



**Feast of the Holy Family
December 28th & 29th,
2019**

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

MASS INTENTIONS –December29- January 5, 2020

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Alvin Rodgerson and Anniv. Stan Bishara Sr.
6pm (Melbourne) Hilda & Erwin Boudreau
Sun. 9am Parishioners
11:15am Anniv. Delby & Louise Saulnier and Ray Bowers
Mon. No Mass
Tues. 6:30pm No Mass Funeral Mass for Richard Griffin
10am
Wed. 10 am Mark Doucette and Intentions of Harriet Gallant
Thur. 9am No Mass
Fri. 9am Irene Pauze and Intentions of Sister Poirier
Sat. 4pm Anniv. Georgina Frotten and Edward Muise
6pm (Melbourne) Linda, Aubury and David Muise
Sun. 9am Jamie McDonnell and Dora Jacquard
11:15am Parishioners

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory 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.

STEBENVILLE 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 26th in the Jubilee Room following the 11:15 Mass.


COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held January 11th & 12th after the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass. The pot luck is taking place on Sunday following the 11:15am Mass at the Parish Center Dining Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the community and bring a friend. The Catholic Women's League will be there to accept items.

FOOD BANK: Next weekend, January 4th & 5th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. The Knights of Columbus will be on hand to receive your donations.



NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed December 31st and reopen on January 2nd.





Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 David Robert LeBlanc and Richard Gordon Griffin
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Them.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: - Reminder to fill election nomination form and forward to Joline Belliveau before December 30, 2019. The January meeting will be held on the 13th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Executive will meet at 6:30. It will be election night. Please bring stamps, cards and yarn. Juniper House and Shyft were very appreciative for the donations from our December social.



DEAR FRIENDS: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will". These are the words of the angels to the shepherds. It was a great news about the birth of the baby born in Bethlehem and this baby is God's proof of His love for us.

Christmas is more than gifts and decorating, its putting Christ first in our lives and focusing on what matters most, and then sharing that with our sisters and brothers.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you would experience a meaningful season that will lead you to a deeper knowledge of God and your mission in life as members of God's family.

Each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a sacred responsibility: to show others that God is among us. We are called to go out into the world and share the message of God's love.

Thank you all for your dedication, sacrifices, and hard work that you have put in to make this parish what it is. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations.

At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you find joy and fulfillment just like Joseph and Mary did some 2000 years ago. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill. Christmas blessings to all! - Father Henry, Pastor

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

January 1 – St. Ambrose
 10:00 am



ST. AMBROSE SKI TRIP to Martock is coming up on Saturday, February 22nd. 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.



REFLECTION: On this, the fifth day of the Octave of Christmas, we are given the witness of the prophet Simeon. This holy man was promised by God by a personal revelation that he would actually see, with his own eyes, the Savior of the World. Throughout his life he would have anticipated this moment. He would have longed for it and hoped for it. And then, one day the moment came. Simeon would have woken up that day going about his normal routine like any other day. However, the moment that Mary and Joseph brought their newborn Child into the temple, Simeon knew, in his heart, that this Child was the promised Savior.

His words are powerful. He says, "Lord, now You can let Your servant go in peace...for my eyes have seen the salvation You have prepared..." In other words, Simeon realized that his life was now complete. He was ready to die because he had now been privileged to actually see the Christ. He held Him in his arms and gave glory to the Father for this moment. We should strive to learn from holy Simeon. No, we are not a prophet in the Temple some 2,000 years ago, but we are privileged to see the Christ each day in numerous ways. The Child Simeon held was God indeed. But He was God under the veil of the flesh of a little Child. Simeon, nonetheless, saw Him for who He was and rejoiced. We must strive to perceive the presence of the Savior all around us and rejoice with Simeon's joy. Christ is present in every heart that is given to God, every Sacrament of the Church, every reading of the Holy Scripture, and He is especially present to us within our hearts. Our hearts must be that temple in which we discover the presence of the Christ Child and we must take Him into our lives rejoicing in how close He is. Reflect, today, upon that scene of Simeon taking the Child into his hands and seeing the Savior under the veil of the flesh and bones of this Infant. Seek out Christ in the same way that Simeon did and ponder the many ways that He is present to You. Know that He is near and that He wants to fill your life with His peace.
 – My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or a memory of a beautiful (event) ; Christmas is more... Christmas is an encounter!" - Pope Francis

