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For the past few weeks at the 9am mass, we have celebrated as one community part of the *Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) for Jamie, Kelsey, Meghan, Shane, and Terry*. The dedication, encouragement and commitment by those who have helped them each step of the way, “walking with them on their journey of faith,” is enlivening as we now begin to witness the fruits of their going out and making disciples of Christ. Our RCIA team members are inspirational in their witness and what it means to live out their faith through actions, sharing what it means to them and the impact it has had on being the foundation of their own lives. During this season of Lent we have had the opportunity to not only pray for them, but in particular for the Candidates and Elect who are eager to enter into the faith more fully through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Each week I ask that you take some additional time to pray for God to continue to speak into their hearts as they make their way towards the Easter Vigil when they will receive the sacraments as together we joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

This coming **Wednesday, March 21st** from 9am – 11am, we will be hosting an **Open House for the Parish school**. The response to the decision to expand the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs in the wider community has been met with much joy as every week we have new families looking to send their younger children to the school. This is an opportunity for each of us to show our own support of the school by personally inviting a family to come and see what makes St. Ambrose stand out amongst all the other public and private schools. I ask that each of us go out of our way in particular this weekend to share this information about our

Open House Wednesday and to encourage those families if they are unable to attend, to make arrangements for a more suitable time this month.

Finally, our **April Month of Service** will be here before we know it. If you haven’t signed up, I ask that you take a few moments to see where you can share your time and talents with the community. We have numerous projects already in place and I ask that you seriously consider giving just an hour of your time. For many hands, make light work. Thank you especially to April, Suzi and Justina for not only developing their idea, but more importantly sharing their passion for service. Allowing each of us to follow their lead, their own example of wanting to give back to “our home” and surrounding community. Sign-up sheets are available in the pews and bulletin with drop off boxes located at every entrance. I thank you for your prayerful consideration and willingness to commit to what will hopefully become an ongoing effort for the parish to not only take care of “our home” but better yet, to reach out to those most in need.

Rev. R. H. G.



THANK YOU

Words cannot begin to convey our heartfelt gratitude for all the help and understanding you have given us these last few weeks. Everyone was so helpful in so many ways that we hesitate to mention names for fear of forgetting someone. Know that we are touched by your prayers, and lifted by your thoughtfulness and love.

May God bless you and keep you always.

Deacon Helmut and Vicky

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30 PM Saturday, March 17
Jim Danner by Family
Jean Mooney by The Walion Family
Richard Meher by Mary Ellen & Bill
Mandy Timkoferry by Patricia & Bobby McGee

7:30 AM Sunday, March 18
Stephen Lebentritt by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt
James J. Pender by his son
Jean Mooney by Carolyn Chabot

9:00 AM Sunday, March 18
Margaret Dufort McNamera by St. Ambrose Parish
William C. LaRow Jr. by Martino Family
Gretchen Gagnon 1st Anniversary by Ray Family
Jack Frederick by Mary Kay

11:30 AM Sunday, March 18
Dominick DeSimone by Monique & Drew Jacobs
Martin Killian by Jim & Careyann Connors

5:30 PM Sunday, March 18
People of St. Ambrose

6:30 AM Monday, March 19
Marino Franchini by Caroline M. & Jonathan DiCesare

9:00 AM Tuesday, March 20
Joseph F. Oathout by Keith & Patricia Cushing

6:30 AM Wednesday, March 21
People of St. Ambrose

9:00 AM Thursday, March 22
Julie Amedio by Family
Millie Guzy by John & Barbara Guzy

6:30 AM Friday, March 23
Communion Service

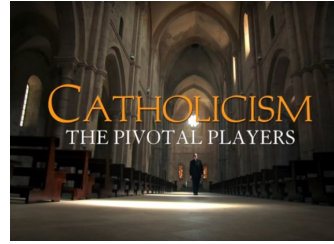
4:30 PM Saturday, March 24
Greg Harris by Fran & Dave Placido
Jean Mahan DeNyse by Nancy Maurice
Vincent Cacciotti by Wife & Family

7:30 AM Sunday, March 25
Sophie Guerin by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt
Vincent Popolizio by Clare
Jean Tracey by Raymond Tracey & Family

9:00 AM Sunday, March 25
Sharon Brunick by Janice & Michael Rayball

11:30 AM Sunday, March 25
Chickie Sorrentino by Frank Sorrentino
Rocco C. Tozzi by Lisa James
Intention of Judi Hull by Judi Hull

5:30 PM Sunday, March 25
Ruth Lapierre by Tracey Penk-Masucci



March 20
G.K. Chesterton
March 27
Michelangelo
7pm—Parish Center

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER EGG HUNT for children age 10 and younger will be held on **Saturday, March 31 at 1:00 PM**. Meet at the entrance to the school at the south parking lot. (If the weather is bad we'll be in the gym). Please bring your Easter basket to collect the eggs in.

FOOD PANTRY

In the month of **February**, we served **80 households** consisting of **180 adults** and **126 children**. Thank you to all volunteers and **YOU** who support the Food Pantry so generously.

EASTER FLOWERS & ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be purchasing flowers to decorate the altar for Easter. If you wish to help with this endeavor, your donation, in memory of a loved one or in your family's name, will be used to purchase Easter plants.

Surplus donations will be used to continue the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting the underprivileged of our parish family. More information can be found at the entrances of church as well as on the parish website. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

March 4, 2018 \$20,224.35

February 26, 2017 \$16,896.56

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

Pastoral Visitation Training for the Sick, Elderly and Homebound
April-May, 2018
Christ Our Light Catholic Church, Loudonville

Beginning Thursday, April 5th, a Six Week Formation and Skill Building Workshop entitled, "Pastoral Visitation to the Sick, Elderly and Homebound" will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. This program will be held Thursday evenings through May 10th and will provide information on: the art of pastoral visitation; communication skills; illness issues; spiritual assessment; grief and loss; suffering and faith; death and dying; ritual and sacraments in pastoral ministry; theology of pastoral care and care giving issues. Weekly sessions include presentations and interactive exercises, as well as readings. Two pastoral visits are required along with a journal process. Pre-registration is necessary and limited to 24 attendees. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 28th, 2018.

If you are interested in this training opportunity, please contact Deacon Andy Grebe at 518-785-1351, ext. 304 or by email at Andrew.grebe@rcda.org.



Light Weigh One King is a Bible Study DVD series without weigh-ins that helps you become healthy physically and spiritually.

A Light Weigh orientation meeting will be held:

Wednesday, March 21
6:30 pm in the Lounge

UPCOMING SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Let our GRADE 8 students cook for you!

Ziti Dinner

Eat in or take out

Tuesday, March 20
3:15—6:30 PM Gym
\$8.00

and

SAVE THE DATE!

Trash to Treasure Sale

April 28—29



Summer Camp

Pre-School — First Grade

June 25—August 24, 2018
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Register at www.stambroselatham.com or pick up a flyer in the church vestibule

Questions? Contact Stacey Schaffer by email at prek4.2@stambroselatham.com

FOR SALE:

We are selling about 100 student desks for \$10/each. The top is 24" wide x 18" deep.

They are adjustable in height from 23" to 31".

For any questions or to pick up, contact Andy Grebe in the church office .



**ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, March 21
9:00—11:00 am

2018/2019 Registration is now open!

Holy Week Schedule

March 25—PALM SUNDAY

7:30 9:00, & 11:30 am, 5:30 pm...*Mass with blessing & distribution of palms*

March 26—Monday

6:30 am...*Mass*

March 27—Tuesday

9:00 am...*Mass*

7:00 pm...*Pivotal Players,*

Michaelangelo in the Parish Center

March 28—Wednesday

6:30 am...*Mass*

March 29 – HOLY THURSDAY

7 pm...*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

8 pm...*Dessert Sharing followed by watching until 10:30 pm (ending with Night Prayer)*

March 30 – GOOD FRIDAY

3 pm...*Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

4 pm...*Soup Supper* in the Parish Center

March 31 – HOLY SATURDAY

1 pm.....*Easter Egg Hunt – Gym*

7:30 pm...*Easter Vigil Mass*

April 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

Masses

7:30...9:00...&...11:30 am

PLEASE NOTE...No 5:30 pm Mass

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SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Religion: In our 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Religion classes, we not only learn more about our faith, and live our faith to the best of our ability, but we also bring our faith to our younger students. Our faith lessons in March will focus on Lent, Saint Patrick and the Trinity, and then Holy Week. Look for our 7th and 8th Grade to portray the Living Stations for the students on Wednesday March 28, at 1:15. All are welcome.



8th Grade Social Studies: We have now begun our study of World War II and the United States involvement. Our students will be researching the new technology used in the war and compare it to the technology of World War I.

6th Grade Social Studies: Our students have been researching some of the world Religions and comparing them to our Catholic faith. We just completed the Faith of Islam.

5th Grade Social Studies: We are learning about the causes of the American Revolution and the effects at the conclusion of the war. We have been playing the "Taxing" game learning about why the colonies revolted.



Music 5-8: we have been learning Music theory through the use of technology. We play "Identify the Note" on the smartboard and use the Chrome Books for research and Kahoot!