



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19th & 20th , 2019

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Reconciliation/confession is available every
Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS – Jan. 19- 27, 2019

Sat.	4pm Anniv. Frank Muise and Daniel Poirer 6pm (Melbourne) Anniv. Loring Clairmont
Sun.	9am Parishioners 11:15am Madelyn Doucette and Thomas Thibault
Mon.	No Mass
Tues.	6:30pm Anniv. Lorraine Thibeau and Ian MacDonald
Wed.	6:30pm Anniv. Lorraine DeViller and Linda Deveau
Thur.	9am Anniv. Margaret Christenson and Donnie Armstrong
Fri.	9am Intentions Adeline Cook and Sharon Trefry and Ashton Driscoll
Sat.	4pm Anniv. Herbert Muise and Clarisse Pothier 6pm (Melbourne) Special Intentions
Sun.	9am John MacPherson and John Murphy 11:15am Parishioners

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the of-fertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

PROLIFE CALENDARS are available. \$20.00 per calendar, which gives 16 chances to win \$250.00. The money raised is used to promote pro- life and pro-family initiatives in the province. Anyone interested can call Coleen Murphy at 902-742-4924.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Just a reminder to pick up your collection envelopes at the Parish Centre office. Also, could you please include your civic address on your first few envelopes in the new year so that we can update our database and to be able to issue tax receipts.



CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR WEEKDAY

MASS: The weekday Masses are now being held in the Jubilee Room. This is for the winter months.



MONTHLY COFFEE SOCIAL:

The coffee social takes place next week-end after all Mass.



ST. AMBROSE SKI TRIP to Martock is coming up on Saturday, February 23rd. The cost is \$25.00 a person. We have a limited number of spots so it will be first come first served. The Church has very limited transportation if needed. The event is for youth and families ages 8 and up. We will chaperone youth over the age of ten and for those under ten, you must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information please contact the parish office 902-742-7151.



STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC MEETING: There will be an information session for all youth ages 14 and up who are interested in attending the youth conference this summer in Halifax. Please join us Sunday January 20th in the Jubilee Room following the 11:15 Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY NEWS:

Sunday, Jan. 20: Community breakfast from 9am to 12 noon, eat in or take out. Adults \$7.00, under 12, \$3.50.

SEASONS CHANGE RETREAT ON SPIRITUAL

GROWTH: Saturday Jan. 26th, 9am to 12 noon in St. Ambrose Jubilee Room. As Christians, we know that our life on earth is a purposeful journey guided by God's providence. This journey takes us through many stages, many seasons of spiritual growth that the Lord uses to prepare us for our final destination:



the Father's house in heaven. This retreat will show us how this pilgrimage truly works. No fee or registration. Sponsored by Regnum Christi - Yarmouth. For more information please call Coleen at 902-742-4924.

BISHOPS PLAN TO RESTRUCTURE THE DIOCESE:

Back in 2012, Archbishop Mancini released his Pentecost Pastoral Letter calling for the re-foundation of our local church and committed us to undertake the challenge of New Evangelization. After many years of hard work, we are now to the point where we are starting to implement these changes. The diocese of Halifax/Yarmouth is presently made up of 65 parishes and 25 missions. The diocese is reorganizing these parishes into 20 new parishes. In Canon Law, a parish can be an area and not just a building. This means that churches will keep their church names but the area they are in will have a new name. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US, HERE AT ST. AMBROSE AND FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES? Because we have already closed many churches, we will be staying the same and not combining with other churches. But there is still some work to be done for us. To read the full document from the diocese, go to our website www.stambroseyarmouth.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE where Our Lady has been appearing daily for over 37 years. With Fr. Robert Savoie & Fr. Pyritho Marcelin - Apr 26-May 6: Cost of \$2095 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$200/p.) **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE:

rosaries, rosary bracelets, medals, First Communion cards, photo albums, Holy cards, children's books, bibles, etc... Drop in anytime during office hours.



WINNER OF QUILT: The quilt of the Associates Filles-de-Marie-de-l'Assomption was won by Colette LeBlanc from Woodvale. The Associates FMA wish to thank you for your support.

CHRIST LIFE: Please pray for the people taking part in our Discovering Christ series that we are doing at Saint Ambrose. Discovering Christ is about deepening your relationship with Christ. *Fr. Henry*

VON CHOCOLATE LUNCH: Friday, Feb. 8, Yarmouth Lion's Hall, 11-noon, noon-1 & 1-2. Rappie pie, roll, tea/coffee and all the chocolate desserts you can eat! Tickets are sold in advance. Call 742-4512, ext. 0 as soon as possible and no later than Monday, Feb. 4th.

REFLECTION: The prophet Isaiah refuses to be silent. The Psalmist urges us to "Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations" (Psalm 96:3). St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit has given us a variety of gifts that should be used for the benefit of the Church. Mary speaks to her Son at a wedding feast because the waiters had run out of wine.

Silence may be an important element in our liturgy, but it should never be the hallmark of a Christian life. Our baptism calls us to be heralds of the Good News. While it is, indeed, important to sing God's praise and to proclaim the Gospel in our liturgies, it is equally important to demand justice when we see wrongs; to speak up for those who have no voice; to decry the mistreatment of refugees and immigrants; and to address the needs of the poor. As ministers of the Church, we need to be involved beyond the choir loft, the sanctuary, and the church doors. Jesus showed us how to do this—he encountered people as they were, where they were. He addressed their needs or corrected their errors. He taught us commandments to follow and beatitudes to live by. So, perhaps his Mother's words to the waiters still offer us the best advice: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Rita Thiron, Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, Washington, DC



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others.

-Pope Francis