20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

When we look around our church, especially during the summer months, we see room to spare within each pew. We take time for ourselves to go on a long deserved vacation, to make day trips, relax during the Summer months when the kids are out of school and we have the opportunities to get out and enjoy the sunshine and God's beautiful gift He created in the world He called into being. It is a time also for us to reflect upon the joys we've been blessed with in life, those fortunate opportunities that arise sometimes on short notice, to just get out of the house, away from work, to enjoy some time with family and friends who mean so much to us. There is however, when these moments are over, some sense of relief for us as we return to our homes, back into our routines and back to our comfort zones. Now you're probably asking, what does this have to do with my parish? Well it's quite simple...as we walk through those front doors we feel in the most significant way, that we have really now, returned home. For that is what our parish is, our home. Home in the sense that it is in our churches, where our faith began through our baptism so many years ago, that we come to see, that this is not only where we truly belong, but is where we know with certainty that we are in our true home, home once more with the Lord. And how great a feeling we can get during the time that we spend here, maybe not every second for we can be easily distracted or just not feeling it in that moment, but still there is a sense of comfort, a sense of calm, a sense of peace that we cannot help but feel, even for just a second, as we spend our time here. And that single moment, is where we can feel that God truly is with us, that whatever we're going through is going to be alright, it can be the second that we could go so far as to change our course in life forever, all in the comfort of our being with the Lord...being with Him in His and our shared home.

As the summer weeks become fewer and fewer, this is a great time for us to reflect upon the many great aspects that make you say in your own way, St Ambrose, is my home. This is my parish. This is where I come to worship the Lord, to find His peace, the place that I go to encounter and receive Him in the Eucharist, for this is where I feel I belong. Going further, as you look to your left and your right, when you see that space, what do you feel? When you see those pews start to slowly fill back in, what joy does that bring as you see familiar faces once more? Finally we should ask ourselves, is there room for more? Jesus tells us, go and make disciples of all the nations, meaning it is up to us, you and I together, to see that there is not only room for one more, but we are the ones the Lord has called upon to personally invite to fill that space so that they too can encounter the Lord as we do in our own way and in time begin to call this place their own home. For our personal invitation, our reaching out, is what fills events that we have planned, our invitation that made those last minute summer get togethers possible and truly memorable. It is through this witness and invitation that we can fill our home, our church and our school to the seams, so that everyone can come to share in our beloved home. So this week, I ask and call upon each of us, you and I together, to personally invite someone to mass, to tell them about our parish school, to be a true disciple and witness...to give one more person the opportunity to see that they may not have known that they've been looking for the right place for so long, maybe not going at all or to some other parish and just feeling like something is missing. Help them to see that in coming here, they can see, that St Ambrose truly is a place to feel like and call home.

Fr. Kelly
**Stewardship**

**Following “God’s Plan for Giving”**

August 13, 2017 $18,010.59

August 14, 2016 $16,169.89

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

This weekend please welcome Br. Joseph Jozwiak. He is the principal of CBA Syracuse who will be speaking on behalf of Mission Cooperative. Because we are tithing parish there will be no second collection. A contribution will be made on the parish’s behalf.

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**The Bishop’s Appeal**

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, NY**

Thank you for your generous response to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal. The amount raised thus far is **$123,299.40** with a total of **398** pledges and gifts. The vital ministries supported by this annual appeal depend on you and your generosity. Your gift helps St. Ambrose Parish pay its diocesan assessment of **$152,989**.

Pledge envelopes are available in the church and donations can also be made online at: www.thebishopsappeal.org Many thanks for your support!

Fr. Brian Kelly

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**TRUCK FOR SALE**

1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Pick-Up

$1,500.00

Contact Deacon Andy at the parish office

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**You may have noticed that the Mary statue has been removed. It has been sent out for maintenance.**

**Save-the-Date**

**Parish Festival**

Come Join Our Parish Family for food, fun and fellowship.

**Sunday, September 24th**

More info to come!
A heartfelt thank you to Sue Hamilton and all of the dedicated middle school, teen & adult volunteers who made the week so awesome for over 100 campers!
MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ambrose Parish, Latham, New York believe that, through our faith and baptism, we have been called to give witness to the values of Jesus as expressed in the gospel and teachings of our Church.

As individuals and as a Parish Family we strive to:

- Develop our spiritual life, Spread the Gospel message,
- Respect the human dignity and rights of all persons
- Support family life: the role of married couples, singles, youth and children
- Share our time, energy, talent and resources

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to make choices and decisions that will reflect and give evidence of what we say we believe and value as a Catholic Christian Faith Community.

PARISH STAFF
Rev. Brian Kelly, Pastor x301
Deacon Helmut Neurohr, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Frank Garceau, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Andrew Grebe, P.A. for Business & Admin. x304
Tom Accemoglu, P.A. for Evangelization & Catechesis x307
Justina Treventi, Faith Formation Admin. Asst. x303
Mark Trudeau, Life Teen for High School and Jr. High x309
Tracey Penk-Masucci, Parish Administrative Asst. x303
Joan Welch, Parish Secretary x321
Thomas Green, Parish Music Director

PARISH TRUSTEES
Mary Stewart / Stephen Green

OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
Friday 9:00am–12 noon

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
518-785-6453
Website: www.stambroselatham.org
E-Mail: principal@stambroselatham.com
Ernest Casile, Principal
Kelly Sano, Secretary

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION
Saturday, 3:00 PM or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE
Congratulations! So that proper preparation may be made, please call the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date. Either the bride or groom should be a registered parishioner of St. Ambrose parish.

RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith. Welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for program details.

VOCATION
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM
Congratulations! If you wish to arrange preparation for baptism, please call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Ambrose parish.

Mass Intentions

Monday – August 21 Saint Pius X, Pope
6:30 AM Parish Intentions
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Tuesday – August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Edward Drago by The Staff of Defresne & Cavanaugh Funeral Home

Wednesday – August 23 Weekday
6:30 AM Mary Nadeau by Husband Ben
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Thursday – August 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
6:30 AM Communion Svc at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:00 AM Rita & John Corbett, Sr. by Children & Grandchildren

Friday – August 25 Weekday
6:30 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday – August 26 Weekday
4:30 PM Louis Muscatello by Antoinette Muscatello
Gretchen Gagnon by RCIA
Timothy D. Butler by Claire
Donald J. Waters by St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday – August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Ann Carvill by Barbara & Donald Lebentritt
Rose Marie Oleowyryk 1st Anniversary by Family
9:00 AM Rose Esposito by John & Lynn Estep
Richard Ryan by Nolles Family
Joseph Wingo by Daughters
James E. Sharp by Laureen Sharp
11:30 AM Polercarpo, Bitancor, Sr. by Family
Christine Moran by Renee & Abby hallack
Deacon Leo Rayball by Rayball Family

5:30 PM Life Teen – People of St. Ambrose

Calendars & Schedules

Sunday – August 20
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr

Monday – August 21
7:00 PM Core-Chapel

Tuesday – August 22
9:00-3:00 Life Teen Summer Service
7-8:30 PM Deep End-Lounge

Wednesday – August 23
9:00-3:00 Life Teen Summer Service
6:00-8:00 PM AA, ALANON, ALATEEN-Meeting Rms
7:00 PM Prayer Group-Chapel

Thursday – August 24
9:00-3:00 Life Teen Summer Service
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Friday – August 25
6 AM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

Saturday – August 26
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions-Chapel

Sunday – August 27
After 5:30 Mass Life Teen-Parish Ctr
The Community of Mary, Mother of Mercy will sponsor a Mass and Holy Hour in support of priests on Saturday, September 2, 2017, Coliseum Church, Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, NY

Confession at 10:15 AM
Mass at 11:00 AM
Followed by Holy Hour
Celebrant: Father Francis O'Connor

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2017

MONEY COUNTERS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH
Team #3—Barbara Stampfli, Richard Lasky & George Parker

MONEY COUNTERS, MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH
Team #2—Pat, Jan & Mike Rayball

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