

*The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2019*



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

Monday, February 4, 2019
Weekday
7:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
7:30 a.m. **Rose and Edward Crepeau - Memorial**
Requested by their Family

Thursday, February 7, 2019
Weekday
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Friday, February 8, 2019
Weekday
7:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Saturday, February 9, 2019
Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 p.m. **Timothy Riordan - 3rd Anniversary**
Requested by The Riordan Family

Sunday, February 10, 2019
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. **Pro Populo**
11:15 a.m. **Pro Populo**

Today's Gospel
Luke 4:21-30



And he said,
"Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is
accepted in his own
native place.

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SNOW REMINDER

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.

Weekly Collection

Week of January 27, 2019

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,288.50
EFT	\$ 619.00
Maintenance	\$ 11.00
Poor Box	\$ 56.00
First Offering	\$ 30.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 418.00

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 in support of the Maintenance Fund

A message to St. Ambrose Parish from Reverend Brian Sistare, Pastor at Church of St. John the Baptist, in Pawtucket...

"I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your contribution to the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Thank you for your generous donations to our Church. We give thanks to God for you and remember you in our Masses and prayers."

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Religious Faith Formation News

Grades K to 4

Grades 2,3,4 meet on 2/3/2019 at 10:00am
No class: Grade 1

Grades 1,2,3,4 meet on 2/10/2019 at 10:00am

Grades 5 through 8

Grade 7 meets on 2/3/2019 at 6:00pm

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

FAMILY
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Bite-Sized Biblical Prayers for Kids

The Bible is replete with prayers you can adapt for family prayer time. These bite-sized prayers are perfect for kids to memorize so they will always have a quick devotional prayer handy.

The psalms are a rich source, of course, but there are rayers and canticles (songs) scattered throughout the Bible. Even single lines of Scripture may be adapted to prayer. These bite-sized verses are perfect for children, who can memorize them so they will always have a quick devotional prayer handy.

Here are a few Bite-Sized Biblical Prayers:

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
(Psalm 56:3)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."
(Psalm 136:1)

"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart."
(Psalm 138:1)

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2019 Catholic Charity Appeal *Supporting the Work of the Church*

The start of the 2019 Catholic Charity Appeal is quickly approaching. It is your continued support that impacts and makes a difference in the lives of those in need within the Diocese of Providence.



2019
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

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.



Our Lady's Hanging Lamp for Mary and Gustave Bouliane

Requested by their Family

Please keep this intention in your prayers.



**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 McCarty at the St. James Faith Formation Office to discuss this most wonderful journey of initiation into the Catholic faith.

Girl Scout Troop 1711 will be selling cookies after the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses on 2/3/2019 and 2/10/2019



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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Budget #: _____



Saint John Bosco Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John (Don) Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth from the tough streets of Turin, Italy. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that Don Bosco had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order, the Salesians, for helping educate boys. Growing up without a father gave him compassion for the many orphans that he cared for, while he faced persecution from both secular society and the Church as he fought to build a place to house and educate the homeless, outcast youth of Turin. His deep faith, creative imagination, and profound charity shine in this wonderful film.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend *Parental Guidance* and that parents preview it before watching with children.

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"It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved." Don Bosco

Youth Ministry News

Teen Volleyball Time!



Are you between the ages of 13-19? Do you love to play volleyball or want to learn to play?

Then have some fun with friends and join the St. James/St. Ambrose Volleyball team in this year's Youth Ministry Volleyball League. League play begins on April 24 and runs until June 23.

Games are played on Sunday afternoons only.

If you're interested in joining, please call the St. James Youth Ministry leaders before March 8th.
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Brides and grooms, or perhaps mostly brides, thumbing through the Church's preparation for marriage booklets will often select some early verses of chapter 13 of St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians as the second reading for the nuptial Mass. The happy phrases are familiar to all: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." Certainly a young couple, or any couple for that matter, could not set better objectives for their life together than St. Paul's litany of thoughtful and tender responses to the many challenges of married life.

Yet St. Paul's original letter was not addressed simply to engaged couples nor to married couples. St. Paul's epistle was addressed to the whole Corinthian church. Clergy and laity, men and women, families and singles, the able and the disabled, were the recipients of what St. Paul proposed as "a yet more excellent way." The word "love" in modern translations for the original Greek word "agape" understandably casts an aura of romance over the Apostle's caring words. Older translations from the Greek into English – including the hallowed Douai-Rheims Catholic text and the revered King James Protestant text – employed the word "charity" instead of "love," happily broadening the meaning of the Greek word "agape". St. John actually uses the Greek word "agape" in its verb form when he writes majestically in 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." These are certainly loving words, but they are hardly romantic words.

Re-reading St. Paul's celebrated verses in the older translation using "charity" instead of "love" better projects the broad, practical scope of Christian responsibility. Consider these phrases: "Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails."

Reflect on St. Paul's ardent phrases. Not just married couples but every Christian is expected to suffer long, bear all things, endure all things and be not easily provoked. It is easy it is to get aggravated with fellow office workers, with customers, with neighbors and other drivers on the road. Patience under stress is charity indeed. Every Christian is expected to be kind. Kindness is the phone call to the ailing relative, the sympathy card to the bereaved neighbor, a word of support to the new employee. Charity is neither envious nor jealous. Envy has its eye on another's goods and inordinately desires them. Jealousy keeps its eye on one's own goods and refuses to share them. Charity dismisses both materialistic considerations. True charity does not brag. It "seeks not its own, vaunts not itself, and is not puffed up." The charitable person knows that his or her good qualities will speak for themselves. There is no need for self-promotion. Especially in the present climate of vulgarity, suggestiveness and casual morality, it is important to recall that "charity does not behave itself unseemly." Charity respects the dignity of other persons by being guarded in both words and gestures.

Authentic charity "thinks no evil" and is therefore neither judgmental nor prejudiced. Charity never assumes fault nor imputes lesser motives. Rather the charitable person "rejoices in the truth" taking a realistic look at a neighbor's strengths and weaknesses, rejoicing in the one and dealing realistically with the other. And charity is always willing to give a neighbor the benefit of the doubt. "Charity believes all things and hopes all things," writes St. Paul. The Apostle here is not suggesting that the true believer is simply optimistic or actually naïve. Charity believes and hopes in the fundamental goodness of human nature in spite of all the evidence to the contrary. God does not make junk, a recent maxim insists, original sin notwithstanding. And so the Christian will always look for the reasonable explanation, the redeeming factor, the justifying plea when faced with a challenging situation. Charity never jumps to a hasty conclusion.

The love that must support married life and the charity that must underlie community life are never easy options. Love and charity are stimulating Christian choices that must be renewed every day. Yet, in spite of any immediate challenges, love and charity will prove themselves the best decisions in the long run. "Charity never fails," St. Paul insists. True believers will take heed of the Apostle's insights and persevere in St. Paul's "yet more excellent way."