Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 5, 2019
Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 p.m. Kevin F. Healey
Requested by St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday, October 6, 2019
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Jake Legere - Birthday Remembrance
Requested by his Mom and Brothers
11:15 a.m. Kevin F. Healey
Requested by Rev. Thomas J. Ferland
Harry G. Sioras
Requested by The Ferland Family
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Sick
Anointing Service at St. James Church

Monday, October 7, 2019
Our Lady of the Rosary
7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Weekday
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Weekday
7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Weekday
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. James Church

Friday, October 11, 2019
Weekday
7:30 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, October 12, 2019
Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:15 p.m. Michele Burgess and Philip Cahalan - Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Family
Clement Joyal - 1st Anniversary
Requested by his Family

Sunday, October 13, 2019
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Maria Boudreau - 19th Anniversary
Requested by Family
11:15 a.m. Henri and Delvina Dumas
Leo and Irene Montigny
Requested by Family

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Our campaign is off to a wonderful start. We have 2 receptions this week on October 7th at 6:30 PM and October 9th at 6:30 PM. Both will be held in the parish hall. I hope to see each of you at one of these receptions.

We ask you for your consideration and prayers for the campaign so that we all may reap the benefits within our parish and Diocese.

Over the next few weeks, we ask you to pray for the success of our campaign. This campaign is rooted in prayer and through the prayers of our parishioners throughout all of our parishes in our diocese, we will be successful.

Thank you for your prayers.
Remember, success depends on us!

Prayer for
Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign

Almighty God, your Son Jesus called us to form a Church that is one, holy, catholic and apostolic, and your Holy Spirit guides us on our way. Ever grateful for your providence in our lives, we ask your blessing upon our campaign and upon all the work we do for your Church. Give us a joyful spirit, a confident outlook, and a renewed zeal as we live and share the joy of the Gospel. Help us to remember that without you, we can do nothing, but that with you, all things are possible. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Leader: Our Lady of Providence
Response: Pray for us!
Weekly Collection

Week of September 29, 2019
- Weekly Budget: $3,441.00
- EFT: $677.00
- Maintenance: $148.00
- Poor Box: $241.00
- Votive Candles: $55.00
- Mass Intentions: $105.00
- Priests’ Retirement Fund: $35.00

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: Maintenance Fund

The Holy Rosary
Monthly Devotion for October
The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

Sacrament of the Sick
Communal Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick
Sunday - October 6, 2019
St. James Church - 3PM
If you are preparing to go to the hospital for a procedure or surgery, if your health has deteriorated or your loved one is infirmed, then you may want to ask for the healing support of the prayerful Christian Community through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

2019-2020
Faith Formation Grades K-4
Please check the schedule for grade level class meeting dates. Also, a reminder...bring your folder to class with your completed home-study lesson.
Questions...please contact Robin Carney at rcarney@stambrosechurchri.org

Note: No classes for Grades K-4 on Sunday, October 13

Confirmation 2019
Confirmation Candidate Confessions and Workshop
Sunday, October 6, 2019
6-7:30pm at St. Ambrose Church

Please remember to say a prayer for our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Catholic religious recognition programs are available for Girl Scouts in Grades K - 12. Please contact Michele Smith, a member of the Bishop’s Catholic Committee on Scouting, at 401-658-0297 or by email at gscatholicawards@yahoo.com for more information.

Annual Family Halloween Night!
Join St. James’ Youth Ministry and bring the family for their annual Halloween party Oct. 26, 6-8pm.
Festivities include music, dancing, games, crafts and a Halloween tailgate party called “Trunk or Treat”. Please bring one canned good for the food pantry. Anyone wishing to transform their trunk into a front porch for the event, please call Pam at 401.378.8449 or Paul at 401.439.5889 or send an email to stjamesym@yahoo.com
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019

Our Lady’s Hanging Lamp
In Memory of
Louise Godin
Requested by Family
Please keep this intention in your prayers

The Woman

"In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman". This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman", and why is she so central in the history of Salvation?

This powerful film presents the beautiful Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. Combining many gorgeous images from classic sacred art with a lovely soundtrack, the dogmas of the Mother of God: Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, and Assumption are explained, along with other traditional beliefs and devotions to Mary.

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Fall is here. Crisp air, leaves falling...
Don’t let our parishioners fall out of touch. Keep them connected...

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.

Loss in our Parish Family
We offer our prayerful condolences and sympathy to the family of

Mary J. Cote
who died on September 21, 2019

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

St. Ambrose

Join the St. Ambrose Parish Youth Choir for Christmas!

All children and teens who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are welcome!!

Beginning November 2nd, rehearsals will be held every Saturday at 4:15PM leading up until Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Our youth choir will be singing:
Tuesday, December 24th
3:30PM - Concert
4PM - Mass with instruments & Adult Choir

We would love to expand our group this year!
Please see Christiana Caprarelli in the choir loft after mass.
She can also be contacted at CRodi2189@Yahoo.com if you’d like to join us or if you have any questions!

New Choir Members Welcome!

Our Lady’s Hanging Lamp
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911—St. Ambrose
Father Peter J. Gibbons, once pastor of St. Teresa Parish in Providence, was among the first priests to come under the Diocese of Providence clergy retirement legislation in the 1970s. Father Gibbons, much celebrated for his parish scholarship program to La Salle Academy, made clear at his retirement party that he was not pleased with his being shown the door. His frankness occasioned many comments. Priests of his era, of course, never thought of retirement. They all expected to die in their rectory beds. Old age was not a consideration. Monsignor Peter Blessing, pastor of St. Michael Church, Providence, ran what was reputed to be the largest parish in New England from his bedside. Of course, Msgr. Blessing was attended by Jeanne d’Arc sisters, had four curates to maintain the parish and a convent full of Mercy sisters to tend to the school and the religious education. But then, the local Church in the 1970s experienced the availability of fewer priests and far fewer religious sisters. The ’70s also witnessed the arrival of participatory liturgies, parish finance boards, parish councils, formal marriage instructions, and many novel social ministries. Parishes could no longer be run only from the pastor’s desk, let alone from the pastor’s bedside.

Although priests have long participated in the government’s Social Security program, in the 1960s priests were salaried at only $100 a month which gradually crept up to $250 a month in 1970s and $1,000 a month in the 1980s. Such salaries would not earn much of a monthly Social Security check! The diocese happily and prudently saw the need for a pension program for priests who would retire, many at age 70, some at age 75, a few even older. An annual priests’ retirement collection, taken up every September, was instituted in all parishes throughout the diocese. This Priest Retirement Fund is the primary means by which priests who have served the diocese and the people of the diocese for decades are supported in their later years. Even after retirement from parish assignments, senior priests of the diocese continue to serve the faithful and help their fellow priests through part-time assistance with Masses, funerals, confessions, and hospital visits. But, nonetheless, retired diocesan priests live independently in retirement. After their active ministry finishes, they no longer can rely upon their parishes for support. In other words, with retirement their room and board ceases. They actually have to provide for themselves.

So, to help retired priests meet every day needs like food, housing, transportation, and health care, the diocese established the Senior Priest Retirement Fund in the mid-nineteen-sixties. But as with other retirement benefit programs—such as Social Security—the Fund is challenged by increasing current expenses and projected costs that exceed its income. Like Americans in the general population, priests are living longer and hence placing a greater demand on retirement resources. And of course there are those senior priests who require assisted living or nursing home care. There are currently ninety retired priests in the diocese of Providence who rely on this fund’s monthly contribution to their support. And of course this fund’s strength is important not just for those who depend on it today, but also for those who will rely upon it in the years ahead. There are increasing challenges that this fund will need to meet in the future.

The Senior Priest Retirement Fund currently receives revenue from five sources. The annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal held each Spring devotes some of its income toward priests’ retirement. The Diocesan General Fund, the money by which the Providence diocese conducts its daily business, funnels some resources toward retired priests. An annual Our Lady Queen of the Clergy parish assessment which is basically a tax levied upon each parish helps the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The annual September Priests Retirement collection, taken up at all weekend Masses throughout the diocese, is a key resource for the Fund. And happily gifts and bequests from generous persons and corporations throughout the state greatly assist the work of providing for senior priests. Retired Bishop Robert Mulvee initiated an endowment fund for priests retirement which receives donations from wills and estates which are then wisely invested through the Catholic Foundation to insure a fruitful return benefiting the senior priest fund. The current on-going diocesan Capital Campaign, Grateful for God’s Providence, that will continue into the months ahead will devote a good measure of its received pledges toward bolstering the Senior Priests Retirement Fund. As pledges to the $50,000,000.00 campaign are honored, $8,000,000.00 will be added to the Fund supporting retired priests. Current generosity today will guarantee well-deserved security tomorrow.