



# Saint AMBROSE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Congratulations, graduates! June is filled with graduation parties. St. Ambrose Church is hosting a celebration! This weekend, before, during, and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, all teens are invited to join us as we honor our high school seniors. As part of the festivities, I'd like to introduce you to one of my favorite Catholic writers.

**An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.** –G.K. Chesterton

I initially encountered Chesterton while researching quotations on adventure for a college essay. I loved the almost playful use of language. He's basically saying that the exact same situation can be seen in two very different ways depending on our perspective. When something doesn't go our way, do we immediately complain? Or, do we ask God to reveal to us how this situation helps build our character?

As an English minor, I wondered why I'd never heard of Chesterton before! In addition to being a prolific writer, he had a fascinating spiritual journey.

Chesterton was baptized in the Church of England, raised Unitarian, and became agnostic/atheistic. His experience of profound evil inspired him to seek out goodness. It led him back to Christianity. He eventually converted from Anglicanism to Catholicism.

There's a beautiful letter he wrote to his then-fiancée Frances. He summarizes his life before he met her. There were moments of joy and moments of regret. He concludes by saying, "Here ends my existence. Take it: it led me to you."

As graduates start new jobs, travel, or begin college, it's important they hold themselves to a high standard while also being gentle with themselves. Like Chesterton, whether we triumph or make mistakes, it can add to the tapestry of our life and, if we allow it, can lead us closer to the One we love.

Wherever life may lead, we are always invited to experience God's transformative and authentic love through the sacraments. According to St. Augustine, "To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

Clare C. Daly, Youth Minister

Lighthouse PRESENTS

## JJ WEEKS BAND

SUN. JUL. 1  
7:00PM

ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
347 OLD LOUDON ROAD  
LATHAM, NY 12110

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST  
AUSTIN FRENCH

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[THELIGHHOUSEEVENTS.COM](http://THELIGHHOUSEEVENTS.COM)

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION | \$12 GROUPS OF 10+

**Next Sunday**  
**Join Us & Bring a Friend!**  
**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Parish Center**

**General Admission \$15 in advance/\$20 at the Door**  
**Tickets Available at**  
**[TheLighthouseEvents.Com](http://TheLighthouseEvents.Com)**  
**or at the Parish Office**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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  
 David Cook by Vincent Cook

**9:00 AM Sunday, June 24**  
 Frederick Ames by Chris Nougheim

**11:30 AM Sunday, June 24**  
 Ruth Lapierre by Lector Ministry  
 Barbara Vaughn by Dolores, Darren, Emily &  
 Alissa

Chickie Sorrentino by Frank

**5:30 PM Sunday, June 24**  
 People of St. Ambrose

**6:30 AM Monday, June 25**  
 People of St. Ambrose

**9:00 AM Tuesday, June 26**  
 James Parker by wife, Mary  
 Gerald Jacobson by Sissman Family

**6:30 AM Wednesday, June 27**  
 People of St. Ambrose

**9:00 AM Thursday, June 28**  
 Terin Varughese by Barbara & Armand Guerin  
 Keith Kinnicutt by St. Ambrose Parish  
 Mary Ann Kennedy by John Kennedy

**6:30 AM Friday, June 29**  
 Communion Service

**4:30 PM Saturday, June 30**  
 Shirley Wagner by Sharon Burgess  
 Brenda Wolf by Laureen Sharp  
 Martin Killian by Wife & Children  
 Thomas Clear by Brother Don & Garry Lavine  
 Lori Wright by Judy & Kevin Burris

**7:30 AM Sunday, July 1**  
 Jack Fortier by Howe Family

**9:00 AM Sunday, July 1**  
 Richard P. Jacobson by Sissman Family

**11:30 AM Sunday, July 1**  
 Ellsworth & Stephen King by Wife/Mother  
 Terin Varughese by Anna Varughese

**5:30 PM Sunday, July 1**  
 Ruth Lapierre by Lector Ministry

*Mass intentions are available on our website or  
 during office hours:*

Monday/Thursday 9am—6pm  
 Tuesday/Wednesday 9am—4pm  
 Friday 9am—noon

## PARISH SUPPORT

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

June 10, 2018	\$15,320.13
June 4, 2017	\$23,623.65

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

### BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

To date our Parish Response to the  
 Bishop's Appeal has been:

357 Parish Families of our 2,184 Parish  
 Families have donated or pledged:  
 \$107,560 toward our Parish  
 Assessment of: \$ 153,000.  
 Thanks for your generosity!

If you have not made your 2018 Bishop's  
 Appeal Gift or Pledge we would ask that  
 you do so in the next few weeks. With  
 gifts to the Bishop's Appeal from all the  
 Parish we will, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, reach our  
 assessment and continue our support of  
 those who will benefit from the Annual  
 Bishop's Appeal in the coming year.

## 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!**



**HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!**

St. Ambrose School has openings for children from age three through sixth grade, but the classes are filling up fast.

If you, or anyone you know with young children who would benefit from being in a nurturing learning environment where the Catholic faith is integrated in everything we do consider St. Ambrose School.



Here at St. Ambrose we provide low student-teacher ratios allowing for individualized attention. We also offer a tech based curriculum where children learn using Chrome Books and iPads, and our classrooms have interactive boards. Most importantly we have a staff that is dedicated ensuring that every child who attends is given the attention he/she needs to develop life and academic skills at an age appropriate level.



Our programs include early care, beginning at 7:15 AM, and after care where we can offer children a safe place to complete their homework, socialize, and play until 5:30 PM. Both early and after care programs are staffed by

teachers and are provided at a minimal cost. ***Call (518)785-6453 to schedule a tour and see for yourself what a great opportunity St. Ambrose offers.***

**Summer Fun!**

We're having a **teens/adults softball game** on Thursday, June 28 from 6:30-8:30pm at the field at St. Ambrose. Bring equipment if you can. If you know anyone else who'd like to play, it's open to all.

For more information contact April at [april.tessarzik@gmail.com](mailto:april.tessarzik@gmail.com)

**ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL**

The end of the school for Pre-K 4.1 was certainly a busy one! In May, we learned about our Mother Mary and the Rosary. We made our own rosaries that we used when we visited the statue in front of our church. We also attended a May Crowning. Later in the month, we had a special Moms and Muffins Celebration and our moms were invited to come to school and listen to songs that we learned for them and have a snack with us.



Fun was had by all on Field Day! We especially loved the Bouncy Bounce, Tug-O-War and potato sack games! We had a fun treat of freeze pops and ice cream for coming in 2nd place for the classroom bringing in the most money for our Race For Education! Thank you to all who made that possible.

Our last theme for the school year was the Circus! We had fun under the big top hanging up in our classroom. Our final days were spent learning songs for our Dads for their turn to come to school for their celebration of Dads and Donuts. We have been hard at work rehearsing for our graduation that will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all the 2018 graduates from the Pre-K 4.1 class! It's been a great year and thanks for choosing to start your child's educational journey here at St. Ambrose School!





**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.

**THE EVANGELIST SUBSCRIPTION**

- ☐ Add my name to the subscription list, here is my \$18.00/year  
☐ Continue my subscription to the Evangelist, here is my \$18.00/year

☐ Please contact me with information regarding the following ministry (ministries):

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**Unity with the Shepherd**

A Eucharistic Congress is a display of unity under the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who is also symbolized by the local bishop. Typically a Eucharistic Congress is declared by the bishop and presided over by him.

That's the case in our diocese, too. Put simply: this gathering is Bishop Ed's idea! He'll also be the main celebrant and speaker on September 22. Our vision is for Catholics from every corner of the diocese to gather with him in prayer and fellowship.

*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](http://rcda.org/heartsaflame)*

**Weekly Masses**

*Experience Mass in a whole new way!  
One Hour/Once a Month*

Did you know we have multiple ways you can enhance your participation at Mass? Prayerfully consider joining one of the ministries listed below. All ages welcome, training is provided, scheduling is on a rotating basis and the best part is you're already here!

Contact the office at 518-785-1351, ext. 303 for more information.

Altar Servers  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Greeters  
 Lectors  
 Media  
 Music  
 Sacristans  
 Ushers



**American Red Cross** | Blood Services

**Donate Blood**  
**Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**1:00—6:00 pm**  
**St. Ambrose Parish Center**