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From the Pastor

In today's gospel, we read a line that goes right to the heart of ***why*** we were made and ***what*** we were made for. After healing Simon's mother-in-law and many others, Jesus finds a deserted place to pray. Simon and those with him pursue, seek out Jesus and upon finding Him say, "Everyone is looking for you." ***That is what every single one of us is doing***. Even here inside this Church that we call home, we are all looking for Jesus Christ. Some may come here and find Him every time, others can come in and feel that they still haven't found the Lord. It can vary from day to day, week to week, etc. but we still find ourselves always looking. This is true of every parish, from the Vatican to the Holy Land, our city and suburban parishes to Shrines throughout the world. We can walk into any one of them and still feel like we haven't found the Lord. Have you ever felt that way? Maybe you feel that way right now? The question then becomes, "why" do you feel that way? Over the past several months, several necessary changes have occurred that have left some feeling a sense of loss, discomfort and even questioning this very thing as well as whether this is still home? Two weeks ago, at our town hall meeting, I exposed the Blessed Sacrament for our setting, to remind us of why we are all here. We are here for the Lord, we are here and come here because we are seeking, looking for the Lord. Any other reason and we have forgotten what this is all about. We are here for Jesus Christ, we are here and keep coming back here as Simon states, "everyone is looking for you." The gospel passage for the day fit in perfectly "If a house is divided against itself, the house will not be able to stand." This point, the need to come together, was I believe heard loud and clear by all of us present when one of our teens had the courage to say just that. It is only by coming together, that we can begin to forgive, to move forward and recognize that we are here for one reason above all... we are here as we seek out the Lord individually, we are here with the hope to bring others to come to find the Lord, we are here as we kneel before Him in the Blessed Sacrament because we were made and want to always have that direct encounter with the Lord.

"Seek and you shall find," says the Lord. "Knock and the door will be opened for you." Simon in his pursuit says again, "everyone is looking for you" but are we really? Are we really looking for the Lord or are we looking for what ***we*** think is the Lord? **The only way we'll ever be able to begin to move forward, is by coming together before our true foundation, coming together before Jesus Christ, the Lord.**

Rev. B Kelly

Keep in Touch

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For more information regarding:
Mass Schedules
Ministry Schedules
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Adoration
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Faith formation schedule
Call the office at 518-785-1351
Connect with us on Facebook @saintambrosechurch
Are you receiving text and email notifications from
St. Ambrose?
Text the word **ambrose** to **84576** to opt in.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am—noon

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Save the Date–
Jesus Day: First Reconcilation
Saturday, February 10

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

First Reconcilation

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.

The 63rd Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the 63rd Annual Bishop's Appeal. The deadline to pay pledge balance is March 15. You can pay your balance online at www.thebishopsappeal.org

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.

Parish support

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

January 21, 2018	$15,533.87
January 15, 2017	$14,953.85

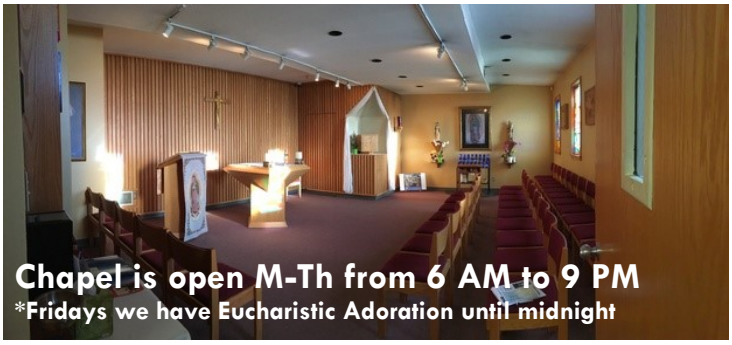
Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

Mass Intentions

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
5:30 PM
Ruth Lapierre by Trzcinski Family
Monday, February 5 **6:30 AM**
Georgiana C. Gallucci b St. Ambrose Parish
Tuesday, February 6 **9:00 AM**
Lawrence J. O'Sullivan by Sharon Burgess
Mrs. Popolizio by Clara Aliberti
Wednesday, February 7 **6:30 AM**
People of St Ambrose
Thursday, February 8 **9:00 AM**
Paul Coneski, Sr. by Mary Anne
Frederick Burgess (5th Anniversary)
by Sharon Burgess
Friday, February 9 **6:30 AM**
Communion Service
Saturday, February 10 **4:30 PM**
Donald Gradoni by Jeanette Crola & Family
Dominick Penesso by Wife & Family
Georgianna Gallucci by Jane Wagner
Esther O'Brian by Family
Sunday, February 11
Jack Holbine by Whalen's **7:30 AM**
9:00 AM
Sharon Brunick by St. Ambrose Parish
Lyda Lezzi by Lenny & Ann Capuana
Jack McFarland by Family
Melvin Fernandez by Premila Melvin
11:30 AM
Philip Mahar (2nd Anniversary) by Family
Margaret by Dufort McMarmara
by The Altar Rosary Society
Shiela Bouchard by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cullen
5:30 PM
Ruth Lapierre by Mary Agnes Zakens

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



Requests for Mass Intentions

Mass Intention requests can be submitted online on our parish website. Look for this banner.

Altar Rosary News

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday evening, February 13 for a Mardi Gras Social. We'll pray the rosary together in the chapel at 6 p.m. followed by a party at 6:30 in the meeting rooms. Bring an appetizer to share or just bring yourself and a friend. Either way, we'd love to party with you before our Lenten journey begins!

School Registration is Open!

Our school day begins as early as 7:15 a.m. Academic classes begin at 8:15 a.m., and dismissal is at 2:55 p.m. An after-care program is available to students until 5:30 p.m. Call the office for more information or to take a tour!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 8 **9:30 AM**
Mary's Circle of Love—lounge
Thursday, February 8 **7:00 PM**
Confirmation Large Group Mtg.– Parish Ctr.

WHAT GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN YOU?

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And, if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." Romans 12:6-8

Each one of you reading has unique skills and gifts. Would you prayerfully consider sharing those gifts with your parish? Do you have skills in wood working, construction or general contracting? Do you have two hours a week to assist in the office? There are many ways we could use your skills here in your parish. Please contact Deacon Andy in the parish office for more information.

Music Ministry is looking for those willing to share their talents by joining them. Do you play bass guitar, rhythm guitar, drums, piano? Perhaps you are a vocalist? No matter what instruments you play, we are inviting you to have a conversation about how you can share those talents with your parish community. Please see Tom Green after any Mass for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Copies of the liturgical ministry schedules can be found outside the sacristy and on the parish website. If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact Joan in the parish office.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name:_____

Street:_____

City:_____

Zip:_____

Phone No:_____

Please Check

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want Envelopes
- ☐ Would like information on e-giving
- ☐ Name Change (Please contact Parish Secretary)

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

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DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CTR.

The Dominican Retreat & Conference Ctr. offers several programs. They offer evening, one day and full weekend programs. A full list of the offers can be found on their website:
www. dslcny.org