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



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In our First Reading from Acts of the Apostles, Paul continues his mission of building churches. As Catholics, we're often just used to our churches just sort of being there. Many of our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters have more recent experiences of building a new congregation and setting up a new place of worship. But once upon a time our parish was brand new. It's been almost a hundred years since our parish was founded at its old location (where Dufresne and Cavanaugh Funeral Home now resides). It was founded by Fr. Dwyer who saw that there was a real need to minister to the Catholics in the rural area north of Albany. In the 50's then-pastor Monsignor Cronin worked to get the growing parish a larger church and a new school to better serve the community and we've been here ever since.

My office has inherited a great deal of documents, photos, yearbooks, news clippings, etc. from when our parish was established. In my office I have immense ledgers that Fr. Dwyer used as scrapbooks giving every detail regarding the parish's founding and it's life in the first decade or so of the parish's founding. That, along with other mementos tell the story of a parish that has had a robust parish life over the course of the decades. I have had many conversations with parishioners, some of whom go back to when our parish was at its original location, and the stories are interesting, funny, illuminating, and inspiring. Over the years, I've had the chance to share some of that research into the parish's history with the rest of the community but there's so much more to tell.

In many ways, our parish has never stopped being established. Over the decades we've adapted to the times and the Holy Spirit has inspired us in countless ways. In my lifetime, I experienced a profound encounter with Jesus through our parish's dynamic youth ministry when I was in high school. We've gone on pilgrimage and have done mission trips all over the place. God has never ceased to renew this community and I feel like we're gaining new experiences of renewal through our ministries and with our partnership with Catholic Central School. In going through our historical documents, one thing that has stood out to me is that we do seem to have some foundational "charisms" (as they are called in religious orders), foundational principals that God seems

to remind us of, even if some of us forget. These include a commitment to serve those most in need, dynamic ways of being in community, and taking special care of our youth. A worthy conversation we could have as a parish would involve detailing those foundational charisms and perhaps recommitting ourselves to them.

In light of this, two parts from our First Reading stand out to me. The first is Paul's exhortation that *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God"* (Acts 14:22). This is something we need to be reminded of in every age. A parish is the Kingdom of God in microcosm. It's a place where the unjust policies of an unfair world should no longer hold sway. If we live the reality of parish properly, we become a place where the sinner is forgiven, the poor are provided for, and the burdened experience relief. We need a reminder that this comes at a price. If we live the reality of church properly, we will be misunderstood, ridiculed and perhaps persecuted. But from its very founding, church communities were the best alternative to society when it is at its most ruthless and unforgiving. There is a joy and a peace that comes from being part of this band of believers and the more we rely on one another, the stronger we all become.

The other line that stands out to me is that *"They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commend them to the Lord in who they had put their faith"* (Acts 14:23). It would be a great tragedy if you come worship with us every Sunday but don't feel like you know the wider community, particularly the people that are our beloved elders. My friends, I cannot say this strongly enough: there are remarkable people here at this parish that you should meet (and you are one of those remarkable people too!). I'm fortunate enough to skate along the different groups of people that make up our community but not all of us get that chance. There is a wealth of wisdom and life experience that is begging to be shared, as well as new gifts from those just joining us. Let us be a Church together, sharing our gifts, honoring the legacy that precedes us and preparing a way for those who will come after us.

-Tom Acemoglu



MAY 15, 2022

## The Feast of the Ascension Masses: Thursday May 26th @ 12:10p & 5:30p.

### UNITE IN PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The Albany Chapter of Magnificat is uniting in prayer for peace in our world. Please join us by simply setting your clock or phone for 6:30 p.m. daily and at that time, stop for a moment, pray 3 Hail Mary's for peace throughout the world. We will unite in prayer for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and peace throughout the world.

### Kieran's Light

Catholic LGBTQIA+ Ministry  
at Saint Ambrose

Meetings Sunday at 12pm  
in the Parish Office

Join us Sunday, May 22 for our next workshop, at 12:00pm in the Parish Center. We enjoyed her presentation so much that we've asked Lisa Puckey to return. This workshop's topic will be "How to Be A Good Ally". Come! Listen, enjoy, eat pizza, and have your questions answered.

## CAMP VERITAS ENROLL NOW!

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Volunteers (18+) come free at some sites, and are needed! Get more details at [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org).

St. Ambrose, Latham, New York



Special listening session for  
the LGBTQ community, their  
friends, family and allies

June 2, 2022

6:30p-8:30p, prayer service  
beginning at 6:30p.

Please join us as we welcome the Bishop for a special  
listening session for the LGBTQ community. Come voice  
your questions, concerns, and recommendations.



St. Ambrose Church Parish Center,  
347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY

### BAPTISMAL PREP MINISTRY

Are you interested in sharing your faith and meeting other Catholic parents? Consider a ministry with our Baptismal Preparation Program! Baptismal Prep families meet with Baptismal parents to help prepare them for the Sacrament, and then keep up with them throughout their child's first year after Baptism. This creates closeness between the families and encourages Christian community! We will train you. All that's required is a heart for service! Reach out to Darlene for more details: 518-496-1886.

## NIGHT of PRAISE

"BY REQUEST ONLY"  
5/19 @ 6PM

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE SONG  
ALONG WITH A BRIEF  
EXPLANATION OF WHY YOU'VE  
CHOSEN THE SONG

Learn more and submit your song at  
<https://stambroselatham.com/night-of-praise>



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## ADULT FORMATION



### Mass & Adult Formation Sessions

9:50am Sundays in the Chapel

### Living the Mystery

Starting with the Sunday after Easter, new initiates into the Church enter into a special period where they explore the sacramental life of the Church and as a parish we're all going to do the same thing. How can we let the Sacraments breathe life into our daily lives? How can they be points of contact with the divine, transforming our lives and the lives of those around us?

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

### St Ambrose Mom's Ministry.



"I love this group and appreciate the mix of Bible readings/prayers, reflections, support, fellowships, and now activities and retreats."

Join us the first Sunday of each month in Room 312 of the school from 9:50AM -10:50AM

AND

The second Wednesday of the month from 6PM-7PM in the lounge

"This group is a welcome breath of fresh air!"

"Feels good to have such loving/supportive women and mothers to turn to."

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

### 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!



## GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1130 COOKIE SALE



The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after the following masses:

**SAT. 4/30**

**SUN. 5/1**

**SAT. 5/7**

**SAT. 5/14**

**SUN. 5/22**

Limited Supplies Available

## THANK YOU FROM THE GARDEN CLUB

Eight of us worked under lightly cloudy skies on Saturday morning, May 7th, to prepare our garden areas for the blooms to come. This work will continue with various gardening tasks through the summer. A sincere THANK YOU to all who volunteered time to help with this effort and to those who work in our gardens on an ongoing basis.

-MarySue Ray & Noreen Fisk



Mary's Circle of Love meets once a month on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We pray, share faith stories, laugh, and eat.

For more details please call Mary Kay (518-366-9741) or Marion (518-785-1992).



## SCHOOL UPDATE

### Pre-K is making sense of things!

In Ms.L's class this week we are learning all about our 5 senses! We have been having so much fun doing different activities and figuring out which senses we had to use during the activity. Ms.L has also tried playing some tricks on the children, like during our taste test. The children used their sense of taste to find different flavors of different foods and decide whether or not they liked them. After trying the lemon and lime many of my friends were not fans, as you can tell by their faces in the pictures! We also made popcorn using all of our senses to make observations about what happened as it cooked.



We are getting ready to head into the final stretch of the school year over here in Pre-K3! We are continuing to work on writing our names and almost have it down pat. We are also continuing to work on our letter, number and shape recognition each day. In math we are working on counting, one to one correspondence and comparing. We are eager to get to summer but soaking up the last few weeks of Pre-K3!

#### FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Lily Spera, Principal  
Kelly Sano, Secretary



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## OFFERTORY

Current Year

5/1/2022:

\$15,393.88

Previous Year

5/2/2021:

\$16,745.36



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Always forgetting  
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## PUBLICATION REQUEST



## HAILEY'S CORNER



After talking to my Dad, he has informed me I am, in fact, NOT qualified to offer absolution in exchange for belly rubs.

Still accepting belly rubs.

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 14th — 4pm

Patricia "Pat" O'Brien  
Leonard Tremblay  
Frances Pazzo  
Mary McElroy  
Rosemary Kennedy

### Sunday, May 15th — 9am

Merlyn Kelly Riley  
Andrew Napierski  
Barbara Stupp  
Jane Giunta  
Bob Miller

### Sunday, May 15th — 11am

Virginia & Philip Mahar  
Mary Desisto  
Vittorio Renda  
Robert Sharlow

### Monday, May 16th — 12:10pm

Deceased members of the Jones Family

### Tuesday, May 17th — 12:10pm

Rosalita Biazon  
Barbara Paolucci  
Angeline Neary

### Wednesday, May 18th — 12:10pm

Virginia & Philip Mahar

### Thursday, May 19th — 12:10pm

Arline Fabio  
Priscilla Hogan  
Gerald & Jackie Colpoys

**St Ambrose, pray for us.**

## Volunteer With Us!

### The Red Cross needs:

- Caseworkers
- Mental Health Professionals
- Greeters at Blood Drives
- Drivers for Regional Deliveries
- Disaster Action Team Members

### Questions?

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