

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019*



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

Monday, January 28, 2019

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Weekday
7:30 a.m. **Therese R. Petrin - Remembrance**
Requested by Raymond Gagnon

Thursday, January 31, 2019

St. John Bosco, Priest
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Friday, February 1, 2019

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

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Vigil Mass of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
5:15 p.m. **Pro Populo**

Sunday, February 3, 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

11:15 a.m. **Rita Lacombe - 1st Anniversary**
Leonard Lacombe - 32nd Anniversary
Marrissa and Lenny Lacombe
Requested by their Family

Richard Charland - 1st Anniversary
Requested by his Wife and Family

In case you missed last weekend's bulletin due to the storm ...here is some information from Fr. Kiley while Fr. Ferland is on Sabbatical...

Parish Offices...The parish offices will be open on their usual schedule and parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish secretaries with any needs and concerns in person.

Priests...Fr. Robert Lacombe will be assisting Fr. Kiley with weekday and weekend Masses. Fr. Kiley will be dividing his time among his home in Woonsocket, St. Ambrose rectory, and St. James parish center. In the interest of being available for all parish needs – both emergencies and routine business – Fr. Kiley's home phone and cell numbers will be prominently published each week in the bulletin in the event you need to contact him.

And, as for SNOW...Weekend Masses – Saturday and Sunday – as well as any funerals, weddings, or baptisms will take place as scheduled, regardless of snow. 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. Fr. Kiley feels that this is the safest and most sensible resolution to the quandary about who should venture out in difficult weather.

Also, as a special treat during Fr. Kiley's tenure while Fr. Ferland is on sabbatical, we will be sharing his QUIET CORNER articles in our weekly bulletin.

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Weekly Collection

Week of January 20, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,098.00
EFT	\$ 605.00
Maintenance	\$ 145.00
Poor Box	\$ 131.00
Votive Candles/Hanging Lamp	\$ 120.00
First Offering	\$ 60.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 115.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 226.00

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This week's Second Collection
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Religious Faith Formation News

Grades K to 4

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

Family Faith Formation in your home...



A little Bible study

Want to do a little Bible study with your kids? Here are some tips:

- During Ordinary Time, the Church pairs the Old Testament and New Testament readings in a way that each sheds light on the other. Ask your kids to look for the common theme connecting the two readings. (Sometimes it's obvious, sometimes it is subtle.) How does the "dialogue" between the readings help you understand them better?
- Get a New American Bible, Revised Edition, and take a look at the footnotes for these readings. How do they change your understanding of what is going on?
- Take a look at the context for the readings—what happens before, or after?
- Read the NABRE's introduction to the book of the Bible that the readings are taken from. How does that help you understand the readings?

If you don't have a copy of the NABRE at home, you can view it online at the USCCB website at the **Daily Readings** web page.

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"Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:20-21

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 arrange for a pastoral visit.

Its never too late to help those in need during the cold winter months ahead...



Keep the Heat On is a program of the Diocese of Providence that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401/421-7833 for additional information. You can also make a \$10 donation by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a \$25 donation by texting the word HEATRI to 27722.

In Sympathy



Loss in our Parish Family

We offer our prayerful condolences and sympathy to the family of

Rita Salemi

who died on January 16, 2019

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

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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.

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: _____

Address: _____

Budget #: _____



The Sunday collection! It's almost an eighth sacrament! The weekly envelope dropped into the collection basket and the all too frequent "*special collections*" envelopes that support all areas of Catholic life have been in use in America since the early part of the last century. Lately budget envelopes are yielding more and more to EFT donations – electronic fund transfers – which transmit funds directly from the family account to the parish account. Thus frequent travelers can be just as consistent in their generosity as their stay-at-home neighbors. Our grandparents and great-grandparents knew only pew rent or seat money – once a nickel, then a dime, and then a quarter – usually collected at the church door on entrance, but sometimes collected by the passing of a basket from pew to pew. And woe to the guy that let that basket slip as it was passed to a neighbor – coins all scattered under the kneelers and pews!

Nationwide second collections range from popular causes like the Missions and Retired Religious to less compelling opportunities like Catholic University and the Campaign for Human Development. Locally parishes promote their own needs by scheduling a second collection, perhaps monthly, for maintenance, fuel, tuition assistance, debt reduction, and the like. Over the past few decades, an "*Annual Collection*" during which single, sizeable donations are anticipated has proven quite successful in the more affluent parishes of the diocese, sometimes eliciting funds in the \$100,000.00 range. And of course the whole diocesan family knows the annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal as well as periodic capital campaigns which hopefully draw colossal sums.

The omnipresent collecting of money by the Church could easily be viewed simply as another form of fund raising just as the Cancer Society or St. Jude's Hospital or the Wounded Warriors garner needed resources. But there is a quite ancient and more profound motivation underlying Church collections than the mere maintenance of facilities, as British writer N.T. Wright observes in a recent biography of St. Paul. The original Jerusalem church clearly needed money; they were broke. The Apostle viewed the collection of money for the old time "*saints*" in Jerusalem as an opportunity as well as an obligation for the new Gentile churches that he was converting. St. Paul happily saw the sharing of resources between the first-founded Jerusalem community in Judea and the newly-founded Gentile communities around the Mediterranean world as an occasion not just for charity but also for building authentic and effective Church unity.

St. Paul hoped his eager collection ministry would actually draw the two contrasting Church communities together. The old-timers would be drawn closer to the new folks as they experienced their generosity. And the new folks would be drawn closer to the old-timers as they saw their funds supporting the Jerusalem church whose courage made them the first to embrace Christ and the Gospel. Both giver and receiver would become one by their common appreciation of Christ and his teachings. St. Paul's goal was to have the early Church experience not only practical universality as it expanded to the limits of the Roman Empire but also internal unity as Gentile Christians looked out for Jewish Christians and Jewish Christians became grateful to Gentile Christians. St. Paul's goal wisely and intentionally was mutual responsibility, mutual involvement, and mutual gratitude among the international Christian community.

On the same level, St. Paul wanted the common Christian faith embraced by both new comers and old timers to prevail over the ethnic and racial diversity that would always characterize a truly Catholic Church. "*For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,*" St. Paul declares in this Sunday's second reading, "*whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.*" Here St. Paul introduces his insightful image of the human body in all its complexity as a model of the diverse yet unified structure and operation of Christ's Church. Baptism sacramentally and effectively draws the wideness of the Church together into one believing community. Now Christians are expected to welcome and to embrace this underlying spiritual unity and to express this oneness in so many ways, some quite lofty and noble, some quite ordinary and handy. Church collections are a practical opportunity to ponder and to promote a sense of camaraderie and solidarity throughout the worldwide church community based on the common Christian belief that Jesus Christ is Son of God and Lord of all.