

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019



Saturday, January 19, 2019

Vigil Mass of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. **Raymond and Shirley Nadeau - Memorial**

Requested by The Riordan Family

Roger and Bertha Lalanne - Memorial

Requested by Catherine and Paul Lalanne & Family

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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8:30 a.m. **Theodore Gagne - 23rd Anniversary**

Requested by his Daughter, Terry

11:15 a.m. **Joshua M. Noury - Month's Mind**

Requested by The Ferland Family

Edmund S. Pereira

Requested by Rev. Thomas J. Ferland

Monday, January 21, 2019

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Weekday

7:30 a.m. **Bruce Smith - 4th Anniversary**

Requested by Michele and Brian Smith

Thursday, January 24, 2019

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Friday, January 25, 2019

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7:30 a.m. **Grace Desjardins - Birthday Remembrance**

Requested by her Family

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. **Pro Populo**

Sunday, January 27, 2019

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. **Robert Gould**

Requested by his Wife

11:15 a.m. **Josephine R. Mirza**

Requested by The Ferland Family

**Thoughts from
Father Kiley...**



My hearty good wishes for a successful sabbatical join those of the parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. James as Fr. Ferland ventures forward into a wonderful religious and cultural experience in Rome. Along with the staff and parishioners of both parishes, my commitment over the next three months will be to continue the thoughtful attention Fr. Ferland has given to the many details of parish life. The parish offices will be open on their usual schedule and parishioners are encouraged to inform the secretaries of their needs and concerns in person or by phone or by email. Fr. Robert Lacombe, an Albion native, will be assisting with weekday and weekend Masses during this period. I will of course be dividing my time among my own home in Woonsocket, St. Ambrose rectory in Albion and St. James parish center in Manville. In the interest of being available for all parish needs – both emergencies and routine business – my home phone and cell numbers will be prominently published each week in the bulletin. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I would rather know issues before the fact rather than after. Another concern is snow. Weekend Masses – Saturday and Sunday – as well as any funerals, weddings, or baptisms will take place as scheduled, regardless of snow. But weekday Masses in either church will not be celebrated if there is a serious overnight or daytime snowstorm. The rule will be: If there is no school in Lincoln, there will be no weekday Mass at either church. This is the safest and most sensible resolution to the quandary about who should venture out in difficult weather. And finally as a special treat during my tenure as a temporary vicar, my QUIET CORNER articles published each week in the *RI Catholic* will be published in St. Ambrose and St. James parish bulletins for the duration of Fr. Ferland's sabbatical studies. It is a pleasure to make my thoughts available. God bless both parishes as the Church enters the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

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Weekly Collection

Week of January 13, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,613.00
EFT	\$ 773.00
Maintenance	\$ 204.00
Poor Box	\$ 209.00
Votive Candles/Hanging Lamp	\$ 45.00
First Offering	\$ 170.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 55.00

As always,

Thank you for your generosity!
We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

This week's Second Collection is for
The Catholic University of America

Monday, January 21, 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance



*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that."*

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Religious Faith Formation News

Grades K to 4

No classes on 1/20/2019
Classes resume on 1/27/2019

Join us for the next Young Theologians Mass
on April 28, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

Grades 5 through 8

Refer to the calendar sent out to families

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Fr. Ferland and Fr. Kiley would like to thank the parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. James for your kindness and generosity during the Christmas Season. Your expressions and gifts of appreciation and holiday joy were most kind.

God's blessings of peace and joy to all.

Lets keep our parishioners connected, especially during the long, winter months...



If you know of someone who is confined to their home or a nursing facility, please contact the Rectory to arrange for a weekly bulletin to be mailed to them and/or



*Loss in our
Parish Family*

We offer our prayerful
condolences and sympathy
to the families of

Therese R. Petrin

who died on January 9, 2019

and

William P. Nangle

who died on January 10, 2019

*"Let us not abandon him, until we have
conducted him by our prayers into the
house of the Lord."* St. Ambrose



Modern Media

Now more than ever, media is a pervasive and persuasive reality in the lives of young people. The web, social networks, data plans, Wi-Fi, texting, smartphones, tablets, headphones ... it seems like everyone is connected to one kind of device or another. And it has an unprecedented influence on their lives and thinking. That's why this YDISCIPLE course looks truthfully at media, puts it in a Christian context, and shows how young people can learn to discern what they're seeing and hearing while surfing the tidal wave of constant sensory input.

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those in need
during the cold winter
months ahead...**



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**Mass Intentions
and
Mary's Hanging Lamp**



If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention or placing a Hanging Lamp Intention for a loved one at St. Ambrose, please call the Rectory.



**RCIA
Adult Faith Formation
St. James & St. Ambrose Parish**

Are you interested to become a Catholic or have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Please contact Moira McCarthy at the St. James Faith Formation Office to discuss this most wonderful journey of initiation into the Catholic faith.



Thank you for your free-will donations to the special collection for the HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Diocese of Providence. The parishes of St. Ambrose and St. James collectively contributed a total of \$1,000.00 to this most important ministry. Your generosity means so much to our sisters and brothers in need.

2018 Tax Statement Request

As the tax filing season approaches, you can request a statement of contributions to St. Ambrose Church for the 2018 tax year by completing the form below **and dropping it in the collection basket or calling the Rectory during office hours.**

Name: _____

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A speeding car hops the guard rail and tumbles down the grassy embankment. No one thankfully is hurt. "It was a miracle," friends of the hapless driver and passengers celebrate. CT scans and MRIs reveal that a tumor has completely disappeared and chemo therapy will no longer be required. "It's a miracle," the jubilant family rejoices. One jet engine was visibly and profusely burning up yet the pilot managed to land the plane safely and soundly on the tarmac. "It's a miracle," the overjoyed passengers shout to one another as they embrace in the airport lounge. Exceptional good fortune is often described by witnesses as a miracle, an astounding intervention of the Divine into human history. More often than not seat belts, good medicine, and mechanical expertise explain jaw dropping events that first appeal to the imagination and only later to the intellect.

Yet, miracles, signs of Divine intervention, have been an important element in salvation history since Moses and Aaron confronted the Pharaoh's magicians in Egypt. "Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen with your own eyes all that the LORD did in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and to all his land, the great testings your own eyes have seen, and those great signs and wonders," the author of Deuteronomy notes. And certainly the New Testament abounds in miraculous cures, feedings, catches of fish, footsteps over water, and even resurrections from the dead. With this coming Sunday's Gospel passage, St. John begins his Scriptural narrative of seven signs, that is, seven miracles that clearly and graphically announce the intervention of God in human history through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The seven miraculous events that St. John understands to be signs, that is, evidence of God's active willingness to get personally involved in a man or woman's individual history as well as world history in general are all quite familiar Gospel episodes: 1) the wedding feast at Cana; 2) the cure of the royal official's son; 3) the cure of the paralytic at the pool with five porticoes; 4) the multiplication of loaves; 5) the walking on water at the Sea of Galilee; 6) the cure of the young man born blind; and 7) the climatic raising of Lazarus from the dead. St. John understands these seven signs are the result of the direct intervention of God through Christ into history. These were indeed miracles. Neither medicine, nor cleverness, nor expertise could otherwise explain them. And most importantly these seven miraculous events, along with many other happenings in the Gospel narratives, instill and augment supernatural faith: "Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him."

Professor Bart D. Ehrman, University of North Carolina, in his recent book, *The Triumph of Christianity*, observes that one of the chief opportunities for growth by early Christianity was the fascination of the once pagan world with reports of miracles which the young Church revered and recounted and relished. Note that the author does not write "miracles," but rather "reports of miracles." Authentic miracles were no more frequent in the ancient world than they are in the modern world. But even the thought, the notion, that God would intervene in history through Christ and through his Church was compelling for the pagan neighbors of the first Christian believers. People were delighted with the idea that through Christ God was personally concerned about them. Through Christ and his Church God could alert the believer, guide the believer, sustain the believer. Miraculous events recorded in Scripture and miracles effected at the hands of the saints, even if rare, attested to God's personal involvement with mankind. Such Divine intimacy stood in great contrast to the aloof divinities of the Greco-Roman world. People enjoyed the nearness of God through Christ.

In the second reading at this Sunday's liturgy, St. Paul recounts another form of Divine intimacy: the spiritual gifts bestowed, however subtly, on each believer. "To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes." The disciples began to believe because they witnessed the intervention God in history at Cana. The Roman Empire began to believe, partially, because they heard accounts of God's intervention in history from Christian preachers. Modern believers must recapture the notion of God's willing intervention in each person's history through his Son and his Son's Church. God is ever near; His Spirit is ever active.