



PARISH NEWSLETTER

A New Year...Let your Light Shine!

I stopped in to the chapel earlier today to take a moment to sit and simply "thank God" for the blessings of the day.

Sitting there for a few minutes, I watched a number of our members 'stop in' for a few minutes of prayer and reflection.

Every day I thank God for the blessings of the day and for you – our amazing members – who do so much great work for the Lord. **I am humbled when I read and see pictures of the thoughtful efforts of our Community Outreach Team who quietly, and faithfully, help address some of the 'home needs' of our members.** I am inspired when I watch busy moms sorting coats and jackets to take care of those who are cold and in need. I am beyond words when I see Ed and his team take our 'left overs' and make great meals for the people who live on the street.

I am thankful to God when I see our seniors helping in our school library and working with our young children to make sure they can be their best at reading. I thanked God when I spent hours with our high school students on retreat. It was a blessing to hear the depth of their faith in God and the love for their family.

Take some time yourself to stop in the chapel... or even just pause for a little bit each day... to 'thank God' for the blessings of the day.

Please look through this newsletter. It's filled with reasons for all of us to rejoice and give 'thanks to God'.

Father Bob Stec



Upcoming Parish Events

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| JANUARY 27 | Winter Carnival |
| JANUARY 28 | School Open House |
| JANUARY 30 | Ladies First Begins |
| FEBRUARY 2 | Charismatic Mass & Healing Service |
| FEBRUARY 3-4 | Souper Bowl of Caring |
| FEBRUARY 10 | World Day Marriage Celebration |
| FEBRUARY 11-13 | Lent Parish Mission |
| FEBRUARY 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| FEBRUARY 17 | Valentine Bingo |
| FEBRUARY 19 | Veteran's Luncheon |
| FEBRUARY 28 | Diocesan Wide Sacrament of Penance |

We are a Catholic Community of Faith, Centered on Jesus Christ who is Everything for us!

We welcome 58 new families to Saint Ambrose!

A warm welcome goes out to the many families and individuals who have recently joined our parish community. May you find Saint Ambrose to be a place where you are always welcome!

Melvyn & Carolyn Beck
Theodore & Tina Beltavski & Family
James & Gwen Beres & Family
Robert & Kamila Betkowski
Aaron & Heather Brockler & Family
Walter Bukszar
Zachary & Lindsey Buzzelli-Andes & Family
Nicholas & Amanda Colton
Mary Dehil
Casey & Shannon Doyle
Bill & Mary Jane Elam
David Eslaquit
Maria Eslaquit
Douglas & Katelyn Evans & Family
Melissa Fox-Terrill & Family
Roberta Gareau-Park & Family
Gary & Martha Garewal
Adam & Stephanie Garvin
Steven & Sara Gavin & Family

Gary Gaydemski & Nichol Pacifico & Family
Nicholas & Courtney Gilleland & Family
Nickolas & Kerilyn Gillombardo
Kevin & Megan Graziani & Family
Daniel & Ciara Hayes & Family
Gerhart & Eileen Hilt
Robert & Ashley Ihasz & Family
Robert & Jennifer Jarowski & Family
Kevin Johns
Jim & Kathleen Katakos
Fred & Elma Kirven
Deborah Klich & Family
Michael & Elizabeth Klubnik
David & Alishia Kupiec
Anthony & Rachel LaGuardia
Michelle Marks
Steven & Katie McManus
Matthew Meadows & Maria Margida
Roger & Joyce Miller
Shirley Miller

Jesse & Katelynn Mitchell & Family
Edward Laurence Morin
Christopher Nickerson & Sarah Labus & Family
Peter & Stephanie Onderko & Family
Bradley & Katherine Pierce & Family
Ana Plumlee
Jason & Michele Poelking & Family
John Roth
Marion Sheppard
Kristen Schrantz & Family
Jason & Jessica Siegel & Family
Denise Smith
Eric & Jackie Solderitsch & Family
Corey & Lisa Stone & Family
Bogdan & Anamaria Tamas
Kenneth & Darlene Voigt
James & Joan Winkelman
Charles & Rachel Wyatt

God Bless those Baptized

May the waters of Baptism prepare you for walking the path as a Child of God.

Marlayna Sue Bajc
Adley Margaret Neff
Fischer Walter Krueger
Eleanor Louise Ashley
Caden Alexander Benjamin
Giovanni Michael Lambert
Kennedy Lynn Speidel
Colena Ann Robinson
Ellynn Sue Robinson
Alana Leigh Robinson
Wesley Briany Jeloveck
Blake Kelly Trzebuckowski
Bradley Paul Fodor
Luke Kenneth Pulling
Addison Elizabeth Shreve

Gianna Rae Cancilla
Brody James Terhart
Brayden Michael Fundzak
Alaina Marie Gwirtz
Anna Luz Mansour
Jowell Ramon Mansour
Emma Rose Holmes
Zoe Felisa Makiling
Emma Claire Stone
Liam Sam Stone
Claire Elizabeth Dudash
Austin James Zebrowski
Liam Reed Jones
Bryson Andrew Cowell
Laney Jane McNulty

Brian Christopher Debrason, Jr.
Hailey Virginia Debrason
Ryder James Debrason
Connor Patrick Sullivan
Ayden Joseph Culver
Ayla Jax Rundle
Claire Madeline Comroe
Oliver John Hunter
Raven May Takieddine
Brooklyn Monica Shaft
Vincent Robert Lanum
Annabelle Rose Kren
Owen Michael Kren
Domenick Joseph Tocco

Best Wishes to our Newlyweds

May God be the center of your marriage and the foundation of your family.

9/30/17 Shannon and Casey Doyle
9/30/17 Beverly and Michael Bailey
10/7/17 Robin and Alex Urban
10/7/17 Jessica and Michael Muller
10/14/17 Stephanie and Kyle Hilfiker
11/25/17 Quinn and Terry Johnston
11/25/17 Victoria and Michael Koteles
12/30/17 Kelly and Patrick Harmon

**ALL LISTS UPDATED AS OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 - DECEMBER 31**



World Marriage Day

February 10

Come celebrate Mass at 6pm followed by dinner and dancing. Dinner of beef tips over noodles, pork chops, au gratin potatoes, green beans, salad, and a variety of beverages including beer & wine will be served.

Tickets on sale at the front office for \$35.00 per couple-check made to Saint Ambrose no later than February 2, 2018. Babysitting available for children 2 and up.

For any questions, contact
Deacon Tom or Helen
Sheridan at 330.460.7322
HSheridan@StAmbrose.us.



Veteran's Prayer Service and Luncheon

Monday, February 19 at noon

Are you a veteran or current service member? Please join us so that we may honor those who serve or who have served. More information coming soon.

2018 Men's Renewal

March 3 and 4

The Holy Spirit is inviting you to join with a small group of people to renew the flames of your faith. This weekend is open to men of Saint Ambrose Parish over the age of 19. Space is limited, so register early!

The weekend is meant to renew your own faith. However, you will get to know others in the parish and be able to see them at parish activities for many years to come.

For more information or to register, please visit the website www.StAmbrose.us/MensRenewal. Contact Deacon Tom for any questions 330-460-7322/tsheridan@StAmbrose.us.

2018 Women's Renewal

March 17 and 18

We listened to many women who asked where and when renewal for them will be offered after their husband/friend/son/boyfriend attended their special time. They too want to experience what they came home with.

Watch for information in bulletin and parish website soon. Ladies make this time for yourself and Christ. Signup!

Senior Events

2018 is filled with lots of exciting events and activities.

Late last summer, a newly formed group of ladies (Elaine Terhart, Gloria Praznik and Jackie Walla) spoke at our monthly Coffee and Donut social asking for your input. Following are a few examples taking place in 2018 - thanks to your input: more fun activities, off-site trips-senior, dinner theater, weekly yoga, picnics, bingo, painting, Spiritual Reflection Event, educational speakers, breakfast and lunch time.

Watch for articles in parish bulletin for weekly events listed under SENIOR CORNER. **Contact Helen Sheridan at 330.460.7322 or HSheridan@StAmbrose.us for any questions or concerns** or reach out to one of the three ladies mentioned above. We're here for you!



Angels on Wheels

Home Cooked Meals to Families in Need

Our Angels on Wheels Ministry is a wonderful group of volunteers who graciously use their culinary talents for our parishioners in need. **Our volunteers not only bring a home-cooked meal to those families in need (due to a recent hospitalization, surgery, death in the family, etc.), they bring God's love, care and compassion into their life when they need it most.** Since our ministry's beginning, we have brought over 200 meals to families.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."
-Matthew 25:35

Angels on Wheels
Our Community Cares!
Saint Ambrose Parish

Wow, that's a lot of delicious food—but more importantly, there is so much goodness and God's grace in making every single meal. We are blessed with all of our volunteers for their compassionate hearts, dedication to serving others and, of course, their delicious cooking skills and talents.

If you are interested in joining our ministry—providing a few meals per year for those in need—or if you know someone that could use a meal, contact Lisa at **330.460.7315 or LHomady@StAmbrose.us**. We have eager volunteers that want to serve the Lord by serving others.



Community Outreach

Do you have a home repair project (indoor or outdoor) that you may need help with?

If so, our Community Outreach team is here to help.

We have a very skilled Community Outreach team that offers assistance to those that may need help completing a home project. Our team has many talented hands on board and can help with a vast array of projects—anything from caulking a bathroom to painting a room...and most things in between!

Now that the colder months are here, we are looking to fill our calendar with indoor projects. We are also in the beginning planning stages for our Community Day in April where we do outdoor yard work and spring clean-up.

If you are in need of help with a home project or a Community Day outdoor project, contact Jane at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us or 330.460.7381 or Lisa at LHomady@StAmbrose.us.

Our Community Outreach team truly lives out the message of Christ every single month when they are busy at work helping others! These projects truly cannot be done by the parishioners themselves for various reasons, and our team brings the care and compassion of Christ into their homes every time they put their tool belts on. We are blessed by their powerful, skilled and busy hands, as well as their giving and loving hearts. We are always looking for additional hands to help with our monthly projects. **Contact Lisa or Jane if you are interested in joining our team.**

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Do something different this Lent!

- **Do you give up or do something for Lent?**
Give up 1 hour for the Lord a week and grow spiritually.
- **Do you want to be challenged this Lent?**
Join a friend's Lent Faith Sharing Group.
- **Do you like to get together with friends?**
Talk about your love of the Lord and make more of a difference in your life.

What to expect:

- Three to four gatherings of 1-1.5 hours.
- Takes place in homes of our members
- Connect the Word of God to your daily life.
- No pressure....it's designed to be easy and fun

During this upcoming Lenten Season, we are looking for families/individuals who want to offer programs in their homes or individuals who want to participate in these groups. **We have all of the resources.**

For more information, contact Jane Baldwin at JBaldwin@StAmbrose.us



Saturday February 17th

A fun night out!

VALENTINE NEON BINGO

Doors open at 5:30!
Bingo begins at 7:30 pm

StA SAINT AMBROSE

Neon Bingo!
DJ and Music, Black Lights,
Minute-to-Win-It Games
Not your Grandma's bingo!

TICKETS \$25.00
Includes: all BINGO Games, Neon Dauber
and Italian Dinner

Pre-sale at Saint Ambrose Office
(330.460.7300 or LRogers@StAmbrose.us)

Please 18 years and older only.

**Ten BINGO Games
\$300 & \$400 pots!
\$1,000 Coverall**

14	29
4	18
7	16
9	2
12	2

A LENTEN PARISH MISSION PRAY40DAYS

WITH FR. MICHAEL J. DENK

The Personal Relationship with God You Have Always Wanted February 11-13, 2018

All evenings begin at 6:45 pm in the Hilkert Hall Gym,
with a reception immediately following.

Your Golden Ticket for Lent

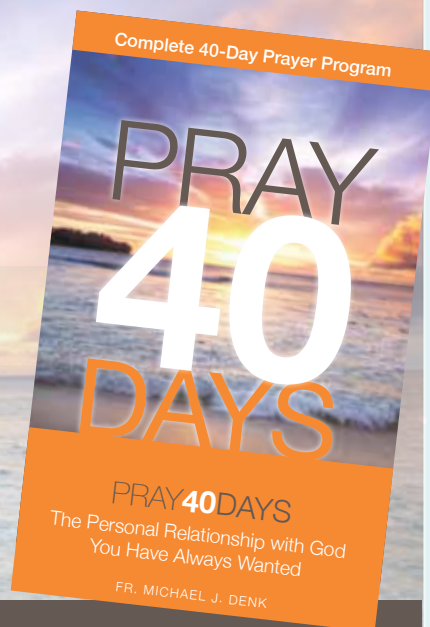
Guided Meditation & Contemplative Prayer
Sunday, February 11

Just Call God's Name, He Will Be There
Lectio Divina & Praying with Senses
Monday, February 12

God is the Sunshine on My Shoulders
Scripture Relaxation & Pray like a Pirate
Tuesday, February 13



Complimentary Child Care Available
with Advance RSVP by February 5 to
the Parish Office at 330.460.7300 or
email TBernardone@StAmbrose.us



Father Michael Denk has been ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland for ten years. He grew up in Parma, Ohio and has a lot of family and friends in the area and at Saint Ambrose Parish. He is well-known as a dynamic speaker, a good spirit and a great story-teller! Come and see him play the ukulele!! Join Father Mike and our parish community for a great start to Lent. Learn more about Prodigal Father at www.TheProdigalFather.org.

In Loving Memory

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

William T. Albaugh
Helen Bodnar
Mary Jane Bontempo
Mary Bouman
Debra Bugos
Helen Caramella
Sandra Ciara
Robert David
Larry Dunlap
Susan Egan
Martha Finn
William Gallon
Edmund Glinka
Donald J. Graybill
Lillian Hannigan
Douglas Henry
Julius Hevitan
Richard Hibler
James Iorfida, Sr.
Stefan Kellner
Jacob Klaehn
Elaine Kobak
Louis Madar
Helen Mallecke
Dolores Marzola
James P. McGinnis
Michael Murray
Gabriel Pozsonyi
Joseph Rodriguez
Diane Roslan
Lawrence Sauer
Gary Saunders
William Saunders
Emaunela Scebbi
Loretta Schiavoni
Bonnie Seman
Joseph Shepelak
Dolores Swink
Josephine Young

12 Days of Christmas Ministry a huge success!

We can't thank you enough for all the joy, care and love that you brought to our 12 Days ministry!

Thank you to all who contributed to #WeGiveCatholic - we raised \$4,400 that went directly to our recipients for 12 Days. And to all of our elves for sending all of our recipient families the extra care and compassion this Christmas season! Our parish is truly blessed by all of you... we could not make this possible without your generous and selfless hearts! Because of your giving hearts and joyful spirits, we were able to bring a little bit of extra love and spirit into the lives of 66 families... all for one reason or another, has felt a bit of sadness or hurt this past year. YOU brought them smiles and a great sense of love from their Saint Ambrose Parish Family.



September 1, 2017 - January 3, 2018

If you experience the loss of a loved one, know that we are here for you. Please call the Parish Office at 330.460.7300 and let us know how we can support you and remember your loved one.



Saint Ambrose School Open House

See all of the great opportunities that Saint Ambrose Catholic School offers its students. Saint Ambrose students receive a complete education focused on values, academic fundamentals and self-confidence from preschool through grade 8.

JANUARY 28:

Tours available 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

To schedule a personal tour or visit, contact us at Admissions@SaintAmbroseSchool.us or 330.460.7318

www.SaintAmbroseSchool.us

Letter from Principal Cinadr

Happy, blessed new year! The past year flew by and 2018 promises to continue the momentum of providing Everything for every student every day.

Health and wellness in mind, body and spirit are important at SAS. Our Health and Wellness Committee provides guidance for improving this facet of our school family life as well as safety measures for our students with allergies. We are SO excited that our new salad bar, the "Smart Cart", is now available for students in grades 4-8 and all staff. We are very grateful to Marc's, Dole and United Fresh Start Foundation for providing this for us!

Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship:

As a pilot school for the Diocese of Cleveland's, "Better Together" initiative, Saint Ambrose School is a leader in providing support for all students with learning differences. We added a Resource Room in the school for our Jon Peterson students and renamed the mobile unit, The Enrichment Center, a name that much better reflects its purpose.

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship:

We are an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship school and accessible to families who are on limited budgets desiring the values and strength of a SAS education for their children.

Data Driven:

Our teachers are working very hard and using the data of each student's MAP profile to individualize instruction, for struggling through gifted learners. We continue to refine and enhance teaching and learning practices. As proof, recent MAP assessment results reveal gains in math and reading from last fall to this fall.

The Power of STEM:

STEM education cannot be denied in our quickly-evolving information age. Students have to be equipped problem solvers, communicators, creators and collaborators. We teach coding and computer science; we integrate STEM principles; we reinforce Habits of Mind and Growth Mindset and more. Offering College Credit Plus courses for our stronger students in grades 7 and 8 prepare them in even greater ways for the challenges they will face in the future.



Thank you for your prayerful and financial support that allows us to do this blessed work! May God bless you as the Light of Christ shines through you and your families throughout this year.

Blessings,
Lisa Cinadr, Principal
330.460.7350 | LCinadr@StAmbrose.us

Littlest Angels Preschool

Happy New Year! Our new year's resolution for our little angels is to be kind. God tells us to be kind and compassionate toward one another. We should be kind and treat others even better than they treat us, just like Jesus did! We can bring Jesus to others by our kindness and compassion.

Our year will be full of opportunities to be kind. We are planning parent engagement opportunities, classroom parties and dances, service projects and May crowning. Of course, we can be kind in our daily living. Wouldn't the world be one step closer as to how God planned if we were all kind!

Happy New Year! Let's make it the year of kindness!

Catherine Mitchell
330.460.7361 | CMitchell@StASchool.us

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you"

EPHESIANS 4:32



Souper Bowl of Caring

Help us Tackle Hunger!

Join FIAT, Ablaze and Saint Ambrose School as we team up again to raise money for our monthly community meal program.

Come to Saint Ambrose the weekend of February 3-4 after all Masses and help us "Tackle Hunger". We will have teams at all the doors before and after Masses to collect donations, and of course great Super Bowl food items will be on sale in Hilker Hall. You don't want to miss this great event!



Anchored in Hope

FIAT Nights Sundays 6:00-8:00 pm

Start your New Year with FIAT! Join us on Sunday evenings for 5pm Mass followed by FIAT in Hilker Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm. Each week we have great food, meaningful conversation, and a lot of fun! **Join us for our next FIAT night on Sunday, January 21.** See you there!

FIAT's Got Talent

Sunday, January 28

Do you have a hidden talent? Want to win a prize? Well, then come to FIAT's Got Talent on Sunday January 28th from 6-8pm. Sign up today to perform and share your talent!

Ashes on the Asphalt

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Lent is right around the corner! Each year we start Lent together by offering ashes to our high school students, parents, teachers & staff at 6:50am in the parking lot before school. This is a great way to start the school day- and the Lenten season - together. Please join us for this great tradition!



Confirmation Session

February 11

Attention Confirmandi! Don't forget - our next Confirmation Session is coming up on Sunday, February 11. We will start with Mass at 5pm in the Church, followed by our Confirmation Session from 6:00-7:45 pm in the Gym. We look forward to seeing all of you as we get closer to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Questions? Call Caitlin at 330.460.7387.

Food Fast

February 23-24

Back by popular demand - our Food Fast retreat! Are you looking to start your year with a unique retreat experience? Do you want to learn more about issues of hunger and homelessness in our region, and how you can make a difference? Join us for 24 hours of fasting, friends, service and more. **Details can be found at www.myFIAT.us or by calling 330.460.7387.**

RCIA Class of 2017-2018

We pray that you continue to find great joy in your commitment to the Lord and God's embrace in your life.

Andrew Benjamin
Jarred Gable
Aaron Hulswitt
Michael Keller
Jayna Koler

Janna Kren
Nick Lapserich
Alex Molchan
Zack Saylor
Kelly Zoltowski





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Keep up to date
with Vision
20/20 planning
by going on our
website!

Schade's Auto Body is a family owned and operated business serving Brunswick and the surrounding community for over **25 years!** They're also a proud Saint Ambrose Community Partner! Schade's makes many of these great events and activities possible. If you need any auto body work done this winter, go to Schade's and tell them "thanks for supporting our community!"

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FIAT AND ABLAZE



SAINT AMBROSE
winter carnival
SHAKE OFF THE WINTER BLUES!
saturday, January 27, 2018

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
HILKERT HALL

- ☆ 25¢ Games and Kids Prizes ☆ Activities and Games for all ages
- ☆ Food and Your Favorite Carnival Snacks!
- ☆ Fun for the whole family ☆ Bring your kids and grandkids for another great family night at Saint Ambrose!