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Patriarch and Pope Bridge 1,000-year Split

A historic meeting between Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, took place in Cuba this past Friday, following more than two years of secret talks aimed at healing ties broken nearly 1,000 years ago. Francis made a brief stopover in Havana on February 12th before continuing on to Mexico for a six-day pastoral visit.

Kirill was already in Cuba on an official visit and met the pontiff for two hours at Havana's Jose Marti International Airport before signing a joint declaration with Francis. It was the first time in history that the pope of the Catholic Church has met with a Russian patriarch.

The Eastern and Western branches of Christianity split in the Great Schism of 1054. Today there are about 1.2 billion Catholics in the world and upwards of 250 million Orthodox, and perhaps two-thirds of them are Russian Orthodox.

Orthodox Christianity is made up of a number of Churches – largely based in Eastern Europe or the Middle East and grouped by nationality and language and cultural traditions as well as theology.

The ecumenical patriarch of Constantinople — modern-day Istanbul in Turkey — is the formal leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, the “first among equals.” But each Church is fiercely independent and the Russian Church has been especially careful to assert its autonomy.

Pope Paul VI met with the patriarch of Constantinople, Athenagoras, in Jerusalem in 1964 in a historic first, and subsequent popes — including Francis — have met with Athenagoras' successors. (The current Constantinople patriarch is Bartholomew.) But no pope has ever met with a Russian patriarch.



Patriarch Kirill



Pope Francis

Francis was welcomed from the papal plane by Cuban President Raul Castro — whom he met during his visit to Cuba last September before coming to the U.S. — before the private meeting with Kirill, which was held at an airport conference room.

Accompanied by Russian and Spanish translators, the two religious leaders signed a joint declaration and made short statements; there was also an exchange of symbolic gifts.

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The chief impetus for the meeting — which was kept under wraps during two years of secret negotiations — appears to be concern over the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, which trumps even centuries-long suspicions between Moscow and Rome.

The last decade of upheaval and rising militancy has decimated Christian populations in the Middle East. It's estimated that there are as few as 200,000 Christians in Iraq, remaining from a prewar population of 1.5 million.

In Syria, Christians figure prominently in the tide of refugees fleeing the armies of the so-called Islamic State and the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front. Coptic Christians remain vulnerable in Egypt despite assurances of equal treatment by Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

At a press conference in Moscow on February 5th, senior Orthodox cleric Metropolitan Hilarion said that longstanding differences between the two churches remain, most notably a row over the status of the Greek Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine, which follows Eastern rites but is loyal to Rome. In fact, in announcing the pope-patriarch meeting, the Russian Patriarchate said in a statement that Ukraine re-

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mained a “bleeding wound.” But Hilarion said these differences were being put aside so that Kirill and Francis could come together over persecution of Christians.

“The situation shaping up today in the Middle East, in North and Central Africa, and in some other regions where extremists are carrying out a genuine genocide of the Christian population, demands urgent measures and an even closer cooperation between the Christian churches,” Hilarion said, according to Reuters.

“We need to put aside internal disagreements at this tragic time and join efforts to save Christians in the regions where they are subject to the most atrocious persecution.”

The location of the meeting was chosen in part for its convenience; Kirill was already in Cuba for an official visit – whereas the appointment was a short detour on Francis’ Mexico agenda.

But Cuba is also seen as neutral ground. It is a long-standing ally of Russia, and both Russian leader Vladimir Putin and the Russian Orthodox Church (which generally supports Putin and his nationalist aims) are deeply suspicious of appearing to defer to the West, which would include the Roman Catholic Church.

In fact, Kirill could face backlash among his own ranks for even agreeing to meet Francis. Until a few years ago, the Roman pontiff was known as “the Patriarch of the West” and church officials in Moscow have had to deny rumors that a formal reunification with Rome was imminent.

The Catholic-Orthodox summit in Havana comes just months before the expected first joint meeting, or synod, of the various Orthodox churches in more than a thousand years. Differences between the Russian and other Orthodox leaders have complicated planning for the landmark gathering.

Cuba was also ideal for Francis because he helped broker a diplomatic breakthrough between Havana and Washington last year, and has highlighted the island as a “meeting place” between East and West.

Returning from a meeting with Bartholomew in Istanbul in November 2014, Francis said that he had previously spoken by phone with Kirill and had told the Russian Church leader, “I’ll go wherever you want. You call me and I’ll go.” Francis said then that “both of us want to meet and move forward,” but he noted it was at the height of international tensions over Russia’s intervention in Crimea and Ukraine.

“The poor man has so many issues there that the meeting with the pope has been put on the back burner,” the pope said, referring to Kirill and the Ukraine situation. When Putin met Francis in the Vatican in June last year, it was widely seen as a sign of Russia’s re-emergence in the West.


The contents of the joint declaration the two signed in Havana was not immediately published. It is expected that this meeting in Cuba would be followed by a papal trip to Russia. That would also be a first.

Pope Francis is now in Mexico, where his papal tour will include a much-anticipated visit to Ciudad Juarez, a city on the U.S. border that has been hit by drug-related violence in recent years.

Francis will also celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City, and meet the indigenous community in San Cristobal de Las Casas in southern Mexico.

By Rosie Scammell who covers the Vatican for Religious News Service

Lenten Observances



- Lent is the liturgical season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of *total* fast and abstinence from meat.

- All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.

- The **Law of Abstinence** from meat binds persons from the completion of their 14th year — from the day after their 14th birthday, throughout life.

- The **Law of Abstinence** forbids the use of meat, but not eggs, milk or products or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

- The **Law of Fasting** binds persons from the completion of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 59th birthday.

- The **Law of Fasting** allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing as far as quantity and quality are concerned — approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e. the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of at midday. Also: (1) the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. (2) the drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

- In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until after the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

All Things Considered

This past Friday, a thousand years of estrangement between Eastern and Western Church leaders was bridged as **Pope Francis** met with **Patriarch Kirill** of Moscow in the most unlikely of places: Cuba. This island, which in October 1962 almost became the site of a tragic nuclear confrontation between the US and the USSR, became the site of a very different encounter — an encounter of two world religious leaders, representing two of the great but long-separated traditions of Christianity, that of the Latin West (Catholic) and that of the Greek East (Orthodox, in its Russian form), meeting for the first time....in history!

Follow the Holy Father's remarkable outreach as he visits Mexico this week. In the Pointes, CTND is on Comcast channel 398. Or watch online or via smartphone: catholicvt.com/watch-live

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Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will join us next Sunday, February 21st, at 9:45 in the ARK to expound upon the themes of **Pope Francis'** book, [The Name of God Is Mercy](#). The Holy Father's open-interview style should be matched by that of Bishop Gumbleton's.

While reading this short book before Gumbleton's presentation is recommended, it is not essential to do so. You may opt to use this book as a prolonged source of Lenten meditation.

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My thanks to **Bob and Jan Ramsey** and to all those who participated in any way in the Mardi Gras Dinner, Dance & Auction last weekend. Although not all payments are complete, we expect to have made around \$8,000 on the auction. In addition to being a financial benefit to the parish, the event is a benefit to the

bonds of friendship that are being built in our parish all the time.

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Another excellent way of building friendships and strengthening our community is through our Friday night Lenten Dinners. When it comes to a parish fish fry, let's just say that ours at St. Ambrose is often imitated, but seldom duplicated!

These dinners are an enjoyable way of bringing new people into the parish. So invite someone you work with, or a neighbor to join you for one of these dinners. And, while you are nourishing your body, consider nourishing your soul too. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at 7:00 on the Fridays of Lent. So, come for an early dinner and stay for devotions, or come for devotions and then have a later dinner.

In order to keep prices as low as reasonable, we depend on lots of volunteer labor. If you can help bus tables, we want you to let us know by contacting our volunteer coordinator, **Mary Oberly** at moberly007@comcast.net or call us at 313-822-2814.

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The Gospel theme of Jesus in the desert opens the 40 days of Lent. It's a reminder of how difficult it is for life to exist in a dry desert climate.

It's supremely ironic that here in Michigan — which calls itself the "Water Wonderland" — there are people who have little or no fresh water. While the Flint water crisis has now reached the attention of the nation, solutions for that city are still only moving in fits-and-stops.

Our response from St. Ambrose can be direct and immediate. We've chosen the mission parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Flint for our attention. This past week, we delivered 20 cases of water to that parish — water that you donated.

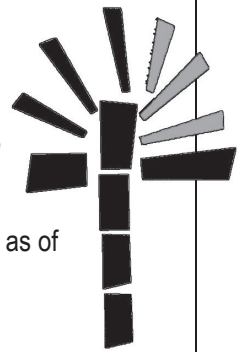
Guadalupe parish is composed of a largely immigrant, Hispanic congregation, many of whom struggle for basics beyond fresh water. The staff at Guadalupe tells us that they

Into the
St. Ambrose
Centennial 2016

St. Ambrose Building
and Renovation Debt as of

January 2011
\$3,830,668.82

Balance as of December 2015
\$557,633.99



can always use personal hygiene kits, including baby and adult wipes and hand sanitizers. Pharmacy samples and other OTC drugs would be useful. Small baby bathtubs are also in short supply. And of course, monetary donations are always welcomed.

Gerard Huvaere volunteered to make our first delivery to Flint. We thank him for stepping up and helping directly. If there is anyone else who might be interested in making these deliveries or providing any other services to the people of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us know.

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And speaking of "deliveries," this is to report back to you that the Executive Director of The Pregnancy Aid Society, **Nancy Anter**, sent us personal thanks for all the baby supplies that were collected during the Christmas holiday. She writes: *"These gifts came just in time as we were getting low on our supplies.... We let moms pick our baby items from our boutique after each healthy-lifestyle class they attend. Your donated baby items encourage moms to see the hope in the new lives they're nurturing. All moms need encouragement, especially our moms who are struggling financially. Thank you for helping us help them."*

My thanks go to the **Troscinski** family, **Jim** and **Renee** along with their kids **Neal** and **Maria**, who were the ones who made the delivery of the goods for those soon making deliveries!

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Bee *at the* Tee
St. Ambrose Golf Classic
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park

Save the Date!
Friday, June 10, 2016.

Make plans now to join the St. Ambrose 2nd Annual Bee at the Tee Golf Classic benefiting our Religious Education program and activities related to our Centennial year!

Last year, over 80 people were involved in some way, golfing, dining, volunteering or just socializing. The goal for this year is at least a 100 golfers – keeping in the spirit of our centennial year.

Bee at the Tee begins at 11:00 AM with sign-in/lunch. Picture at noon, then a shot gun start for golf. The day concludes with dinner at the ARK.

You can register at StAmbroseBeeAtTheTee.com or use one of the flyers located at the back of church. Don't play golf? Join us for dinner or consider volunteering for the golf course or dinner.

You can also help with a sponsorship, many levels exist to suite every budget. You can also help by spreading the word and help us get additional sponsors-consider asking your doctor, dentist, accountant or lawyer.

Dave Simmet and Brian Satterfield are also looking for a few other folks to be on our planning committee. Contact us at St.Ambrosegolf@gmail.com for more information.

Friar on Fire

On Valentine's Day I enjoy observing how people actually intentionally try to do something nice for others in order to show affection. These displays of affection of the heart can range from children, friends, partners, family or even to a complete stranger. The possibility of changing a heart happens in society and culture because something has struck us so deeply and gently as to do a kind act and gesture of kindness motivated by the profound love that lives within us.

Some people who may not have a partner – who are single or who are even celibates – can still truly enjoy Valentine's Day and not be depressed or bitter because they have truly been stuck by a profoundness and understanding that they are loved and are blessed beyond their imaginations. And it is a great joy to see couples, those with spouses, children with their Valentine's cards share in the Spirit of Love and to remind each other to try to do this more often for each other every day of our lives. We are also invited to share love by way of mercy and reaching out to those who do not know that profound love by the way we forgive one another. Reach out to the poor in their needs and reach out to those who are lonely or may feel alone.

The Gospel this week talks about these struggles and how sometimes there are dynamics and situations where even Jesus may have been tempted with love, money, food or power. Any reality of struggle or temptation was a real experience for Jesus in the desert. Yet Jesus knows of that profound Love of God that nourishes him in the desert with no food or water, that all kingdoms and all goodness comes from God and that all power and glory belongs to God. May we on this Valentine's Day and New Lunar Year know of the profound Love of God and allow our hearts to be struck deeply by the mystery and grace of Mercy and Love in this Lenten season.

Please continue to pray for the young adult ministry, Tap Into Life. **The next Tap Into Life will take place at the Solanus Casey Center next Sunday, February 21st starting at 6 p.m.** The topic will be on God's Abundant Mercy through the life of Solanus. If you know a young adult who is between the ages of 18-35, please invite them to open their hearts to this nourishment for the soul and know that they will be received into the warmth and friendship of God's abundant Love.

The Solanus Casey Center is going to be having a fundraising event. It's the only one for the year and I thought I would mention it because it is a wine tasting event! Please come to support us on March 19th at 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the Solanus Casey Center at 313-579-2100 or contact me at brtom@thecapuchins.org.

Also if you have anything that you could donate for the auction that will also be held during the event, that would be of great help as well. I will also be selling some raffle tickets after masses if you would like to participate. Please know of my gratitude and thanks for your love and support for the brothers and me. I am so grateful for your hospitable and welcoming hearts.

Br. Tom

Lenten Prayer at St. Ambrose

On the Thursdays of Lent, our morning Mass shifts to a 7:00 evening time slot in order to give more people an opportunity to attend the liturgy during the weekdays of Lent – leading up to Holy Thursday.

Preceding Thursday night Masses (at 6:00pm), as well as preceding Saturday afternoon Masses (at 2:30pm) confessions will be heard. Note that the priest remains in the confessional only as long as there are penitents present.

Our plans for Lent once again include Friday night Stations of the Cross and our popular Fish Dinners. Come for an early dinner and stay for Stations of the Cross. Or, come to Stations of the Cross and then enjoy a later dinner. Grace and Mercy abound!

Religious Education Notes

Gerard Fuller, O.M.I., in his book, *Stories For All Seasons* writes... “When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece, “The Last Supper,” he looked for a model for his Christ. At last, he located a chorister in one of the churches of Rome who was lovely in life and features, a young man named Pietro Bandinelli. Years passed, and the painting was unfinished. All of the disciples had been painted save one – Judas Iscariot. Now da Vinci started to look for a man whose face was hardened and distorted by sin – and at last he found a beggar on the streets of Rome with a face so villainous that da Vinci shuddered when he looked at him. He hired the man to sit for him as he painted the face of Judas on his canvas. When he was about to dismiss the man, daVinci said: ‘I have not yet found out your name.’ ‘I am Pietro Bandinelli. I also sat for you as your model of Christ.’”

Mother Theresa said often that she saw the face of Christ in the poor and the dying. The beautiful ballad that we hear at the end of *Les Miserables* reminds us that “to love another person is to see the face of God.” We have a lot of notions about what that face looks like....

The truth is that as we are created by God “in his image and likeness” each one of us should be the face of Christ for one another. Unfortunately that is not reality. Our sinfulness distorts the beauty with which we have been created. It is a distortion of our promises at Baptism in which we put on Christ in order to follow him more closely. Sin breaks the intimate bond we have with one another as the Body of Christ as well.

We all have our days when others can see the Christ in us. Lent is the time to become healthy in mind, body, and spirit so that those days become more frequent. And so we begin.

SUNDAY CLASSES There are no religious education classes this Sunday or next due to the Winter Break taking place in the school district. We know that many of our parish children are away during this time. Our catechists – who work so hard to prepare the faith formation lessons each week, are on a needed break. So, we have “**Mass but no class**”. We don’t eliminate Christ – we celebrate him more closely in our families.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Our 8th grade Confirmation candidates have begun their important year of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. With their first evening session behind them, they begin the important task of working together and with me in service to benefit the parish and the community. The first thing we do together is to work at the Lenten Fish Fry held each Friday evening in the ARK from 5-9 p.m.

You will meet our Confirmation candidates on Fridays as they pour your coffee and tea or clear your table. Remember to give them a word of thanks or encouragement as they come ‘round to your table. They – and I – will greatly appreciate it!

BIBLE CLUB Our semi-annual Bible Club – the afterschool program we hold at Merit Academy – will begin on Wednesday, February 24th. “**P is for Prayer**” is the title of this edition of Bible Club that focuses on the many ways we pray as a Christian community. Bible Club begins with a snack and progresses from the Bible story/faith sharing, to activity, craft, and music. Parish children are invited to attend alongside the students at Merit although we know it has been impossible for most since Merit changed the time for its school day so that classes end at 3 p.m. each day.

If your child is able to attend one or more of this season’s Bible Club meetings, know that we meet at Merit between 3:00 and 3:45 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Otherwise, please keep us in your prayers!

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Marcellina’s Book Club

POPE
FRANCIS
THE NAME
OF GOD
IS MERCY

In *The Name of God* is *Mercy*, his first book published as Pope, and in conjunction with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis here invites all humanity to an intimate and personal dialogue on the

subject closest to his heart—mercy—which has long been the cornerstone of his faith and is now the central teaching of his papacy.

In this conversation with Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli, Francis explains – through memories from his youth and moving anecdotes from his experiences as a pastor – why “mercy is the first attribute of God.”

Book club will meet next Sunday morning, February 21st from 9:45-11:00 am in the ARK. No cost; no preregistration; come join us.

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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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, February 15**
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, February 16**
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Msgr. Edward Baldwin
Rosemarie Samarjian, Bill Schneedecker
- Wednesday, February 17**
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
- Thursday, February 18**
7:00 p.m. - Mass - Michael Borkowski
James Donnellon, Rev. Daniel McGrath
- Friday, February 19**
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Helen Allard
Robert Fuller, Lois Moore, Claire Weston
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, February 20**
4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All the People
- Sunday, February 21**
Second Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People
11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People



Scriptures for the 1st Week in Lent

- Monday, February 15**
- Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18
 - Ps 19: 8-10, 15
 - Mt 25: 31-46
- Tuesday, February 16**
- Is 55: 10-11
 - Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19
 - Mt 6: 7-15
- Wednesday, February 17**
- Jon 3: 1-10
 - Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19
 - Lk 11: 19-32-
- Thursday, February 18**
- Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
 - Ps 138: 1-3, 7c=8
 - Mt 7: 7-12
- Friday, February 19**
- Ez 18: 21-28
 - Ps 130: 1-8
 - Mt 5: 20-26
- Saturday, February 20**
- Dt 26: 16-19
 - Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8
 - Mt 5: 43-48
- Sunday, February 21**
- Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18
 - Phil 3: 17-4: 1 or 3: 20-4: 1
 - Lk 9: 28b-36

Second Sunday in Lent February 20th and February 21st

4:00 p.m. - Saturday - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Pat Ticknor
Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Bernas, Adam Borkowski,
Della Cimini, Ron Hoffman, Jeri & Bob Krueger
Altar Servers: Sean Hall, Frankie Pangborn

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Norman Cure
Eucharistic Ministers: Christopher Harrison, Joan Jackson,
Maggie Jackson, Liz & Steve Linne, Chris Walsh
Altar Servers: Delaney Jackson, Corey McGraw

11:15 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrants: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Michele Hodges
Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Davila, Doris Fleming, Mary Ghesquiere,
Cristina Swiatkowski, Cynthia Warner, Patty Yaden
Altar Servers: Sylvia & Effie Hodges

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, February 7, 2016

in envelopes we received \$11,726.00

in the loose collection \$606.00

in electronic donations \$1,200.00

in children's envelopes \$20.00

for a total of **\$13,552.00**

Over budget for the week \$3,452.00

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 190

The fitting response for one who receives a gift is to say "thank you." Our response in gratitude to God for the gift of mercy is to share mercy with others, to be, in the words of Pope Francis, "mercy-ing." Accept the call to be bearers of God's mercy as good and faithful stewards.

Our Sick

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

Kay Balas, Peyton Barron, Pat Blake, Laura Bush, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elbersen, Dan Fleming, Mary Ellen Greenup, Bernadette Gutowski, Angela Hansen, Elizabeth Howard, 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, Emilie Kasper, Angeline Boluk, and Arthur Stoyshin.

Vencentian Reflection

In today's Gospel, Christ challenges us by saying "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap...."

Your gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Ambrose bring some peace and joy into the hearts of those who live in poverty.

Bowling for Babies!

Join Pregnancy Aid, Inc. in a benefit for their good work with mothers and children in need on Sunday, February 21st from 3 - 7 pm at Lakeshore Lanes in St. Clair Shores. The cost per person is \$15 per adult (20 & up) and \$10 for kids 4-19. Children under 4 years old get in free! The price includes bowling, shoe rental, and food.

Call (313) 882-1000 for more information. Ticket discounts available at pregnancyaidetroit.org

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God at work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?



Simply and directly, Pope Francis has given us a personal dialogue on the subject that is closest to his heart – mercy – which has long been the cornerstone of his faith, and is now the central teaching of his papacy.

Join us on Sunday morning, February 21st at 9:45 until 11 in the ARK at St. Ambrose as Bishop Thomas Gumbleton leads us in a reflection on the Holy Father's new book The Name of God is Mercy.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton's reflections will be based on the Holy Father's vision of the Church as expressed in a series of conversations given to Vatican reporter Andrea Tornielli. In a series of interviews, Francis explains his reasons for proclaiming a Holy Year of Mercy. He reiterates that the Church cannot close the door on anyone – that, on the contrary, its duty is to find its way into the consciousness of people so that they can assume responsibility for, and move away from, the bad things they have done.

Bishop Gumbleton's reflection on the Pope's book is open to all interested. There are no fees, and registration is not necessary. Pope Francis' book The Name of God is Mercy is published by Random House and is also available from Random House Audio and in a Random House large print edition. Check with your local or online book seller.



LENTEN BUFFET DINNERS

Join us in the ARK at St. Ambrose
for dinner every Friday in Lent,
starting February 12th through Good Friday on March 25th,
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The menu includes a salad bar, soup du jour, fried or baked cod, tater tots, macaroni with cheese, a weekly special entrée, along with rolls, vegetable, coffee and tea.

\$16 per adult • \$10 for children aged 6 to 10.
Carry-out service available (313) 822-1594.



Water for Flint

A once-quiet crisis in Flint is now drawing voluminous concern from around the nation as celebrities, politicians and presidential candidates steer attention to the toxic tap water in one of Michigan's most beleaguered cities.

A retired classmate of mine, Fr. Gary McInnis has been helping out at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Flint for the past three years. I thought that our parish could offer him some direct assistance with fresh, bottled water, and water filtration systems. Guadalupe parish also needs other items such as personal hygiene kits, medical and baby supplies.

Leave your donations in the church vestibule or call our office to make arrangements for a drop-off. Thanks!

Fr. Tim