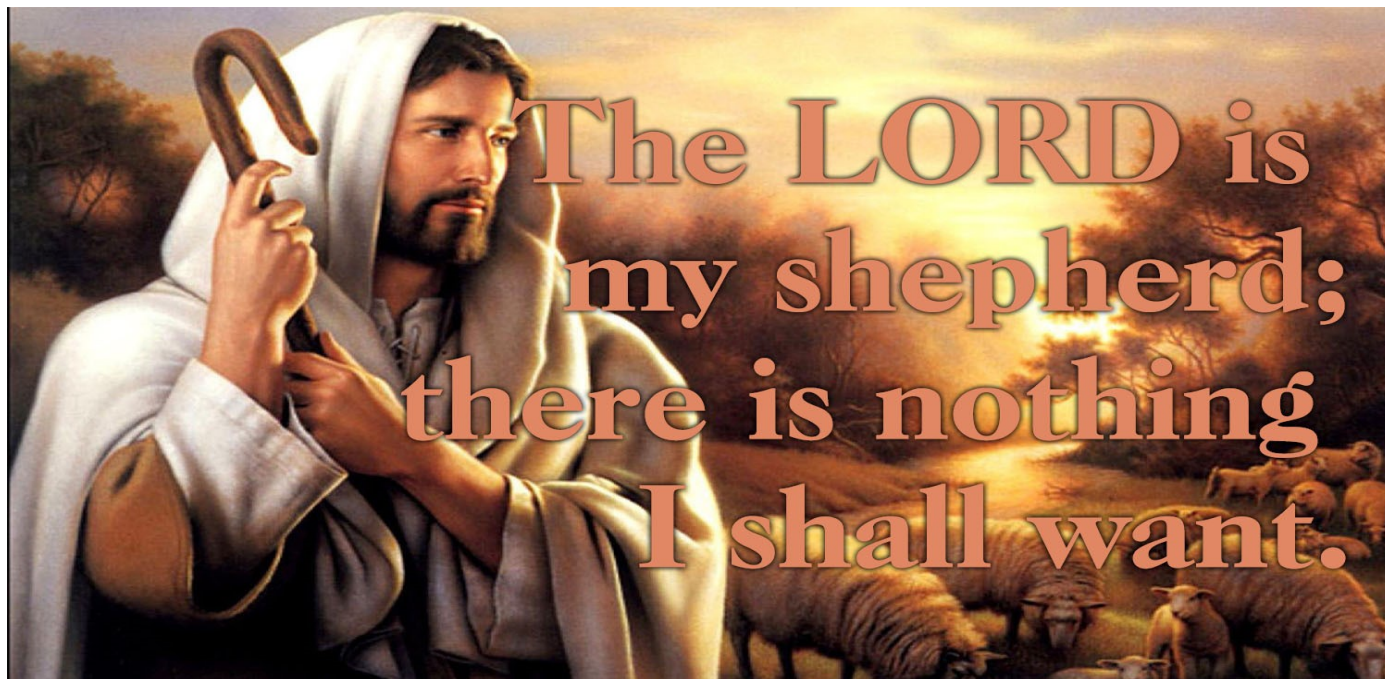


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# Saint Ambrose



## Parish Staff

Rev. Shawn Conoboy, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph Ruggieri, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Gerry Scopilliti, Permanent Deacon  
Deacon Steven Gies, Permanent Deacon  
Margaret Haney, PSR & Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Teresa Motz, Director of Music  
Gloria Kuhn, Parish Secretary  
Michele Manderbach, Parish Bookkeeper

## Sacrament of the Eucharist

### Mass Schedule

Sunday .....11:00 a.m. (Mass)  
Monday.....6:30 p.m. (Mass)  
Tuesday.....8:00 a.m. (Mass)  
Monday.....6:00 p.m. (Reconciliation)  
Holy Day - watch the bulletin for location and time

## 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 rectory at 330-527-4105 at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. Marriage preparation includes sessions with the priest.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated every year 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.

## Religious Education Classes

PSR and Journey (September through April) on Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (Journey).

## Order of Christian Initiation (formerly RCIA)

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.

## Bulletin Deadline

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

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### St. Ambrose (Garrettsville)

Sun. 11:00 am Mass, Mon. 6:30 pm Mass, Tues. 8:00 am Mass  
RECONCILIATION - Mon. 6:00 pm, ROSARY - Sun. 10:25 am

### St. Joseph (Mantua)

Sat. 5:00 pm Mass, Sun. 9:00 am Mass,  
Wed. 6:30 pm Mass, Thur. 8:00 am Mass  
RECONCILIATION - Wed. 6:00 pm, ROSARY - Sat. 4:20 pm  
ADORATION - Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Aurora)

Mon. 9:15 am Morning Prayer, Tues. - Fri. 9:00 am Mass,  
Tues. 6:30 pm Mass, Sat. 4:30 pm Mass,  
Sun. 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass  
RECONCILIATION - Tues 6:00 pm, Sat. 3:30 pm  
ROSARY - after weekday morning Mass  
ADORATION - Tues. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

### St. Joan of Arc (Streetsboro)

Mon. 8:30 am Communion Service, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am Mass  
Sat. 5:00 pm Mass, Sun. 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass  
RECONCILIATION - Sat. 4:00 pm  
ROSARY - before weekday liturgy  
ADORATION - First Thur. 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, March 18, Sunday Liturgy**  
5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

**Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph  
11:00 a.m. (SA) Connie Ruffing  
(John & Debbie Kostrub)  
Getts Family (Larry Stapleton)

**Monday, March 20, St. Joseph**  
6:30 p.m. (SA) Larry Coz (Wife, Ruth)

**Tuesday, March 21, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. (SA) Jack DeSalvo  
(Dave & Kathy DeSalvo)

**Wednesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday**  
6:30 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

**Thursday, March 23, Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

**Friday, March 24, Lenten Weekday**  
No Mass

**Saturday, March 25, Sunday Liturgy**  
5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

**Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph  
11:00 a.m. (SA) Melana Matson  
(Norm & Joyce Fashing)  
Jerry Jackson (Wife, Margie)

**Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SJ) - St. Joseph**

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00**

**Sunday's (03/12/23) Collection: \$1,643.00**

**On-Line Giving (03/12/23): \$ 355.00**

**Maintenance Fund: \$ 229.00**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule for March 26**

**Sunday, March 26, 11:00 a.m.**

Reader: J. Brookover  
Usher/Greeter: T. Danku, J. Pesecky  
Altar Server: I. Blohm, R. Kasper  
Extraordinary Ministers: D. Ashachik, C. Bailey, B. White

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:  
(Psalm 23)

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

**Mission Statement**

Through our baptism, we, the family of Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, are chosen and called to be the body of Christ. As a community of faith, we gather to give thanks and praise to God through prayer, worship, and the celebration of the sacraments. Gifted by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue the mission of Jesus by sharing our faith and reaching out to others in justice, mercy, and love. Together, we strive to grow stronger in our love for God and one another.

**Annual Diocesan Appeal  
One in Hope, One in Mission**

This weekend's Gospel offers the familiar telling of "the man born blind". In this story, the behavior of the crowd is rather disturbing. On one hand, they are consumed with the perceived sin that they believe placed the blind man in his condition, rather than focusing on how they could help him. And when Jesus provides healing, they are more concerned on his violating their customs, than rejoicing in the restoration of health. How often in our own society do we find people blaming others for their own poverty, and even chastising those who offer help? Jesus himself reminds us that we are called to recognize suffering, and work to alleviate it in our world. Your prayerful response to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**, makes possible the compassionate work of Catholic Charities and our ability to extend the mission of the Church throughout our diocese. To date, 21 families of **St. Ambrose Parish** have pledged **\$4,690.00** toward our goal of **\$15,000.00**. This is our share of the \$4,000,000 goal for our entire diocesan family. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so between now and Palm Sunday. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org). Thank you and God bless you. Together, we pray, "That all may be one!"

**Lenten Calendar**

If you did not get a calendar, the Lenten Calendar listing the various prayer opportunities for the season of Lent as well as the schedule for confessions and Holy Week liturgies at our parishes is in the vestibule.

**Eat, Pray and Give: Lenten Fridays**

The Worship Committee is having a meatless, light meal on each Friday during the Lenten Season here at St. Ambrose. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall with either the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet following at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted to go to various charitable organizations. **This Friday, March 24, is the Stations of the Cross.**

**Reconciliation Opportunities**

Monday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose  
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph  
Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc

**Fr. Ed Stafford Appreciation Reception**

Since we didn't get a proper goodbye before Fr. Ed's medical health leave of absence in the Spring of 2022, we're having an Appreciation Reception for him on Saturday, April 15, in Hughes Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Come and show your appreciation for his time with St. Joseph and St. Ambrose parishes (no RSVP required). There will be light refreshments and desserts. Fr. Ed also celebrates his birthday on April 19. He would love to see everyone. **Mark Your Calendars!**

**Rosary**

The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 10:25 a.m. in the Church.

### Looking For A New Way To Impact Your Lent?

For the remainder of Lent, the Trilogy Retreat Property in Southington, OH is offering special day-long or overnight Lenten Retreats that offer parishioners (individual, couples, or family) guided or self-directed options to make Lent season more meaningful this year. **Visit [www.trilogy.center](http://www.trilogy.center) OR call 833-538-6323 for more information.**



### Chicken Festival Leadership Wanted

We are looking for someone to get trained this year and take over duties next year in the dining room, serving food, cutting pies and managing seating and cleaning of tables during our festival. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them reach out to Pat Johnston

330-281-9514 or Len Barcikowski 440-666-0722.

### Catholic Men's Conference

Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown has set this year's Men's Conference for Saturday, March 25, at JFK Catholic High School in Warren. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the conference will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop David Bonnar. This year's theme is on the Eucharist and is titled "This is my Body." The featured speakers include: Fr. Ryan Furlong, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna; Dr. Ben Safranski, D.R.E. Christ Our Savior Parish, Struthers; Fr. John-Michael Lavelle, Pastor of St Michael Parish, Canfield. This is a FREE event, registration is required. To make a reservation go to [www.CMFDOY.org](http://www.CMFDOY.org).

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Columba Cathedral, to honor couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2023. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Bonnar, and include a renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate, and a light reception in the cathedral hall. Couples must make reservations in advance. Deadline to register is March 29, 2023 – space is limited. Contact the rectory for details.

### Come and See Weekends

Saint Mary Seminary & Borromeo Seminary are once again offering "Come and See" Weekends. These are opportunities for men who are open to priesthood formation to experience life in the Seminary. The next Come and See Weekend is scheduled for March 31 – April 2, 2023. If you know of anyone interested in this time of prayer, discovery, and discernment, please contact Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or email at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

### 2022 Contributions

Contribution listings were closed on January 1, 2023. Any contributions dated after December 31, 2022 will be listed on your 2023 financial statement. Please call the rectory at 330-527-4105 to request a copy of your contribution statement.



### St. Ambrose K of C Steak Fry

The best way to chase away the winter blues is with a summer cook out, right? So come on down to the St. Ambrose K of C "Summer Steak Fry in March" next Saturday, March 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the hall. Menu includes: ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks (beer and wine available for donation). Cost is \$15/person, \$25/couple or \$50/family maximum and we accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards. One of the Knights will be taking names after Mass (so we can purchase the correct number of steaks).

### THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

#### Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)  
9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)  
10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

#### Tuesday, March 21

7:00 p.m. Bingo (hall)

#### Wednesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (church)

#### Friday, March 24

6:00 p.m. Eat, Pray, & Give (hall/church)

#### Saturday, March 25

4:00 p.m. K of C Steak Fry (hall)

#### Sunday, March 26

9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)  
9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)  
10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

### Bingo at St. Ambrose

Doors open on Tuesday, March 21, at 5:45 p.m. Games (early bird) start at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall. **Workers: E. or J. Hoffmann, J. Evitts, A. Ryser, D. Crane, C. McCarty, M. Kenesky.**

### Thank You for the Gift of Life

On behalf of the American Red Cross, we thank all those who donated blood or worked on Thursday, March 16.



### "Girl, Get In The Boat!"

All women 18 years and older are invited to attend the St. Ambrose and St. Joseph Women's Spiritual Renewal Weekend, April 22-23, 2023, at Camp Asbury (10776 Asbury Rd., Hiram). The weekend begins with 7:30 a.m. check-in on Saturday and ends by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is a free, two-day gathering of adult Christian women (Catholic and non-Catholic) coming together in faith to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and other Christian women. Take some time for yourself, come enjoy fellowship, laughs, and much more! Self care includes your spirit. Ladies, it can start with renewal. Brochures with a registration form are available in the vestibule.

### Adoration and Holy Hour

All are invited to join the second half of the Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival with opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours in a different county of the diocese each month. The Holy Hour will begin with a brief understanding of the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by time spent in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Our next celebrations will be on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at:

#### St. Joan of Arc Parish, Streetsboro (March 19)

Corpus Christi Parish, Conneaut (April 16)

St. Jude Parish, Columbiana (May 21)

Please consider joining us as we spend time in prayer with our Lord. Event details at <https://do.org/eucharisticrevival/>.

### Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

Tenebrae is a service that follows a tradition of the early church dating back to the eighth century. It portrays the solemn drama of the final hours of Christ's life on earth with sensitivity and depth of emotion seldom heard as He prepared for and suffered death on the cross. *Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness* is an exceptionally moving work that consists of readings, music, and candles that are extinguished symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Christ. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. A Tenebrae Service will be held at St. Ambrose Church on Wednesday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m.