

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



Saint Ambrose  
CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 10, 2017



## *Advent Prayer for Peace*

*Grant us, O Lord  
peace in our days,  
peace in our hearts,  
peace in our families.  
Peace in our country,  
peace in our nations.*

*Make our lives a  
prayer of peace  
for the world.*



# THIS WEEK | *Mark Your Calendars*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am - 10:00 am Breaking Open the Word (PLCJPII)  
 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Adopt-a-Patch Birthday Party (LCLK)  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Cub Scouts Bear Den Meeting (LCMT)  
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm FIAT Nights (HH1-3)  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Babysitting for Colton Dixon Concert (SLL1-3)  
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Renewal Team (LCLK)  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Colton Dixon Concert (C)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration (CC)  
 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm 12 Days of Christmas (PLCMT)  
 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm 12 Days of Christmas (HH1-4)  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Divorce Care (LCJN)  
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Catholic Works of Mercy (LCMT)  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm School Advisory Board (PLCJPII)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am - 11:00 am Sarah's Circle (LCMK)  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Angels Choir (C)  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm YM Leadership Team (PLCJPII)  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Ministry of Praise (CC)  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Overeater's Anonymous (LCMT)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus Project (LCFM)  
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Advent Communal Penance (C)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 am - 10:00 am SAS+ Yoga (PLCMT)  
 9:00 am - 10:30 am Building & Grounds Meeting (PLCJPII)  
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Scripture Study (LCLK)  
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Book Club (LCFM)  
 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Daisy Troop (HH4)  
 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Women's Guild Christmas Party (HH1-3)  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Good Sam's Dinner and Presentation (PLCMT)  
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Scripture Study with Mark Oldfield (LCLK)  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm RCIA (CC/LCJN)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grief Share (LCFM)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (LCMT)  
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Senior Activities/Cards/Board Games (PLCMT)  
 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Heavenly Angels (C)  
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (CC)  
 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Bell Choir (PLCMT)  
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm K-3 Christmas Concert (C/GYM)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Fellowship (LCLK)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree (LCFM)  
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Boy Scouts #513 (HH1-3)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

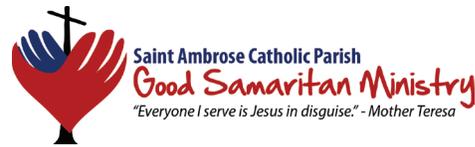
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Advent Communal Penance (C)  
 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm Bingo (GYM)

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 am - 10:00 am Special Ed. Christmas Party (C/PLCMT)  
 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Reception for Bishop Perez (GYM/HH)  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus Social Event (LCFM)

## Calling All Good Samaritan Ministers

Please Join us on December 13 at 6:00 pm



Please join us on Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 pm, in the Mother

Teresa Room for a **delicious dinner and a wonderful presentation by Fr. Neil Walters from St. Malachi Parish.** He is also the Chaplain of the Cuyahoga County Jail. **Fr. Walters will share how we can best serve those feeling helpless and hopeless.** What a beautiful way to spend an evening this Advent Season-learning how to best minister to those that need it most. *Please RSVP to Lisa by Monday Dec. 11 at LHomady@StAmbrose.us*

## Donut Sunday



Sunday, December 17

Please join us for Donut Sunday after all the morning Masses.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Sunday Mass Obligation, December 24:

Sunday Vigil - Saturday, December 23:

4:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 24: 7:30 am and 9:00 am



### Christmas Eve, December 24:

Christmas Vigil: 4:00 pm (2 Masses), 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 Midnight

Christmas Day, December 25: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

### CALENDAR KEY

C Church  
 CC Church Chapel  
 S School  
 PLC Parish Life Center  
 GYM Hilkert Hall GYM  
 HH Hilkert Hall  
 LCMT Lehner Center  
 Matthew  
 LCMK Lehner Center, Mark  
 LCLK Lehner Center, Luke  
 LCJN Lehner Center, John  
 LCFM Lehner Center,  
 Fr. McGivney  
 PLCJPII Parish Life Center,  
 John Paul II  
 PLCMT Parish Life Center,  
 Mother Teresa

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sun. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Mon. 8:30 am - 8:30 pm  
 Tues. & Wed. 8:30 am - 8:00 pm  
 Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sat. 8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
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...**"Here is your God! He comes with power, the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is**

**his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."** The first reading from the prophet Isaiah on this second Sunday of Advent should give each of us great hope. Here is your God – God who gently cares for us His flock, leading and caring for us with the most tender of care. Imagine yourself in the gentle arms of the Lord. Most of us would feel a great sense of comfort and peace. This is the peace that God wants to give each of us every day. Bring yourself into the strong, gentle, outstretched arms of God. There you will find peace.

...**One way for each of us to experience the peace of God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Through the ministry of the Church, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants to lift the burdens from your heart and grant you healing and peace. We have many priests joining us this coming **Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm.** Come experience the deep merciful peace of Christ.

...**I hope you are doing the "Advent Challenge."** Some of our 20-somethings put this together for our community. It offers a daily challenge to help us find and share God's peace with others. You can find it online at: [stambrose.us/adventchallenge/](http://stambrose.us/adventchallenge/).

...**This Sunday evening join us for an evening of Advent Song and Worship with Colton Dixon.** He is often played on 95.5 The FISH. He brings great music and an inspiring message to our community in this Advent Season. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. The concert starts at 7:00 pm in the Church. **Invite your friends!**

...**Speaking of friends, did you know that over half the people surveyed said that they 'would go to Church' if**

**someone invited them.** What a great way to share the peace and comfort of Christ.

...Also speaking of friends, **Len Howser from 95.5 the FISH** will be at Saint Ambrose twice this weekend. **He is the speaker at the Advent Tea on Saturday and will be joining us for Colton Dixon on Sunday.** This past Friday a group of students from Saint Ambrose School were on the air with Len. If you want some good music as you decorate your house or drive through the snow (it's coming)... tune in to 95.5 The FISH.

...God provides beyond our imagination. **We have 'adopted' 66 individuals for our 12 days of Christmas program** and when Lisa Homady was putting it all together tonight (Tuesday) she had 66 people who signed up to do **12 days of nice little things to bring hope - and care - and comfort to some of our members this Christmas.** God's planning is always the BEST.

...Many, many thanks to all who participated in the **#WeGiveCatholic** at the end of November. **We raised over \$4000 from our good members to do good works for those in need** this Christmas and support the 12 days of Christmas outreach ministry. Praise God. **God bless you for all the ways so many in our community work so generously to continue the compassion and care of the Good Shepherd.**

...Speaking of care and compassion, I am humbled as I watch car and mini-van after mini-van drop off gifts from the **Advent Giving Trees.** Our head elf tells me that **over 1200 tags made their ways to the trees.** Thank you for your care for those in need. **God bless you for your goodness.** One of our dads was telling me a great story about his 20-something daughter. There were all sorts of 'packages' dropped off at the family home for her. He was thinking – Christmas gifts for the family. Nope....the boxes were items purchased for the Advent Giving Tree. The dad, needless to say, was 'thrilled' beyond words to see his child doing such caring things for others in this season of giving and caring.

...Don't forget that **next Sunday is our Living Nativity at 5:45 pm.** It's a great way to help your children and grandchildren remember the 'reason for the season' – Jesus Christ. There will be live animals, the Angel Choir and great snacks. It's a great way to help your family and friends (and neighbors) have the right focus for the season.

...**We are so blessed to welcome Bishop Nelson Perez to Saint Ambrose for the 4:30 pm Mass next Saturday, December 16.** He comes on Gaudete Sunday—the Sunday of joy and rejoicing – to share the joy of the Gospel as he begins his ministry in our Diocese. Please join us. **There will be a reception in Hilkert Hall following Mass.**

...**Many thanks to all who are dropping off Angel Ornaments** for the beautiful tree in the Narthex. **Thanks, too, to all who are working so hard to keep our Church so beautifully decorated for Advent and Christmas...and thanks too** to all who are contributing to the Christmas Flower collection. Names of your loved ones will appear in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you so much.

...*We've had a number of very productive meetings on our Church repair/renovation plans.* The Vision 20/20 team has been working hard to answer all your questions. You should be receiving a newsletter this week with good information. So many have commented so enthusiastically about the concepts for our Church. We want it to be a place for all to come and find the peace and comfort of the Lord. **Watch for details in your mail this week.**

...Every day - and every night - so many come to our campus to learn and grow in the ways of the Lord. So many come in their times of struggle and need to find comfort and peace. **Each of us is called in these Advent days to make our lives a prayer of peace.** How can we bring this peace, this comfort of the Lord to our homes and families this week?

# INTENTIONS

*Remember in Your Prayers*

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday:** 8:15 am and 5:30 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday:** 8:15 am

**Saturday:** 8:15 am and 4:30 pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

### Sunday, December 10 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 7:30** † Darl & Bernice Fifer (The Fifer Family) **RS**
- 9:00** Saint Ambrose Members **RS**
- 10:30** † Rosella Peitro (Friend of Family) **AZ**
- 12:00** † Josephine Godec (The Koler Family) **AZ**
- 5:00** † Michael DeAngelis (John & Kathleen Jurcsisn) **RR**

### Monday, December 11

- 8:15** † Joseph & Josephine Landolfo (Son)
- 5:30** † Rosaleen Palzes (Family)

### Tuesday, December 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:15** † George & Vicki Frederick (Linda Frederick)

### Wednesday, December 13 | St. Lucy

- 8:15** † Paul Yandura (Sophie & Family)
- 5:30** † Koenig Family (Betty Taller)

### Thursday, December 14 | St. John of the Cross

- 8:15** † Janet Marchisio (Kevin Marchisio)

### Friday, December 15

- 8:15** † Ernest Strancar (Fr. Rob Ramser)
- 5:30** † Art & Mary Gedeon (Daughter)

### Saturday, December 16

- 8:15** † Anija Dogger (Kathy & John Dogger)
- 4:30** † Samuel Wagner (Wife)

### Sunday, December 17 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 7:30** † John Chalfa (Gil & Elisa Aromas Family) **AZ**
- 9:00** † Richard Tomasz Bujnarowski (Family) **RR**
- 10:30** † Joe & Mary Becka (Becka family) **RS**
- 12:00** † Bernie & Julia Terhart (Family) **RS**
- 5:00** † Linda Siegel (Family, friends & neighbors) **RS**

## Pray for Our Sick

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Mary Abel</b>            | <b>Libby Chodkiewicz</b> | <b>Betty Kovelan</b>     |
| <b>Bill Albaugh</b>         | <b>Carol Destro</b>      | <b>Donna Madar</b>       |
| <b>Richard Baronak, Sr.</b> | <b>Sam Galletti</b>      | <b>Roy Montonaro</b>     |
| <b>Jessica Bossone</b>      | <b>Theresa Gill</b>      | <b>Mary Ognibene</b>     |
| <b>Robert Bossone</b>       | <b>Betty Ann Hodan</b>   | <b>Linda Riegelmayor</b> |
| <b>Erna Brewster</b>        | <b>Alice Kalka</b>       | <b>Joseph Rodriguez</b>  |
| <b>Vicki Carley</b>         | <b>John Paul Kelly</b>   | <b>Bill Saunders</b>     |
| <b>Mary Jane Chester</b>    | <b>Joe Kobie</b>         | <b>Cheryl Sneed</b>      |

## Those Battling Cancer

Please Pray for Them and Their Families



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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Marie Hein</b>      | <b>Carol Sabo</b>     |
| <b>Barbara Kulbaga</b> | <b>Jerry Sipan</b>    |
| <b>Helen Mancuso</b>   | <b>Angelo Stavole</b> |
| <b>Cindy Montonaro</b> | <b>Rick Zevchik</b>   |

If you would like your loved one's name on the prayer list, call Connie at 330.225.9236 or email [KSarazin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:KSarazin@StAmbrose.us). **We publish the names of our sick in the bulletin for 3 weeks.** For a complete list of names, visit [www.StAmbrose.us/PrayerList](http://www.StAmbrose.us/PrayerList).

## Cancer Prayer and Support Group Meets the First Wednesday of the Month

Living with Cancer Prayer and Support Group was started in 2009 and has become an important part of our spiritual life. **Join us for our next meeting on January 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Lehner Center** as we share, support and embrace our friendship with prayer. This group is for cancer survivors, caregivers, family members and anyone whose life has been touched by cancer and is in need of our prayers and support. **Come and see if together we can make a difference.** For more information, call Miriam at 330.225.9005.

## We Remember

*Those called home to the Lord*



### William Gallon

*Husband of Sabella Gallon*

Born into Life: November 26, 1929

Called into Eternal Life: November 30, 2017



### Bonnie Seman

*Wife of John Seman*

Born into Life: September 19, 1940

Called into Eternal Life: December 2, 2017

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## COMMUNAL PENANCE



*Please join us for one of two convenient times:*

**December 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

**December 15, 2017 at 1:00 pm**

## Children and Teen Envelopes

### Our Young People's Incredible Gifts

Every week, our young people contribute to Saint Ambrose—not only through monetary gifts, but through their actions. Here are some of the ways our kids have been like Christ in our community (98 envelopes returned).

*"I cleaned the whole playroom by myself."*

*"I tried to be calm when I was mad."*

*"I helped my sister with her sight words."*

## Saint Ambrose Bingo

### The Friendliest Game in Town



This will be the last Bingo before Christmas, and we're giving out **three special prizes for the ugliest Christmas sweaters**. So be sure to join us for a fun-filled evening of bingo with over \$6,000 in total prizes. **In addition to huge payouts and fun door-prizes, don't miss out on your chance to win our weekly Progressive game with a maximum payout of \$10,000.** Wouldn't that make a great stocking stuffer?

**The doors open at 5:00 pm and the Early Bird games start at 7:00 pm.** We hope to see you this Friday. **And don't forget to wear that ugly Christmas sweater!**

## In Support of Our Parish

### Week of December 3

Sunday Collection	Dec. 3, 2017	July 1, 2017 - Dec. 3, 2017	July 1, 2016 - Dec. 4, 2016
Sunday Collection	\$38,411	\$720,609	\$723,456
Amount Needed	\$(33,500)	\$(770,500)	
Over / (Under)	\$4,911	\$(49,891)	
Building Fund	\$827	\$13,651	
ACH Collection	\$3,320 (weekly); \$13,269 (monthly)		
Children's Envelopes	\$65; 67 Collected		
Vision 20/20	Week of Nov. 27, 2017	Week of Dec. 4, 2017	
Pledge Payments	\$1,380.00	\$417.00	
Total Payments	\$3,027,087.48	\$3,027,504.48	

*We appreciate your support and all it allows us to do in our parish community.*

## 2018 March for Life

### Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to Washington, DC



The Knights of Columbus - Brunswick Council 4847 bus trip to the 2018 March for Life will leave St. Ambrose Parish on

Thursday night, January 18, traveling overnight to arrive in Washington, DC January 19. Before participating in the **Rally and March for Life at the US Capitol area**, we will attend the **Vigil for Life Closing Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** on Friday morning. We will return Friday evening, arriving back at St. Ambrose after midnight January 20. Box lunch included.

Cost is \$65/person. Contact Marty Shaw for more information or to reserve your seat at 216.533.7737 or mshaw603@gmail.com. You may also book online at KofC4847.org.

## Catch a Ride (CAR) Ministry

### Our CAR Ministry is Looking for Drivers



**Our CAR ministry is a beautiful way to help our parishioners come to the Table with our parish family.**

We are looking to provide safe, reliable transportation to and from the Saturday

4:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am Masses for homebound parishioners who are 18 and over, mobile, unable to drive, yet wanting to come worship with our faith community. Please consider helping in our CAR ministry.

Please contact Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us if you are interested or would like more information about bringing one of our fellow parishioners closer to the Lord.

## Women's Guild Christmas Party

### December 13 | 7:00 pm



The Women's Guild Christmas party will be held on December 13 at 7:00 pm in Hilkert Hall. **This is for members only.** Please remember to bring a donation of gloves, mittens, or hats. *Members please RSVP to Connie by December 10 if you will be attending.* Call 330.220.8036 or email ctomek3904@roadrunner.com.

Our regular meetings resume in February. **Thank you and have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## Marriage Moments

### Be Ready



Are you ready? It's a common question as Christmas approaches, **but these are sobering times** with natural disasters multiplying and the threat of nuclear war present. Being ready depends on how

you live today. Make today a day worthy of your life. **Talk this over with your beloved.**

## Parenting Pointers

### Enduring Love and Sacrifice



What does it mean to conceive a child? Whether you are the mother or father, it means your life is forever changed. It is the start of enduring love and sacrifice for another

being put in your care. **Pause today and ponder your creative role.**

## Active Military

*Please continue to pray for all the men and women serving our country, for their families who miss them dearly and for their safe return home. If you have someone to add, please contact Michele Sumner: MSumner@StAmbrose.us*



### Pray for Those Serving and Their Families

SPC	<b>Niko Bernardone</b>	<i>Army</i>
MAJ	<b>David M. Elliott</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
LTJG	<b>Travis Elliott</b>	<i>Navy</i>
LT	<b>Serena Gerfy</b>	<i>Navy</i>
PO	<b>Rob Hartman</b>	<i>Navy</i>
MAJ	<b>Brad Klusmann</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
MAJ	<b>Jared Klusmann</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
CPL	<b>Nicholas Levitsky</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
SPC	<b>William Mortensen</b>	<i>Army</i>
PVT	<b>Christian Nowak</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
SSGT	<b>Matthew Pyzik</b>	<i>Air Force</i>
SPC	<b>Bradly Renfro</b>	<i>Army</i>
BG	<b>Stephen Sklenka</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>
SGT	<b>Ryan Sumner</b>	<i>Army</i>
2NDLT	<b>Zachary Taylor</b>	<i>Marine Corps</i>

## Padua Franciscan High School

### Congratulations on the First Quarter Honor Roll



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FRANCISCAN

Gabriel Abood	Spencer Frattare	Caitlyn LaGuardia
Jenna Barth	Marc Hankey	Samuel LoFaso
Jacob Barth	Grace Harley	Julia Ludwick
Grant Bell	Clare Harley	Gianna Mascardine
AnneMarie Bell	Charley Herman	Katerina Metheny
Kathryn Byram	James Homady, Jr.	Madison Miles
Colin Cobb	Sydney Jenko	Matthew Mog
Leah Danish	Dominic Kestranek	John Monnin
Samuel Ehrbar	Kylie Kirkpatrick	Joseph Monnin
Angela Falconi	Andrew Klemm	Olivia Raso
Joseph Falconi	James Kozlowski	Alaina Ricciardi
		Adriana Ricciardi
		Hannah Rogers
		Briana Sonogo
		Xiaoxin Wang
		Julianne Yurik

## Holy Name High School

### Congratulations on the First Quarter Honor Roll



	Allyson Stibley
	Katelyn Stibley
	Daniel Stracensky
	Matthew Stracensky
	Hanna Vannello
<b>First Honors:</b>	<b>Second Honors:</b>
Jacob Kijanski	Megan Oleksik
Angelina Koch	Joseph Pawlowski
Michael Koehn	Brian Scalfano
Jonathan Minnich	Eric Scalfano
	Megan Stibley
	Anthony Costanzo
	Nathan Crabbs
	Lukas Purgar

## Ten Minute Teaching



We'll be hosting our monthly *Ten Minute Teaching* on December 17 after the 9:00 am, 10:30 am

and noon Masses. **Join Caitlin O'Neill in the Parish Life Center-John Paul II room for 10 minutes**—it's really that simple! See you there.

## Readings for the Week

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Mon	IS 35:1-10; LK 5:17-26
Tues	ZEC 2:14-17; LK 1:26-38
Wed	IS 40:25-31; MT 11:28-30
Thurs	IS 41:13-20; MT 11:11-15
Fri	IS 48:17-19; MT 11:16-19
Sat	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; MT 17:9A, 10-13
Sun	IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

## Care Calls

A New Ministry to Reach Those Alone or Lonely



We are beginning a new ministry to reach out to those parishioners who may be alone or

feeling lonely by making a few phone calls per month to them. Make a simple phone call, asking how they are doing and letting them know that **we care about them** and will be praying for them. Imagine what a difference this simple phone call could make in their life. If you are looking to do something that requires minimal time, even from the comfort of your own home, this may be the perfect ministry for you. **If you are interested in joining a ministry that will bring joy, compassion and God's love into someone's life** - contact Helen at 330.460.7322 or Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us

## Christmas Ushers Needed

An Opportunity to Welcome All



The Christmas holidays are right around the corner and that means special Mass times, visitors and the opportunity to welcome all with the hospitality and love that Saint Ambrose is especially known for. **If you are able to**

**give us a hand and usher at one of the Christmas Eve or Day Masses, it would be greatly appreciated.** We will walk you through everything you need to know. **It takes many hands to build up the Body of Christ and we need you!** Please contact Father Rob at 330.460.7311 or RRamser@StAmbrose.us for more information or to sign up. Thank you!

## Parishioner Pet of the Week



### Meet Luna

Luna is the love of parishioner Chris Kucera. She is a Chinese Crested breed, and we just celebrated her seventh birthday. Luna and I "rescued" each other 3 1/2 years ago. Luna is a "snuggle baby", and loves to sit on my lap while I'm working on my computer. She is a cuddler and sleeps right next to me -- cuddling close under the covers! When I am out, I look forward to coming home

to her to get "lots of doggie kisses!"

*Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.*

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, January 6, 2018 | 9:00 am



Please join us for a home cooked breakfast while listening to our featured speaker- Fr. Adam Zajac. Open to all men and sons of the parish. **Sponsored by Men's Fellowship**

**and the Knights.** Contact Deacon Tom 330.460.7322 or TSheridan@StAmbrose.us no later than December 31 if you would like to attend. **My brothers, let's begin the New Year with a loud bang for Christ as we gather in His honor and listen to Fr. Adam's message.**

## FREE Christmas Gift for Couples

January 3 - February 7 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

RSVP to Deacon Tom or Helen at 330.460.7322 or HSheridan@StAmbrose.us if curious.



- 6 Free Date Nights
- 6 Free Fun-filled Nights
- 6 Free Nights of Babysitting (if needed)
- 6 Free Private Table Settings (with spouse)

Event runs January 3 through February 7 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Beverages and food provided. Why attend? It's an opportunity to achieve harmony in your marriage and discover how to nourish each other's dreams and goals. Turn irritations and conflict into positive responses. **Keep the sizzle going! All marriages require work. Life is busy and it can be easy to let your marriage take a backseat- don't let that happen.**

We offer this **life changing GIFT** through humorous talks without open discussion. Each couple sits at their own private table and relates to their spouse only. **Cut this article out and use as a stocking stuffer!** Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Deacon Tom & Helen Sheridan.

## Upcoming Seniors Events

- Yoga All Wednesdays: 9:00 am**
- December 17: Community Meal**
- December 17: Cassidy Theatre/Nuncracker**
- December 28: Breakfast at Bob Evans 9:30 am**

*Happy Holidays! Wishing you every happiness at this festive holiday season and throughout the New Year.*



## Saint Ambrose Catholic School

A Note from Mrs. Lisa Cinadr

**"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." -Philippians 4:8**

As you consider educational options for your child(ren), I am pleased to share the benefits of our school:

**Live Your Family's Values** - We are unwaveringly committed to teaching and reinforcing with your children the same values by which you are raising them.

**Experience a Dynamic, 21st Century Education on an Affordable Budget** - Saint Ambrose School consistently delivers a high-quality education that transcends the competition dollar for dollar.

**Think For Yourself and Become a Better You** - We provide dynamic teaching centered

in Christ, an innovative culture, leadership and community service opportunities and problem based learning to enable students to think critically, ask questions, develop a sense of personal empathy, responsibility and public service. We educate the whole child.

**Master New Technologies** - Graduates of Saint Ambrose School are the BEST prepared for the digital world. We are the only K-8 school in the State of Ohio using GeoSpatial Technology in the classroom. College Credit

Plus classes help stronger students gain greater experience.

**PREP For More Than Just High School** - We provide a strong foundation of Christian values, academic fundamentals and self-confidence in our students beginning in Preschool. High School Prep (HSP) students in grades 6-8 are prepared to study independently, serve one another and be accountable. Our HSP students have developed the critical thinking, problem solving and life skills required to succeed in high school, college and beyond.

Thanks and blessings! -Lisa Cinadr | 330.460.7350 | LCinadr@StASchool.us

*Everything.*

## Littlest Angels Preschool

A Note from Mrs. Catherine Mitchell



*Jesus, Me and My Christmas Tree* is the name of a wonderful book by Crystal Bowman as well as the name of our family event coming up this week. We are excited to help the children and families make the connection between

decorating their Christmas trees and the birth of Jesus. Little ones can't wait to put up the Christmas tree - a clear sign of exciting things to come. What is the meaning of this tradition? We will share the symbolic meaning from the lights, ornaments and star on the top to the blessing of presents underneath.

The children will sing songs about stars, bells, mangers, lights, angels and the gifts that God has given us and what we can give back to Him. **One of our little ones told his mom this week that he was giving his heart to Jesus for Christmas.**

*"My Christmas tree story is simple but true, for all those who seek him, will find Jesus too. So as you gather around your tree, remember Christ came for you and for me."*

Advent Blessings,

-Catherine Mitchell

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## PSR News

PSR News

### JWJ Special Person Day

Our Journey with Jesus students and their families enjoyed a wonderful morning together with the children singing a song at Mass followed by breakfast with their Special Person in Hilckert Hall. Thank you to Ms. Till, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Nester, Mrs. Villowick, Mrs. Weihrouch and Mrs. Kelly for all they do to share the love of Jesus with our students.



### Family Advent Workshop

Many of our PSR families joined us for our first ever Family Advent Workshop. The morning started off with song and prayer along with a presentation on the different ways we as Catholics can celebrate the Advent season with our families. **Each family made their own**

**Advent Acts of Kindness wreath to use at home.**

### Living Nativity 2017

**We are still looking for actors to join our Living Nativity Presentation this year.** There will be one practice to attend on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Information was sent home with the students this past week. *If you are interested in being a part of this very special night contact me at JMajka@StAmbrose.us.*

-Janet Majka

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LIVING

Nativity

Live Animals • Food • Fun • Perfect Family Night

Enter into the Advent season  
remembering where it all began.

Sunday, December 17

5:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to join the Saint Ambrose community as we re-enact that joyful night where Heaven and earth collided and God gave us His most precious gift.

Followed by fun in Hilkert Hall with family activities, crafts and a chili bar with all the toppings! Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share.

Invite your friends and family to join you!

[www.StAmbrose.us](http://www.StAmbrose.us)



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## Sacraments

**BAPTISM:** Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class for their first child. Call Kim Nemet at 330.460.7316 to register.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! Please call a priest or deacon at the Parish Office at least six months prior to proposed date to begin your wedding preparations.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Adult RCIA):**  
Come and learn more about the Catholic faith. Call the PLC.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions are celebrated Saturdays from 3:30 – 4:00 pm and by appointment.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Call 330.460.7300 to register. Current members please notify Parish Office if you move.

## Weddings



**Engagements:** Congratulations! Please call a priest or deacon at the Parish Office at least six months prior to proposed date to begin your wedding preparations.

### Banns of Marriage

#### I. Patrick Harmon & Kelly Benson

## Baptisms

**Baptism Classes:** Parents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class for their first child. Call Kim Nemet at 330.460.7316 to register.



**We Welcome into the Waters...**

*Vincent Robert Lanum*

## Prayer Requests

**Let Our Parish Community Surround You in Prayer**

Turn in prayer petitions by going to our website at [www.StAmbrose.us/Prayer](http://www.StAmbrose.us/Prayer) or email [KSarazin@StAmbrose.us](mailto:KSarazin@StAmbrose.us).

### Chapel Hours:

6:00 am-10:00 pm, Monday-Friday

6:30 am-8:00 pm, Saturday

6:00 am-7:00 pm, Sunday

### CHRISTMAS OPLATKI



**Christmas Oplatki** will be available in the main church vestibule after all weekend Masses **throughout Advent.**

## Saint Ambrose Trivia



1. When was the first Women's Guild Salad Luncheon?
2. Who was the last sister to work at the school?

**Answers:** 1. 1979 2. Sister Joanne

**JOIN US AS WE WELCOME**  
*Bishop Perez!*

Please join us on

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

for the 4:30 pm Mass as we welcome  
Bishop Nelson Perez to our parish community.

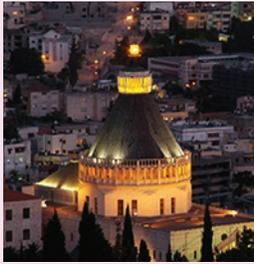
Since his installation in early September, he has  
echoed over and over again the message of Pope Francis  
about the joy that comes  
from living the Gospel.



**It is with great joy that we  
welcome Bishop Perez to  
our parish community for  
Mass and a reception in  
Hilkert Hall.**

*Please join us!*

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## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**November 5 - 14, 2018**

Join Fr. Rob Ramser and fellow Saint Ambrose parishioners on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **We will "Journey through the Land of Israel" on a 10-day tour following the footsteps of Jesus.** We will pray at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, have our own Silent Night in Bethlehem, walk the Way of the Cross in Jerusalem, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and much more. The pilgrimage will be from November 5-14, 2018, price is \$3,149.00 per person. Call Fr. Rob at 330.460.7311 for more information.

## Mission Possible News

### Upcoming Mission Trips

*Dates:* June 8-15 or June 15-22, 2018

*Location:* Dominican Republic

*Lodging:* Hotel Don Carlos in Higüey, D.R.

*Who can go:* Anyone age 15 or older.

For more information: <http://www.missionpossible.us> or contact Sarah Krieger at [skrieger@missionpossible.us](mailto:skrieger@missionpossible.us). **Registration ends February 12, 2018.**



## Church/Nativity Scene Bus Tour

**Friday, January 5, 2018**



Join Fr. Rob as we travel to the **Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, St. Vitus and St. Rocco** to experience these ethnic churches at their Christmas best! **We will tour the churches and**

**learn about their beautiful Nativity scenes.** Lunch (on your own) will be at Sokolowski University Inn. Cost for the bus (only) is \$30 per person. Due to the logistics of the bus rental, there can be no refunds. **Daily Mass will be celebrated as part of the pilgrimage.** The bus will leave Saint Ambrose at 8:15 am and return at 4:30 pm. *Call Helen Sheridan at 330.460.7322 with questions or to register.*

## World Day for Migrants & Refugees

**January 14, 2018 at Noon**

Pope Francis has chosen the theme for the 2018 World Day for Migrants and Refugees. **To Protect; To Promote; To Integrate: We Share the Journey.** The Diocese will celebrate with a special liturgy by Bishop Perez at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland 44109. Mass will begin at noon. There will be a special buffet following Mass. All are welcome.

## Follow Bishop Perez on Twitter

### Stay Engaged through Social Media



Taking advantage of one of the most popular modes of communication in the world, **the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, launched his new Twitter account. Follow**

**Bishop Perez on Twitter: @BishopNPerez.**

Bishop Perez's Twitter account is the latest way to stay engaged with the bishop and the Diocese of Cleveland. **The diocese posts to its established social media platforms on Twitter (@dioceseofCLE), Facebook (facebook.com/dioceseofcleveland) and Instagram (@dioceseofCLE).** In addition, the diocese publishes a free weekly e-newsletter filled with Catholic news and events. **Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/enewsletter).**

## Retrouvaille Weekend

**A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages-January 19-21**



A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.**

**Retrouvaille** (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples with six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. *For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).*

## Colton Dixon Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2017



Teens – don't forget to get your tickets for the Colton Dixon Concert on December 10. **Doors open at 6:30 pm, concert starts at 7 pm**

**in the Church.** Tickets are \$10 – details at [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us) – this is one Advent opportunity you don't want to miss!

## Metanoia V

January 12-14, 2018

**Metanoia V is just around the corner. Mark your calendars** and plan to join us the weekend of January 12-14 for our annual Metanoia retreat. It's a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet new friends, grow in faith, escape the chaos of school for a weekend and much more. *Forms can be found in the Youth Ministry office and at [www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us).*



## March for Life

January 18-20, 2018

**Join FIAT & the Knights of Columbus for our annual trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life.** Details & permission forms can be found online at [www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us) or in the Youth Ministry Office!

## FIAT (Faith In Action Teens)

National Catholic Youth Conference 2017



Christmas vacation is just around the corner and that can only mean one thing... **the next lock-in is coming up!** Join us for our annual winter lock-in **December 27-28 here at Saint Ambrose.** Starting with Mass at 7:00 pm on December 27 until 7:00 am on December 28, there will be food, games and activities for everyone, including dodge ball tournaments, movies and more.

**The cost is \$20 and covers all expenses (food, activities, etc.) and also serves as a fundraiser for trips for our teens such as the National Catholic Youth Conference and Mission Possible.** This is a great way to beat the winter blues and get out of the house during Christmas break – get your form today and plan to join us. *Forms can be found online at [www.myFIAT.us](http://www.myFIAT.us) or in the Youth Ministry Office.*

Parents – we need your help as well to make sure this is a successful, safe event for our teens. **If you're able to help out with all or any part of the lock-in, please let the Youth Ministry office know by calling 330.460.7387 or emailing Caitlin at [COneill@StAmbrose.us](mailto:COneill@StAmbrose.us).**

– Caitlin O'Neill  
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## Junior High News

Encountering Christ in a Meaningful Way



On November 18, our Junior High PSR students were on retreat with the S.E.N.T. team from Franciscan University. The day was AMAZING and our PSR students had many opportunities to ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN A MEANINGFUL WAY!

Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped!

Please reach out to me if you are interested in helping our Junior High program in any way!

– Jenna LaGuardia  
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