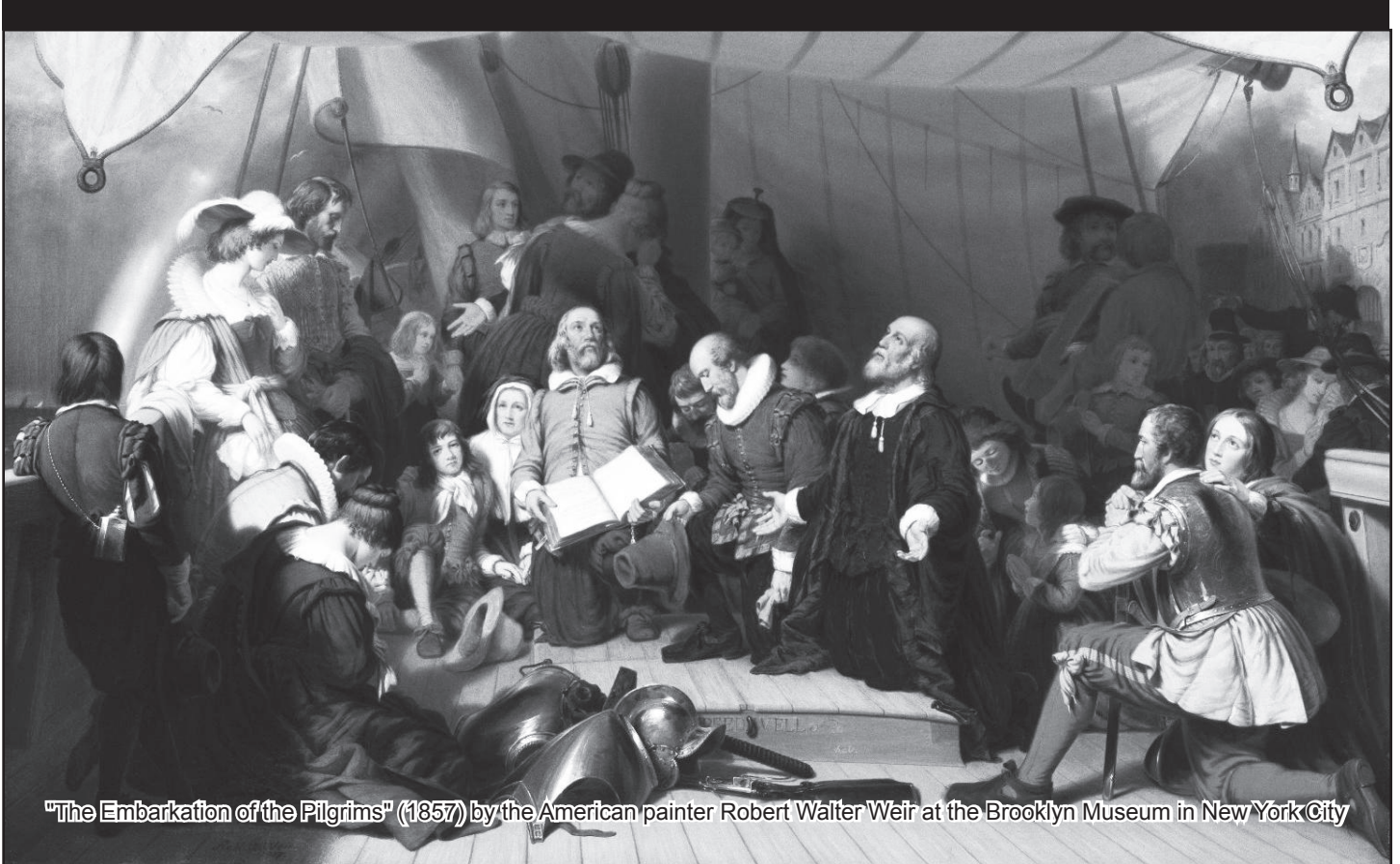


St. **A**mbrose Parish

Our 99th Year!
NOVEMBER 22, 2015
BEEHIVE



"The Embarkation of the Pilgrims" (1857) by the American painter Robert Walter Weir at the Brooklyn Museum in New York City

Thanksgiving, Freedom and Life

In ancient times, a Pythagorean writer once expressed the role of civil authority this way: "The monarch has an irrepressible authority (and is therefore not limited by consent); he is a living law; he is like a god among men."

How different America is. Our Founders came here for freedom, a freedom that recognized that no human being or group of human beings can ever be "gods among men." Our republic, instead, was to be governed by the rule of law rather than the rule of men.

Therefore no king or parliament would be able to oppress the rights of others, or delete their right to life. Our forefathers fought a revolution to see to that. It wasn't simply about "taxation without representation." It was about freedom, and the understanding that freedom is rooted in God.

The pagan view of government denied any importance to the individual, exalted the power of the state beyond

all limits, and therefore was able to endorse things like infanticide. After all, the law came from the mouth of the king. Individuals didn't matter. If the king decreed it, even infanticide would be all right.

Our Founding Fathers, however, were influenced in their philosophy of government by Scripture and the Judeo-Christian tradition, according to which everyone was a sinner and equally subject to the laws of God. Yes, there would be earthly rulers, but they, too, were subject to God.

Moreover, each person is a child of God. This awareness shaped our Founding Fathers' concept of government, because it introduced something unheard of among the ancient pagans, namely, that now, each individual has a direct and personal link to the Creator, independent of any earthly power. This awareness of the dignity of the human person then formed the basis for letting each individual have a say in

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Thanksgiving

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a representative form of government, and for insisting that our rights, starting with Life, come from the Creator, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men" (Declaration of Independence).

This is what we celebrate at Thanksgiving – not just that we have food, but that we have freedom, rooted in God and the recognition that government cannot tamper with our human rights.

The Church's liturgy for Thanksgiving Day expresses this beautifully in the Preface, which says, "Father, ...you made man to your own image...Once you chose a people and gave them a destiny and, when you brought them out of bondage to freedom, they carried with them the promise that all men would be blessed and all men could be free...It has come to pass in every generation for all men who have believed that Jesus by his death and resurrection gave them a new freedom in his Spirit. It happened to our fathers, who came to this land as if out of the desert into a place of promise and hope. It happens to us still, in our time, as you lead all men through your Church to the blessed vision of peace." And indeed, for this we give thanks!

By Fr. Frank A. Pavone, an American Roman Catholic priest and the National Director of Priests for Life.

Adopt-a-Family at Christmas

The St. Ambrose St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be sponsoring a Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" program. You can "adopt" a needy family or individual within our parish boundaries and provide them with food and gifts for the Christmas season. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church or by contacting SVdP through the parish rectory at 313 822-2814.



Centennial Pilgrimage

This weekend November 21/22, travel planners **Lisa Morreale** and **Patti Ralko** will be available after mass to give a brief presentation regarding our **St. Ambrose Centennial Pilgrimage** to Milan. The dates for the trip are May 25th – June 1st, all in and around the city of St. Ambrose – *Milano*.

The cost for land and airfare per person will be \$3,945 (based on 30 pilgrims) which includes 6 nights' lodging, transfers, guides and some meals. Lisa and Patti are willing to work with those who might want to make other air arrangements outside of the group, including those who might want to use frequent flyer miles, or to add days.

To secure a place on our Centennial Pilgrimage, we would need a deposit of \$800 per person by the 31st of December. What a great Christmas gift this would make!

Highlights of this trip would be seeing Da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper; mass at the tomb of our patron, Saint Ambrose; a tour of the City's Brea district and the Brea Gallery; the *Castello Sforzesco*; the *Duomo* (the Cathedral where St. Ambrose baptized St. Augustine); a tour of the *La Scala* Opera house (with an opportunity to take in a performance of Puccini's Girl of the Golden West; participation at a choir mass in the ancient Ambrosian Rite in the *Basilica di Sant' Ambrogio*; an afternoon excursion to Lake Como; plus guided sightseeing in the city and ample time for leisure and shopping in what is known as the fashion capital of Europe. If you want to discuss details with Lisa or Patti apart from the presentation days, you can contact them at lisa@Travelworld.bz or pralko@hotmail.com

All Things Considered

Of all of our national holidays, one of my favorites is THANKSGIVING. During the entire holiday week, it feels as though we are all focused on GRATITUDE — from giving thanks for our family and friends, our parish communities and beyond. It seems that for all this week, everything is about good STEWARDSHIP.

We recognize the gifts which are entrusted to us and we call to mind the bounty that surrounds us. This happens even in moments of international insecurity, job scarcity, or loss of a loved one or of a relationship. Thanksgiving Day in America invites us to say aloud, “THANKS” for the ways in which we are blessed



Thanksgiving Day is usually crammed with activities that have been planned weeks in advance. Travel, parades, football games, elaborate meals and a whole lot of other things clamor for our attention on the fourth Thursday of every November.

For that reason, here at St. Ambrose, we have the custom of holding our Thanksgiving service on the night before the holiday. Before you start cooking, or pack the SUV for a trip across the state — schedule us in this Wednesday night for prayer.



This is also a good time for me to acknowledge with appreciation all that is accomplished through the stewardship of our parishioners. One of the elements of building a more engaged community of disciples is recognizing the ways in which so many parishioners contribute to our parish.

But, it isn't so much about the recognition (we do not serve in order to be recognized) but about acknowledging that every sharing of time, every giving of talent and strength, every

gift of financial or material resources, makes a difference. And in this regard, I always will try to personally acknowledge the giver and thank him or her. If I somehow miss doing so, please consider yourself thanked and blessed. This parish would not be here for a century if it were not for the sacrifice of thousands of parishioners who have gone before us.



At one time I believed that our Centennial Year would begin with a grand liturgy on the Sunday before the Feast of St. Ambrose. That would be the Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th. I envisioned that it would be something only slightly less than the opening ceremonies of the Olympics! As time passed, the vision of that day modulated into something more modest and holy.

Cardinal Adam Maida still plans of joining us for the 11:15 mass on the 6th. We are aware, however, that issues of health make that a conditional commitment. I do hope, however, that he can be here with us, in the same way that he was here for our 75th Anniversary back on the Second Sunday of Advent in 1990.

**THANKSGIVING
EVE MASS
Wednesday,
November 25th
7:00 PM**



On the Cardinal's anticipated visit this year, we'll be premiering a new hymn composed for our Centennial by the **Rev. Michael Joncas**. This project began well over a year ago when I went to our Music Minister, **Marilyn Biery**, with a quotation I had found in one of the writings of St. Ambrose himself. I had been looking at texts from the music of St. Ambrose for a number of years, with the idea of updating one of his songs for an entirely different generation.

But, while St. Ambrose was a popular composer of Church music in the idiom of his day, none of the melodies or texts of his ancient pieces resonated quite as strong with me as did a quote from one of his Epistles — *De Virginitate*. **Pope Benedict XVI** used this text in an address he gave in talking about St. Ambrose in 2007. At the end of the Holy Father's talk, he added a saying frequently used by Ambrose: “*Omnia Christus est nobis!*” For us, Christ is everything!

Marilyn set the words of Ambroses' letter into metric form. Joncas crafted those words to music. And the exclamation of Pope Benedict not only became part of the hymn, but also its title: ***For Us, Christ Is Everything!***

I trust that this both ancient and new Ambrosian song we have produced will be a gift to the Church — lasting far beyond the sphere of our parish. I'm looking forward to hearing the premier of our Centennial Hymn with full choir two weeks from now.



Centennial Pilgrimage planner, **Patti Ralko**, tells me that a number of those booking space for the Milan trip are asking about an extension to include Rome.

You may remember, we had originally planned to do that, but in order to bring costs down, our pilgrimage got trimmed down to Milan, alone. You need to know that the Rome extension is still available for those wishing it. For costs and dates, talk with Patti after mass today, or at pralko@hotmail.com.

TRP



Since Advent begins next week, this would be the time to make preparations for celebrating the season in your home. For many Catholic families, the centerpiece of their Advent celebration is the Advent wreath. It is a very simple item, consisting of four candles – one for each week of Advent – surrounded by evergreen branches. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, Who will come into the world at Christmas.

Children, in particular, find delight in the ceremony of the Advent wreath, and it's a great way to remind them that, despite the Christmas specials on TV and the Christmas music in stores, we're still waiting for the Birth of Christ.

While the Advent wreath is a feature in many Catholic homes and churches during the season of Advent, it actually originated among the Lutherans of Eastern Germany in the 16th century. It was quickly adopted by both Protestants and Catholics throughout Germany, and it was brought to the United States by German immigrants in the 19th century.

The Advent wreath may have even deeper origins, extending back to pre-Christian customs of burning extra lights during the darkest months of winter. The first "wreaths" were probably wagon wheels that were hung from the ceiling to keep them from freezing during the winter. These were decorated with candles and evergreens and given symbolic meaning.

Medieval Christians refined the custom while seeing such lights as a symbol of Christ. The wreath, a circle, is a symbol of eternity, and a reminder that God has no beginning nor end. The evergreen is a symbol of eternal life and a reminder that God is immutable and unchangeable.

Friar on Fire

How is it already Thanksgiving? It seems like just yesterday I first arrived in Detroit. It dawned on me that I am now less than six months away from my ordination. People keep asking me questions such as, "When is your ordination?" Saturday, April 30th. "Where will it be?" St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. "Who is ordaining you?" One of the bishops from the Order. And, "How many people are you expecting?" I don't know, but I want a full house.

I just received an email from the liturgical commission of the Order and they said that we, (my classmate Tien, who has been in the Order with me for ten years and I,) have to plan the liturgy and get the details ready for the date. It is exciting to be able to be ordained with him since we have known each other for such a long time. There are so many details that go into planning this event. If anyone understands this, it is the parishioners at St. Ambrose. Any event planned by Fr. Tim is always big!

We have been bouncing ideas off of each other and trying to figure out what we would like to have happen that day. One of the things about my ordination that is important for me is that I see it as an important day, for not just myself, but for all the people who have helped shape me and have walked along the way with me. These are the people who have helped shape me into the minister that I am today. Ordination is for the people of God and a proud moment for an entire people and a community. If I do anything big I want to make sure that the communities that I have served and love will be there.

Think of this column as a "Save the Date". I want to ask if you and your family would like to come to my ordination mass. It would mean a lot to have you there. There is a moment in the ordination mass that invites representatives from the place I have served to say something about me and I want to acknowledge the presence of the good and wonderful people at St. Ambrose. The ordination mass actually calls for a testimony from the parish and place of service. So I hope people say good things about me!

If you are interested in coming to the ordination please let me know or contact the parish office. I need to plan and get the numbers for the liturgical commission. We need to plan for the liturgy, food and the big party afterwards. I am planning to get more information on hotels in the area and perhaps we can get a bus if we get enough people from St. Ambrose and the Solanus Casey Center. I think the children would enjoy it and it would be a good way to foster vocations as well as help them see what an ordination is.

I had a few kids come up to me and say that they have been intrigued by my life and that what I have to say makes sense to them. It was a heartwarming and honoring conversation with them and I simply asked them to continue to pray for me and that God will continue to use me as an instrument of love. Hopefully my ordination can be a witness to them and foster new vocations for both the young and the old. I hope to see you there!

Br. T



Pray Every Day

Could you be searching for a fresh new way to pray every day of the coming year?

Daily Prayer 2016 is your guide to prayer that includes scripture, psalmody, a brief reflection, general intercessions, and a closing prayer. It is ideal for personal and family reflection upon the word of God. This also makes an excellent gift for a senior or for a student away at college.

These prayer books are \$12 each — a dollar a month — which is a modest investment in someone's spiritual formation. To pick up a copy of this year's Daily Prayer 2016, stop in the back of church or call the rectory office at 822-2814.

Religious Education Notes

I've always said that I believe Jesus would rather we celebrate the Feast of Christ the Servant rather than the Feast of Christ the King. The person of Jesus embodied servanthood: he healed others, he washed feet, and he traveled for miles and miles on foot to bring good news to others. At the end of his life he waived his own will regarding his destiny and prayed that his Father's will be done instead. These are not the actions of a king!

In today's Gospel, Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus' answer was in true form as he deflected all glory, honor, and power that could be attributed to him and answered by talking about his kingdom. By referring to his kingdom rather than his kingship, Jesus portrays himself as humbly existing alongside us – and truly – for us. He came to testify to the truth and the truth is that his death – that will follow the interrogation we hear today – would become a model of total self-sacrifice for the sake of others. He gave up any power he might claim, to be gift to us.

In so many ways today's feast is a reminder of the futility of seeking power or the need to be in control. Sr. Joan Chittister wrote, "We spend so much of our lives pretending to be God it is often difficult to remember that we aren't." Perhaps we need to let go of our notion that we must always be perfect or always be in control. We could even start today.... What we eventually come to realize is that there is no power. Only God has power ... and look how easily even He gave that away.

PARENT – CANDIDATE SESSION FOR FIRST EUCHARIST The next Parent-Candidate session in preparation for First Eucharist is to be held in the ARK tomorrow night – November 23rd – at 6:30 p.m. These are important sessions for a couple of reasons. Young children are concrete thinkers. They process what they see. When we meet separately from the Sunday School Program to prepare for the sacraments, the children realize they are "special" and distinct from regular religious education. The other important advantage is that students who prepare for sacraments should – and do here – prepare with their parents. Sacraments are a family affair!

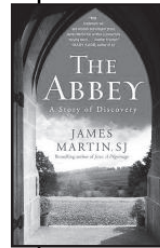
This year we will have 32 First Communicants. Not all of them are in the second grade, though. Seven of the children who are preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are in grades 3 through 6. That is wonderful! It means that their families – who were away from the Church for a little while – have returned. We really do welcome them with open arms. The older children preparing for the sacraments attend the grade level they belong in on Sundays, and because we prepare for the sacraments separately (outside of grade level) they have a place with us at the Parent-Candidate sessions. It is all good.

CONFIRMATION This Sunday our 9th graders have their last Sunday session. This wonderful group of 35 have had a very full year! They have participated in two evening catechetical sessions with their parents, an afternoon of Reflection with their sponsors, a spiritual Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross last September, and a Called to Serve workshop that enables them to volunteer at parish activities (many of them volunteer for things all the way through their high school career). In addition to all of that, they have volunteered at Gleaners in the Kids Helping Kids program; served at our Lenten Fish Fry (every one of the 7 weeks); served at the St. Vincent de Paul Pasta for the Poor annual dinner; worked at Oysterfest, and were camp leaders at our annual Vacation Bible School.

These fine young people have shown a commitment to the Church on a level that most of us never do. I have had the privilege of working alongside them and guiding them through this last year. I am so proud of them! Please join me in keeping them in your prayers through these holidays and into the new year. Finally ... they will be confirmed on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 9th.

Betty Haley

Marcellina's Book Club



In his debut novel, *The Abbey: A Story of Discovery*, James Martin, SJ, provides a window into how God works in the spiritual journeys of three very different people. A divorced single mother, Anne struggles to make sense of her son's

death; a former architect, Mark works as a handyman and wonders how his life got off track; Abbot Father Paul sometimes questions how to best live a life that secludes him from the world.

Through the characters' struggles, we see firsthand how God uses our worries, questions, and even anger to help us become whole.

Book club will meet Sunday morning on Sunday, December 20th from 9:45-11:00 am in the ARK. No cost; no preregistration; come join us.

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, November 23

*St. Clement I, pope & martyr and
St. Columban, abbot and
Blessed Augustin Pro, priest & martyr*

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, November 24

*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest
and Companions, martyrs*

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Joan Convery
Mary Fegan, Fr. Patrick Oakley

Wednesday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

7:00 p.m. - Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Office closed - no services

Friday, November 27

Office closed - no services

Saturday, November 28

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People

11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People



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Scriptures for the Last Week of the Liturgical Year

Monday, November 23

- Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20
- (Ps) Dn 3: 52-56
- Lk 21: 1-4

Tuesday, November 24

- Dn 2: 31-45
- (Ps) Dn 3: 57-61
- Lk 21: 5-11

Wednesday, November 25

- Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14 16-17, 23-28
- (Ps) Dn 3: 62-67
- Lk 21: 12-19

Thursday, November 26

- Dn 6: 12-28
- (Ps) Dn 3: 68-74
- Lk 21: 20-28

Friday, November 27

- Dn 7: 2-14
- (Ps) Dn 3: 75-81
- Lk 21: 29-33

Saturday, November 28

- Dn 7: 15-27
- (Ps) Dn 3: 82-87
- Lk 21: 34-36

Sunday, November 29

- Jer 33: 14-16
- 1 Thes 3: 12-4: 2
- Lk 21: 25-26, 34-36

First Sunday in Advent

November 28th and November 29th

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Pat Ticknor
Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Adam Borkowski,
Maria Cox-Borkowski, Peter Hern, Mary Helen Quigg-Hillyer
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Julianna Tague

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Laura Zajac
Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Harrison, Judy & Bob Jogan,
Bernadette Pieczynski, Joellyn Valgoi, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Mateusz, Dominik, Agata, & Malvina Lubanski

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Pat Sperti
Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Hodges, Sue & Roger Playwin,
Janis Ramsey, Cristina Swiatkowski,
Altar Servers: Anna & susie Jarboe

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish
requires a *minimum* of \$10,100.00

On Sunday, November 15, 2015

in envelopes we received \$8,502.00

in the loose collection \$665.00

in electronic donations \$1,200.00

in children's envelopes \$23.00

for a total of **\$ 10,390.0**

Over budget for the week \$290.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 173

*Offering Envelopes are an essential accountability
tool that churches use to measure the general level
of member commitment. If someone isn't giving to
their church, they haven't fully committed to the
ministry of that church. Chances are they also aren't
giving their time or investing their talents either.
To give electronically, go to stambrosechurch.net*

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners
who are seriously ill or hospitalized:

Roma Affelt, Kay Balas, Peyton Barron,
Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi,
Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla,
Maryjane Cullen, Karen Culver, Mary Pat
Egan, Kathleen Elbersson, Dan Fleming,
Mary Ellen Greenup, Angela Hansen,
Elizabeth Howard, Bp. Joe Imesch, Ann
Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani,
Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne
Noto, Ray Oberly, Elizabeth Robert, Bob
Ramsey, David Schumacker, Irene &
Bryan Scopel, Fred Schroeder, Matthew
Elias, Susan Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Anne
Billiu, Felix Checki, Betty Greenia, Eugene
Martin and Emilie Kasper.

Big Screen Sunday

Spend an afternoon at the
movies to watch Mary of Nazareth:
An epic film about the Mother of
Christ at 3 P.M. on Sunday, No-
vember 29th at the AMC Star The-
atre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road in
Southfield.

Tickets are \$10 per person,
cash only. They will be on sale at
the theater 30 minutes before the
movie. Questions? Call (313) 407-
2284 or email iCtheLight@mail.com

Are You Willing?

After providing for their families and
loved ones, parishioners, alumni and friends
may want to put St. Ambrose in their will,
helping to assure the long-term future work
of this parish. Bequests are free of estate tax
and can substantially reduce the amount of
your assets claimed by the government.

You can give needed support for
St. Ambrose Parish by simply including
the words in your will: "I give, devise, and
bequeath to St. Ambrose Roman Catholic
Church, Grosse Pointe Park, MI (insert
amount, item or property being given here)
to be used to support the ministry of St.
Ambrose Parish."

A bequest can be a specific dollar
amount, piece of property, percentage of
an estate, or all or part of the residue of an
estate. Think about naming St. Ambrose
Parish as a contingency beneficiary in the
event someone named in your will is no
longer living. It's always recommended that
a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

Honey from Our Hives



The “Fifth Vintage” of St. Ambrose honey is now processed and packaged. Because of Colony Collapse Disorder this past winter, in the spring of 2015 we replaced all of our hives. In harvesting this fall, we left a larger than usual amount of honey for our bees in an effort to give our bees their best potential for winter survival.

As a result, there is a *very limited* amount of honey that we can offer for sale this season. *The price is \$35 for a one-pound package.* Because of demand, quantities are limited to one container per person. This is a highly unique item – one that literally is a “taste of Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park” because, like vintage wine, honey takes on the characteristics of the area wherein it is produced.

St. Ambrose is the patron saint of bees, beekeepers, orators, song-writers and lawyers. That is anyone who has or seeks the gift of public speaking or singing. Is there someone you know in this list who would benefit from a gift of Ambrosian honey?

All our jars come attractively gift-boxed and bagged. Their sale begins on St. Ambrose’s Feast Day, December 7th. Visit our office, or call (313) 822-2814

Unemployed and Going Where?

Join in a personal, nine-day novena for the Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey.

Please pray with us starting next Monday, Nov. 30th through the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, on Tuesday, December 8th.

As Fr. Solanus did in order to discern his calling to the Capuchin Order through his unemployment, include your personal petitions for discernment, vocations, or special intentions to his. Add to that your own prayers for settling on a vocation in life.



Mass Times When Traveling

Your membership in the Catholic Church gives you privileges to worship with any Catholic Community world wide. While on your vacation or traveling, websites like masstimes.org and thecatholicdirectory.com make it easy to find a mass wherever you are.

Electronic Donations

St. Ambrose Parish is equipped to make electronic transfers from your checking account or credit card on our website. Christian Financial Credit Union brings parishioners and friends the ability to make an electronic contribution to St. Ambrose on a regular or a one-time basis. This is especially helpful to us when you go away for a weekend, or go on vacation.

Your checking account or credit card may be used to make a single donation; or you may set up automatic weekly, monthly or quarterly contributions on a schedule. This solution is not meant to replace the current envelope method of collection, but instead to provide an additional alternative for individuals who might prefer to make their contribution electronically.

We hope that this additional financial service allows you another way of managing your stewardship to St. Ambrose. Go to stambrosechurch.net for more information.

RCIA: 2015 -2016

The initials R.C.I.A. stands for the “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.” The RCIA is a program oriented towards those who are searching and inquiring about the Catholic way of life. While this program is oriented for adults, it accepts teenagers who are mature enough to participate in the RCIA.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I would like to prepare for Baptism.
- I would like to join the Catholic Church/Community.
- I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating my Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- I would like to return to the Church and to a more active practice of my faith.
- I would like to learn more about becoming a sponsor for a new Catholic.
- I would be willing to help with the details of this year's R.C.I.A. program
- I'm interested. Call me for my other needs, requests, questions, etc.

Return this to the Parish Rectory or toss it in the Sunday Collection basket.