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A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION FROM OUR SEMINARIAN



We say the Our Father every time we celebrate Mass as the prayer Jesus taught us. However the more literal translation of the word Jesus used (abba) would be to call God Dad, not Father. Jesus used the word for Dad instead of father to exemplify the personal intimacy of our relationship with God.

One of the greatest examples of God as our Dad comes in the parable of the prodigal son found in the Gospel of Luke (15:11-32). In that parable Jesus was showing us what it truly means to be a dad. We learn that God's love and mercy are beyond anything that we can imagine. God's favorite thing is to love and forgive us. As soon as we seek God and want him in our life we are forgiven and perfectly restored to grace as if all the bad things we had ever done never happened. God understands all our faults and weaknesses and knows that things are not as simple as being sinful and not sinful. Nothing we can do can ever make God love us less or put us beyond his ability to forgive. God only separates himself from us if we do not want him in our life and the instant we want him back he is always there as if he never left. God has no anger and holds no grudge. Each time we seek his love all the wrong we have ever done is erased and we are restored to grace and harmony with God. Even before we physically ask for forgiveness, the fact that we are seeking forgiveness is enough for God to grant it. As long as we want a relationship with God, it is always there. When we are in pain, God is in pain. When we suffer God suffers and when we are happy, God is happy.

We are all beloved Children of God; more loved than we can possibly imagine and nothing, no sin or action of ours, can ever make God love us less. The love and grace of God is freely given to all who seek it. God loves all his children equally, he has no favorites. The greatest saint or worst sinners are equal in all ways to God. One could be President of the United States or the Pope or you could be a homeless person on the street and you are still equal in all ways. No person's opinion or life is any more valuable than another's; no one is more important than another.

God loved us so much he freely chose to become human, God was tortured and suffered, God bled, and God died to redeem us all. God became like us, so that we could learn to become like him. God looks past all our faults and only sees the best in us. This is what Jesus meant when he said to call God "Dad". Happy Father's Day to all Dads.

God Bless,
Kyle



MASS INTENTIONS

4:30 PM Saturday, June 16

Father's Day Intentions

Raymond J. Hess by Anne & Sheridan Martin
Richard Bango by Doreen
Eugene Kendrick by Family
James Normile Sr by Cheryl Kirkendall

7:30 AM Sunday, June 17

Father's Day Intentions

Anna D. Mahoney by Betty Mahoney
James Pender by Son

9:00 AM Sunday, June 17

Father's Day Intentions

Janice Sabatino by Donna Sabatino
Terin Varughese by the Ushers

11:30 AM Sunday, June 17

Father's Day Intentions

For the 65th Wedding Anniversary of
Herman & Geneva Guerrette
Flavia & Vincent Esposito by the Children

5:30 PM Sunday, June 17

Father's Day Intentions

6:30 AM Monday, June 18
Rose Esposito by Barbara & Larry Numrich

9:00 AM Tuesday, June 19

People of St. Ambrose

6:30 AM Wednesday, June 20

James Falasco, Sr. by Diana & George

9:00 AM Thursday, June 21

Roger Clemente by The Staff of Dufrense &
Cavanaugh Funeral Home

Catherine Nial by Linda

Frances (Frank) Purritano, Sr by St. Ambrose

6:30 AM Friday, June 22

Communion Service

4:30 PM Saturday, June 23

Pauline DeVoe by Richard & Debbie DeVoe

Catherine Handford by Terri & Jim Fagan

Joshua Thomas Bowers by Anne, Rick & Kevin
March

7:30 AM Sunday, June 24

Bonita Fabio-Tidd by Sue Rodrod

Medaline Richardson by Sue Rodrod

9:00 AM Sunday, June 24

Frederick Ames by Chris Nougaim

11:30 AM Sunday, June 24

Ruth Lapierre by Lector Ministry

Barbara Vaughn by Delores, Darren, Emily &
Alissa

Chickie Sorrentino by Frank

5:30 PM Sunday, June 24

People of St. Ambrose

2019 Mass Intentions Register
is now open.

Masses can be requested on our
website at

www.stambroselatham.com

or at the parish office

Monday/Thursday 9—6

Tuesday/Wednesday 9—4

Friday 9—noon



SHIPWRECKED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 23—27, 2018

Parish Center

8:45 am—noon

Open to students Pre-K 4—Grade 5
(must be 4 by 7/1/18)

Join us for the best week of summer!

Amazing Experiments, Creative
Games, New Friends, Tropical
Treats, Music and Adventure!



Volunteers needed!
Grade 6 to adult

Limited to 100 campers
Register online today!



FOOD PANTRY

In the month of May we served 90
households consisting of 198 adults and
133 children.

We couldn't manage without the help of all
office staff and volunteers and YOU who
support the Food Pantry so
generously.

Thanks to all!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday in the chapel from 7:00 a.m. until midnight. There are typically at least 2 people assigned for each hour.

While you may sign up for any time that is convenient for you, we are currently in need of help from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. and 9:00-10:00 p.m. If you are able to help out, please contact Nancy Hooley at 518-783-3411. Consider giving yourself the gift of an hour before the Blessed Sacrament - you'll be glad you did! Thank you.

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

This past week the Pre-K (4-2) class

learned about cause and effect through various stories written by author Laura Numeroff. On Wednesday, the



children were introduced to the books "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" and "If You Give a Pig a Party" and we discussed the results or effects of those actions. To celebrate and connect the children further with the messages in the books, we held a pancake party with hats, blowers and pig masks. Also, in preparation of Fathers' Day, the children held a "Doughnuts with Dads" party and wrote about what would happen if you gave Dad a doughnut. The lesson we learned is that the outcomes of our actions can vary widely as demonstrated by the pictures the children prepared for their fathers. Some examples the children responded with included "Dad will want to share one with me" or "Dad would want to go to the beach" and also "Dad would want a million more".

**WE ARE SO EXCITED!**

Only 2 weeks until we host National Contemporary Christian Recording Artist the JJ Weeks Band with special guest Austin French! July 1st at 7pm. Purchase general admission tickets for \$15.00 at www.thelighthouseevents.com or stop by the office. Tickets will be \$20 at the door.

MANY THANKS

Young at Heart, who met for several years here at St. Ambrose is no longer meeting.

With their remaining funds, they have made multiple donations to the greater parish community including \$500 to the Food Pantry, portable coat racks and hangers for the parish center, as well as additional items coming soon.

Thank you to the Young at Heart group for their most generous donations.

**St. Ambrose School**

St. Ambrose School is committed to integrating the traditions of the Roman Catholic faith with academic excellence. At St. Ambrose School every person is recognized as a child of God. Through our daily interactions and activities we hope everyone in our community comes to know the depth of His love.

2018/2019

We are currently accepting registrations for Pre-K 3 through Grade 6 Before/After Care Available



Call us at 518-785-6453 to schedule a tour or visit www.stambroselatham.com to register today!



What is a Eucharistic Congress?

The word “congress” is formed from two Latin words: *con* (from of the Latin preposition *cum*, meaning “together with”) and *gressus* (“gathered,” from *grex* which mean “flock”). So “congress” is a “gathering of the flock.”

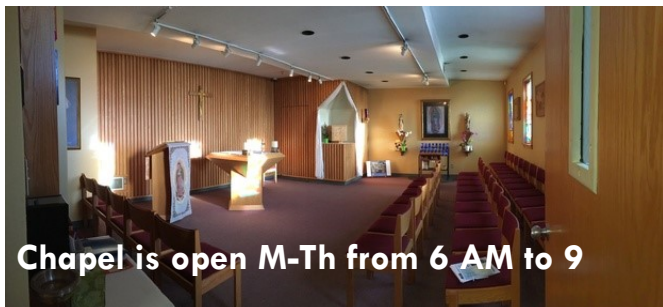
In Catholic tradition, a Eucharistic Congress is a largescale gathering of the bishop, clergy, and laity of a diocese, focused on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

History of Eucharistic Congresses

The first International Eucharistic Congress owed its inspiration to Bishop Gaston de Ségur, and was held at Lille, France, on June 21, 1881. More than 50 have been held, and are currently scheduled every four years, most recently in Dublin (2012) and the Philippines (2016).

Many dioceses hold similar annual gatherings. For example, in Atlanta, GA every year, more than 20,000 Catholics attend the local Eucharistic Congress. This is, in part, our inspiration for *Hearts Aflame*. Our hope is that it will be a joyful gathering of Catholics from every corner of our diocese!

Hearts Aflame will be held on September 22, from 9am to 3pm, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Register at rcda.org/heartsaflame



Chapel is open M-Th from 6 AM to 9



St Isaac Jogues Youth Conference FEARLESS

We are excited to invite all teens to attend the St Isaac Jogues Youth Conference on **July 13-14-15, 2018** with the youth group of St Ambrose The St Isaac Jogues Youth Conference provides a unique atmosphere to help teens to grow closer in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church more clearly and to learn how to incorporate their faith into the challenge of their everyday lives. The conference offers an opportunity for teens to hear from local and national speakers about discernment of vocation, life, sexuality and what it means to live as unique child of God. This is a 3 day conference weekend that has a focus on relational ministry between teens and the parish.

The conference will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. Rate includes conference, lodging, and meals: \$250 (4 people per room), \$267 (3 people per room), \$300 (2 people per room). Families provide their own transportation to the conference. Attendees need to register online at <https://joguesyouthconference.com/2018-registration>.

Space is limited. Payment should be dropped off or mailed to the church office by **June 19**. St. Ambrose youth ministers Adam Krywinski and Clare Daly will be attending as group leaders.

We hope you can join us!

PARISH SUPPORT

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

June 3, 2018	\$22,113.77
May 14, 2017	\$15,311.38

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