "house divided will

surely fall" as Jesus says in Mark's gospel when confronted by the Pharisees. This week we should reflect upon this passage as we still find ourselves in the beginning of the New Year. Where do you need Jesus to take over and knit you back together from within? Where do we need Jesus to knit us all back together as one, as only He can do? Let the Lord in, let Him do what He does best, let Him take over wherever the division may rein. Let the Lord and our faith, join us back together, trust in His will and let the Lord rein once again.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

Daily: Monday & Wednesday 6:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am

Communion Service: Friday 6:30am

Holy Days and Holidays subject to change

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 27 4:30 PM**

Thomas Reid by Agnes Pero

Mary Reid by Agnes Pero

Margaret Mary Pero by Agnes Pero

Sunday, January 28 7:30 AM

Sophia Halayko by Wayne & Cathy Halayko

Robert LaCross by

Raymond Tracey & Family

Jane Heckman by Eleanor **9:00 AM****11:30AM**

Chickie Sorrentino by Frank Sorrentino

Intentions of Deacon Helmut Neurohr

by Tom and Barbara Paolucci

People of St. Ambrose **5:30 PM****Monday, January 29 6:30 AM**

People of St. Ambrose

Tuesday, January 30 9:00 AM

Gloria Maiello by Tracey Penk-Masucci

Genoa (Nonie) Johnson

by St. Ambrose Parish

Charles Horrocks by Mary Mainville

Wednesday, January 31 6:30 AM

People of St. Ambrose

Thursday, February 1 9:00 AM

John Haitko by George Giroux

Friday, February 2 6:30 AM

Communion Service

Saturday, February 3 4:30 PM

Leo DesChamps by Family

Jean Hillje by Family

George Robert Hillje by Family

William Doherty (30th Anniversary of his death) by his daughter Theresa

Sunday, February 4 7:30 AM

Teresa & Vincent Popolizio by Clara Aliberti

Gerald & Gertrude Magin by Mary Kiely

James McNicholas **9:00 AM**

by Rose Kent

Marie Bell by Laureen Sharp

Ellsworth & Stephen King **11:30AM**

By Wife & Mother

People of St. Ambrose **5:30 PM****LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Copies of liturgical ministry schedules can be found outside the sacristy as well as on the parish website. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Joan in the parish office.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday Devotion will be held on Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel. Please join us for this devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SAVE THE DATE-
JESUS DAY: FIRST RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

For students and parents
 9am - 12pm in the Parish Center

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, February 13th
 6pm in Church

RECONCILIATION

We want to welcome and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy. Saturday's 3:00-4:00 PM or by appointment. Call the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the chapel every Friday from 7 a.m. until midnight. There is a minimum of 2 volunteers assigned for each hour. There is currently a need for 1 more person to help cover the 12 noon—1 PM time slot. If you are able to help out, please contact Nancy Hooley at 518-783-3411. Any & all help would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH SUPPORT

We are a tithing parish following
 God's plan for giving

January 14, 2018 \$14,719.77

January 08, 2017 \$16,799.56

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

A PARISH WELCOME FOR THE NEW CATECHUMENS AND BAPTIZED CANDIDATES

A formal ceremony called The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens takes place today during the 9:00 liturgical celebration. The Rite of Acceptance is of great importance because it symbolizes a state of growth in the journey of faith. The Catechumens are the unbaptized and will receive all the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As God called Abraham, Moses and Sarah, and liberated the Israelites from Egypt, so too God continues to call each one of us into deeper faith and conversion. The Rite of Acceptance attempts to point to this ongoing experience of conversion and is an invitation for all of us to be consciously growing in faith.

At the same time as the Rite of Acceptance, those seeking to complete their Christian Initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. This is referred to as the Rite of Welcome.

As a Christian community, we want the catechumens and candidates to know that we will support them through prayer, through our living example, and through the help of a sponsor.

Our catechumens in the RCIA process are, Kelsey Blakeney, Jamie Pratt and Shane Alheim. Our candidates are, Meghan Forcier, Terry Peek and Stephanie Kross. We welcome each of our new members into our community of St Ambrose. Together we will grow in faith as we share our experiences of Christ and continue to change from the old person to the new.

CARDS FOR DEACON HELMUT

If you would like to send Deacon Helmut a card you can send it to the parish and we'll be sure to pass them along.

"SMART AND SIMPLE" - USING TECHNOLOGY TO GET CLOSER TO GOD, YOUR FAITH AND YOUR CHURCH

- Did you get a new gadget for Christmas and would like assistance with how to use it?
- Had a tablet for a while but want to learn more about using it?
- Looking for some suggestions on apps and resources for growing in your faith?
- Would you like to be more connected to your parish and keep updated on what is going on?

We're on a mission here at St. Ambrose and we want you to be a part of it. This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged in to the many wonderful things we have going on here. We'd be happy to help!

Questions?

Contact Tom Green in the parish office or via email Tom.Green@rcda.org



BRING YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET AND LAPTOP FOR A HANDS ON OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE WAYS YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR PARISH

SECRET OF LIFE-GIVING LOVE

Bring your Valentine to find out
The Secret of Life-Giving Love
Saturday, February 10, 2018

5:30 - 8:30 PM (after the 4PM Mass)

Corpus Christi is hosting an evening for couples to learn more about The Secret of Life-Giving Love - a session on how to enter more deeply into God's divine plan for marriage and responsible parenthood.

Join us for dinner followed by a presentation to find out more about how to enter deeply into God's divine plan for marriage and responsible parenthood

\$35 per couple in advance/\$50 per couple at the door

Questions? Call 518-877-8358

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To register online: <http://bit.ly/2BbuiGL>

FREE CANCER SCREENINGS SERIES

No-cost mammograms and more are available. FREE tests for eligible, uninsured women age 40+. Screenings take place 4 pm–6pm. For more information and to make an appointment, please call (518) 525-8680 St. Peter's Hospital Breast Center 317 South Manning Blvd. Albany, NY 12208

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5/24
8/23
10/25

WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA

April 12, 2018,
7:00 pm
Times Union Center,
Albany
Price: \$33.54 each
(Section 121)
Look for the
Worship Night
banner on our
website homepage
or
Make Checks
Payable to:
St. Ambrose Church
Attn: Justina
(by 3/15, first come,
first served)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate a Mass marking the start of Catholic Schools Week in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany on **Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Catholic school educators and community partners will be honored at the Mass.

a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



The unveiling of the Annual Diocesan Art Show at the Empire State Plaza, South Gallery, will immediately follow the Mass. The celebration of Catholic Schools Week and the art exhibit together allow the 22 Catholic schools of the Albany Diocese to tell their stories and share their talent. Student artwork will be on display through Feb. 3.



**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week 2018**

January 28 – February 3

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