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**MASS TIMES: SATURDAY 4PM, SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM, MONDAY-THURSDAY 12:10PM**



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## “Long live Christ the King”



In 1925, Blessed Miguel Pro was ordained a priest. He lived in Mexico but studied in Spain. At the time, Mexico had instituted a number of laws aimed at suppressing the Catholic Church.

Clergy were persecuted and regular people were limited in how they could practice their faith. Churches were closed and the clergy went underground. In 1926, he returned to Mexico to minister under these dire circumstances.

God would use Miguel's gifts in his ministry. As a child, Miguel was known for being good-humored. He was known for his practical jokes and brought joy to his family. As a priest, he found ways to minister to people creatively. Since he could not wear clerical garb publicly, he would wear disguises and exercise his ministry undercover. He would also provide for the needs of the poor.

Eventually, in November of 1927, he was caught and accused of an assassination attempt that he had no part in. He was condemned to die. As he was brought before the firing squad, he blessed those who were about to execute him. When he reached the place of his execution, he knelt down to pray. He refused a blindfold and as he stood before those who were to kill him, he stretched out his arms in the form of

the cross with a rosary in one hand and a crucifix in the other. He then exclaimed to the firing squad “*May God have mercy on you! May God bless you! Lord, Thou knowest that I am innocent! With all my heart I forgive my enemies!*” With his final words he shouted out “*Viva Cristo Rey!*” “Long live Christ the king!”

As we begin Advent, preparing for the arrival of our king, I think we would do well to remember what sort of king Jesus is. He does not exalt in earthly power and might but instead becomes the servant of all, humbly dying for the sins of the world. Blessed Miguel Pro modeled the life and death of his king, forgiving his persecutors and dying for a crime he did not commit, all out of love and service to Christ.

In our culture, we don't have absolute monarchs but rather elected officials. Still, with those positions come power and prestige. What would it look like if Jesus was our king? He models a very different sort of leadership. He washes the soles of his disciples' feet. He tells us that “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mk 10:45). He shows us a different way and shows us that the path to greatness is not in power but in service.

-Tom  
Acemoglu





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St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

## ADULT FORMATION

### CALLING ALL MOMS.

They say it takes a village; so let's build one together!



We are starting a Catholic mom's group and we want YOU to join us.

ALL moms are welcome: trying mothers to empty nesters. There is so much to share and learn from one another at every stage.

We'll talk about our faith and the joys/challenges of raising children in the Catholic faith. We will also enjoy small group time with moms with children of similar age, accompanied by a mentor mom, to share ideas and build relationships.

Contact Darlene at 518-496-1886 for more information.

**\*\*We are looking for volunteers (specially mentor moms): please call if interested!\*\***

Meetings are the first Sunday of each month during the Faith Formation hour: Sundays from 9:50AM -10:50AM



## St. Ambrose Bible Study

**Thursdays @ 7pm via ZOOM**

We cover all parts of the Bible in an approachable way even for first time attendees. E-mail your contact information to [thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org) to join!



## Mass & Adult Formation Sessions

December's Topic:

### Church on a Mission: A Vision of How St. Ambrose Can Serve

What is the Church's mission to others? How are we as a parish called to serve? Come and explore what service can be here and how you can make a difference. See you 9:50am-10:50am on December 12th in Room 312 of the school.

For more information, contact Tom Acemoglu: [thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org](mailto:thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org)



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



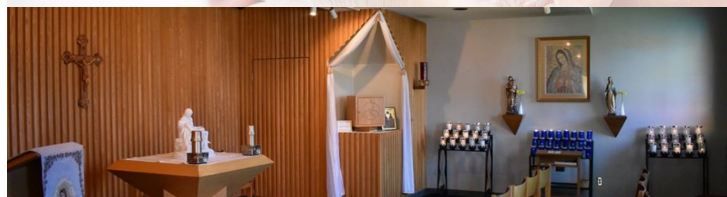
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The Latham-Colonie  
Knights of Columbus.

**Saturday, December 11th**

**8:00am-12:30pm**

**328 Troy-Schenectady Road**

To schedule your appointment visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1 800 RED CROSS.



10am in the Chapel on 12/4/21

Please bring your rosary & a mask if you're unvaccinated.



## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



We will be providing Christmas assistance for the food pantry clients. We are requesting donations of grocery store gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$15, etc. We appreciate the generosity of the St Ambrose community. Please donate by December 12th.

## Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve  
Mass Streamed  
ONLINE  
4:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass  
4pm in Church & Parish Center

Midnight Mass  
12am in Church

Christmas Day Masses  
9am and 11am in Church  
& Parish Center





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### KEEP IN TOUCH

Website: [www.stambroselatham.com](http://www.stambroselatham.com)  
Facebook: [@stambrosechurch](https://www.facebook.com/stambrosechurch)  
Email: [salatham@rcda.org](mailto:salatham@rcda.org)  
Are you receiving text and email notifications from St. Ambrose? Text the word ambrose to 84576 to opt in.

### MARIAN CONSECRATION MASS

The RCDA Marian Consecration Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 8th, at 12:15pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate this annual mass to renew the Consecration to Jesus through Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. If you cannot attend in person, you can watch live, or tune into the recording of the event at your convenience, on the Diocesan YouTube account. For more information, go to [www.rcda.org/marianconsecration](http://www.rcda.org/marianconsecration)

### PRAYER MINISTRY: COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS — A NOVENA TO ST. MONICA

Prayer is essential in our lives; let's pray as a parish that those who have wandered from the church will return. Michael Dubruel, in his book, The Church's Most Powerful Novenas, lists three main benefits of praying a novena, a set form of prayer for 9 consecutive days. "First, it helps develop the daily habit of prayer; it reinforces a sense that God is our Father and that he loves us and it teaches us the benefits of praying with others to God. This is especially true when we participate in communal novenas such as those said in informal groups or ongoing novenas in parishes."

**Come Home for Christmas will be our ongoing parish novena and will begin on Sunday, November 28th.**

Please join us in prayer; simply pick up a prayer card at the entrances of the church and pray the novena daily! The 3rd cycle of the novena ends on December 24th, Christmas Eve. May our church be filled to overcapacity on Christmas and every day thereafter!

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Sunday Before & After Masses



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesdays  
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
in Church**

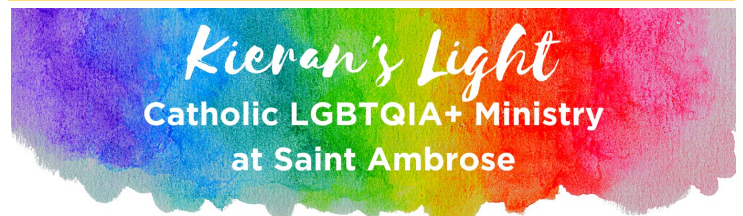
IF YOU ARE VACCINATED, YOU NO LONGER NEED TO WEAR A MASK. IF YOU ARE UNVACCINATED, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

### BIBLE STUMPER

**Which of the following is a Gift of the Holy Spirit, as described in the New Testament?**

- A) Faith
- B) Speaking in Tongues
- C) Teaching
- D) All of the above

Source: *The Complete Book of Bible Basics* by Mark D. Taylor, 2005.



**Meetings Sunday at 9:40AM  
in Parish Office Conference Room**

For questions, or to be added to the flocknote list, email Robyn: [robyn.spateholts@rcda.org](mailto:robyn.spateholts@rcda.org)

**Answer: D) All of the above**



## SCHOOL UPDATE

### What's new in Physical Education?



What a great start to the year! Being able to be back in the gym has been so much fun. We have been able to bring back many of the games the children missed. We're still playing outside as much as possible-it's so nice to have the choice!

An amazing Eagle Scout from the parish redid the outside basketball court, and repainted the swing set-he did an outstanding job. We are so thankful that he thought of us! I am able to use the outdoor court with every class in the school- preschool to 6th grade!

I am truly blessed to work at such a school.

May the joy of God's love fill you this season.

Coach Loughlin



### FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Lily Spera, Principal

Kelly Sano, Secretary





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## OFFERTORY

Current Year

11/14/2021:

\$17,377.51

Previous Year

11/16/2020:

\$13,076.50



ONLINE GIVING

Always forgetting  
your envelopes?  
Switch to online giving:  
[stambroselatham.com/egiving](http://stambroselatham.com/egiving)

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY — NEW LOCATION FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER REQUEST BOOK

The Intercessory Prayer Request Book that was in the back of the church is now located in the chapel along with the prayer request cards. This new location will give you more access to it, as the chapel is open for private devotion from 6am-9pm daily.

In addition, we would like to establish a prayer chain whereby anyone who can dedicate prayer time to our parish prayer requests would be willing to pray for these needs.

If interested in being a part of the prayer chain that prays for these intentions, please call the parish office and leave your name with Michelle: 518-785-1351.

## HAILEY'S CORNER



I have on good  
authority that  
anyone who  
makes me a  
doggy treat  
Advent  
Calendar, gets  
a free pass into  
Heaven!

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

## Giving Tree 2021

Please return all gifts (wrapped  
or unwrapped) by

**Sunday December 12th**

with the tag securely affixed  
to the gift.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 27th — 4pm

Sam Alberti  
Patrick O'Hanlon  
Mary T. Connolly  
Louis Lent  
Edwin Sewell  
Helen Kuentzel

### Sunday, November 28th — 9am

Patrick Coultry  
David R. Nichols  
Blaise Agnew  
Adele Mizwa  
Bruce Wasserman

### Sunday, November 28th — 11am

Patricia M. O'Brien  
Fran Fiegler

### Monday, November 29th — 12:10pm

Teofilo Dimay  
Edwin Dimay  
Stevenson Dimay  
Renato Dimay

### Tuesday, November 30th — 12:10pm

The People of St Ambrose

### Wednesday, December 1st — 12:10pm

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### Thursday, December 2nd — 12:10pm

Cathy DiSchino