

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



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Sacrament of the Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday No Mass
Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day - watch the bulletin for location and time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose or anytime by appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent/Lent.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory at 330-527-4105 to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. Marriage preparation includes sessions with the priest and with a sponsor couple.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated every two years in the fall. Preparation sessions for candidates and sponsors are mandatory.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is available upon request. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are hospitalized. Communal Anointing is held each Spring and Fall. The Eucharist is distributed regularly to the homebound by the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or permanent diaconate are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office (330-744-8451). Women discerning a call to religious life are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office.

Religious Education Classes PSR and Youth Ministry

PSR and JOURNEY will begin on 9/20/20. PSR classes will be on-line this fall as we currently do NOT have access to use the JAG Elementary School due to COVID-19. Information on the website and sign in details will be distributed on Registration Day (09/12/20).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring to become Catholic are invited to participate in the R.C.I.A. The "R.C.I.C. is for children in the third grade or older who have not been baptized or celebrated their first Eucharist. For more information, please contact the rectory at 330-527-4105.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are asked to please call or stop by the rectory to register. If you are changing your address or moving out of the parish, please notify us.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all articles for the bulletin no later than Monday of each week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, Aug. 29, Sunday Liturgy**

No Mass

Sunday, Aug. 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) Kathleen Stapleton (Mona Scopilliti)

Monday, Aug. 31, Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 1, Weekday

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Wednesday, Sept. 2, Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, Sept. 3, St. Gregory the Great

No Mass

Friday, Sept. 4, Weekday

8:00 a.m. (SA) Elizabeth Lennart (Family)

Saturday, Sept. 5, Sunday Liturgy

No Mass

Sunday, Sept. 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) Ralph & Agnes Brookover (Son, Joe)

Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SJ) - St. Joseph**Today's Readings****First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;

Mt 18:15-20

Weekly Amount Needed: \$3,000.00**Sunday's (08/23/20) Collection: \$1,566.00****On-Line Giving (0823/20): \$ 508.30****Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Sept. 6****Sunday, Sept. 6, 11:00 a.m.**

Lector: L. Simpson

Usher/Greeter: C. Gravatt, G. Kuhn

Census 2020

When we all respond, we all benefit! When everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, our communities get the funding they need for things like health care, education, emergency services and more. For more information, visit: **2020CENSUS.GOV**

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
(Psalm 63)

**My soul is thirsting, thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

The Cross of Jesus

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Dispensation To Attend Mass Continues

In light of the current health circumstance, the temporary dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholic faithful within the Diocese of Youngstown especially for those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick remains. Anyone who is symptomatic or who has been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives.

Some Reminders!

Face-coverings are to be worn for Mass by all in attendance.

Please remember to maintain a safe distance (at least two empty seats) between you and others.

When finding your seat, please **move to the center of the row** so others can fill in the same row without having to pass by.

Please maintain a safe distance (at least one row in front and behind you) when coming forward to receive Holy Communion.

Remember to remove your face covering before receiving Holy Communion to ensure proper reverence and avoid the possibility of dropping the host.

Schedules for Liturgical Ministers

The new liturgical assignments (lectors and ushers) for Sept. through Dec. will be sent out this week. If you are not able to fulfill an assignment please try to get a substitute before calling the rectory.

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS**Zoom Meeting**

There will be a ZOOM meeting for all PSR Catechists/Aides on Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. Details on how to connect to the meeting will be emailed to you. We will cover the new "Gospel Weeklies" program starting this fall. Please be sure to mark your calendars now!

Registration Day

... will be on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. in the church hall. ALL parents of students attending PSR/Journey must come in to fill out registration forms, pay fees (\$20 per student/\$30 per family), and receive online classroom materials. If you have a new student who has not yet attended, please bring a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

PSR and Journey

.... will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20. PSR classes will be on-line this fall as we currently do NOT have access to the use of the JAG Elem. School due to COVID-19. Information on the website and sign-in details will be distributed on Registration Day.

Please Note:

Diocesan Policy requires that all students be actively enrolled in religious education classes **TWO YEARS PRIOR** to celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation) and attend the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (Mass).

Hiram College Students

We welcome the students of Hiram College who may be joining us at Mass this weekend. May the academic year before you be filled with much wisdom and grace.



Labels For Education

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus are teaming up with J. A. Garfield Schools for a "Box Tops for Education"/"Labels for Education" drive. The school receives money for every UPC label and box top submitted. There is a collection box in the vestibule for you to deposit your labels.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The R.C.I.A. is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...

... been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

... been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?

... yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?

... joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more, please contact the rectory at 330-527-4105.



Food Bank is in Desperate Need

The first Sunday of the month is always the time parishioners show their generosity by "brown bagging" donations for the local food pantry. While the need is greater than ever the food pantry is struggling to keep up. So if you have never donated before perhaps next weekend you will consider bringing a bag of non-perishable food or cleaning products. Just leave your bag in the vestibule!

Join the Ministry of Care

If you have a prayer request or would like to become a St. Ambrose prayer warrior, please email your information to ministryofprayers@gmail.com. Prayer requests will be sent to members at the beginning of each month via email in the form of an attached letter. For prayers needed in between the monthly letter you can simply send your request to the same email, and all members who are on the email chain will receive it. If you do not have access to email, you can contact the rectory to request a copy to be mailed to you.

Worship Committee Chairman

We are currently in need of a chairperson for our wonderful Worship Committee. I need to step aside due to some life changes and will no longer be able to head this committee. As a committee, we decorate the church for the various seasons of the church year. We bring forth the atmosphere of praising and rejoicing. The committee meets once a month, starting in August and running through May. The chairperson also holds a seat on the Pastoral Council and reports to council what is happening within the committee. We have very talented people on this committee who will work well with you. If you have an eye for decorating our parish, want to work with talented other parishioners, and add your ideas at Pastoral Council, please call 330-204-5568 and let me answer your questions. Please prayerfully consider this awesome committee position!

God's Blessings, Sue

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, August 30

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Monday, August 31

7:00 p.m. St. Ambrose Women's Renewal Team (hall)

Sunday, September 6

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

May She Rest in Peace

Our prayerful sympathy is extended to Robert Kovach and family as they mourn the death of **Marie Kovach**. May God fill them with His healing presence and peace.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

There will be a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration includes Mass with Monsignor Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year the celebration will be open only to the couples celebrating anniversaries, with no other family members or guests present. Also, there will be a limit on the number of couples that can be accommodated in the Cathedral with proper social-distancing. However, when registering for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration couples may opt not to attend the Mass and request that their certificate be mailed to them. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Marriage Preparation Engaged Couple Retreat, One-Day Retreat for Engaged Couples

On the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for \$65.00 per couple:

September 19, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

October 24, 2020 at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

Brochures or on-line registration may be found on the diocesan website at www.doy.org (click the "Ministries" tab and click on "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life"), or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Faith & Family Festival canceled for 2020

The Eleventh Annual Faith & Family Festival of the Diocese of Youngstown will not be taking place in September of 2020 but on September 26, of 2021 at Walsh University. The featured presenter will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, the "cooking priest" from Plating Grace Academy.

Liturgy Day 2020

Due to the continuing uncertain circumstances of the pandemic, Liturgy Day 2020 scheduled for Saturday, October 10, has been canceled for this year.

Welcome!

Please join the Knights in welcoming **Robert Tripi**, the newest member of the St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus.

Project Rachel

Do you know someone who is suffering because of an abortion in their past? Encourage them to seek confidential care after abortion at Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio by calling the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at 330-744-8451, ext. 272 or at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Bloodmobile - American Red Cross

On Thursday, Sept. 17, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. Ambrose in the church hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Please consider giving the gift-of-life...donate blood.**