

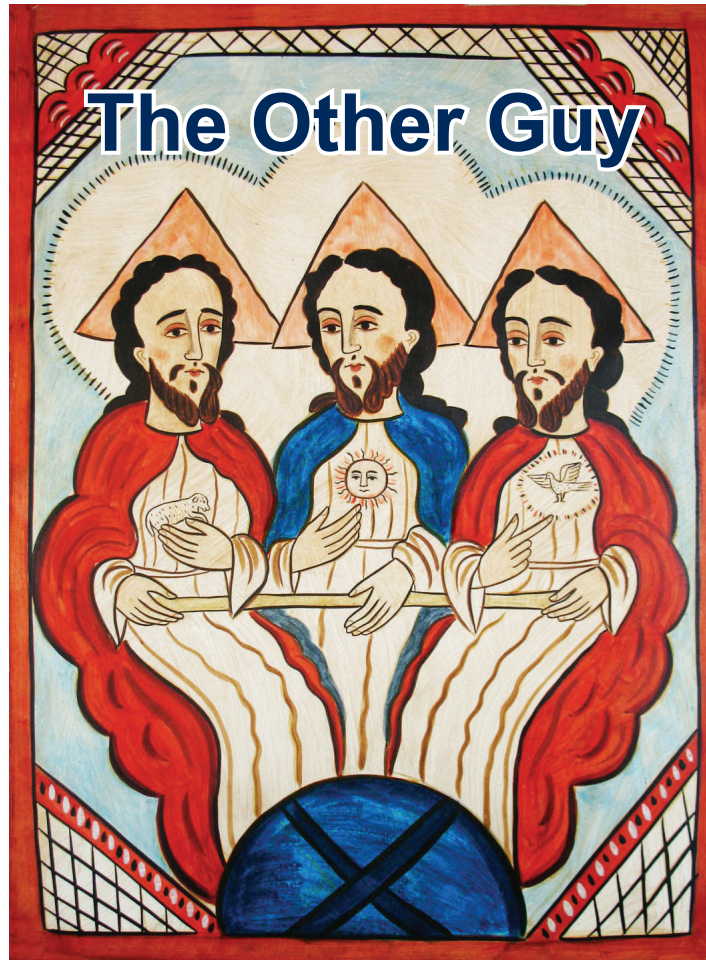
St. Ambrose Parish

JANUARY 12, 2020
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When I was a boy the third person of the Trinity was referred to as the Holy Ghost. I recall not being too keen on doing business with a ghost, however holy he might be. It is now more usual to speak of the “Holy Spirit.” Perhaps this makes him less intimidating for little kids, yet for most of us he is still the “other guy” – a sort of phantom shrouded in mystery.

In the psychology of the Western church, the main drama of salvation is played out between the Father and the Son. It is only at Pentecost, when all has been accomplished, that the Paraclete promised by Jesus enters the scene. The Holy Spirit is presented as depending on the Word for its temporal manifestation as well as its eternal procession. This, in turn, leads us to consider the Church as primarily the Church of the Incarnate Word – rationally structured, ordered, determined in its intelligibility – and only secondarily “pneumatic.” The Holy Spirit seems almost like an afterthought. Many of the prerogatives of the Holy Spirit have for some gradually been transferred to the Virgin Mary – as if an embodied person, one of us, had to replace the Holy Spirit in the role of comforter.

In short, there is a certain malaise in the Catholic Church when it comes to the Holy Spirit. We do not quite know what to say about this nebulous and somewhat isolated presence. It is significant that, at Vatican II, it was the Orthodox observers who pointed out to the council fathers the lack of references to the Holy Spirit in their proposed texts.



The texts were revised, but the malaise remains.

The intuitions of the Eastern Churches might be of help to us. “Never think of the Son without thinking of the Holy Spirit,” wrote St. Gregory of Nyssa. St. Irenaeus speaks of the Son and the Spirit as the “two hands of the Father,” and the Father always uses both hands at the same time. The Word and the Spirit work together from the very beginning. If it is the Son who gives the Spirit; it is the Spirit who reveals and makes present the Son. At the origin of all things, it is the Spirit who hovers over the primal waters preparing them to receive the creative Word. It is the Spirit who inspires the prophets of Israel and prepares the revelation of the Logos made flesh. It is by the Spirit’s power that the Virgin Mary conceives

Emmanuel and God dwells among us. It is the Spirit who manifests Jesus in the waters of the Jordan and leads him into the desert. Throughout his life, Jesus is obedient to the Spirit of his Father. His final act will be the remission of the Spirit to the Father – so that Christ, “abandoned,” might enter into the silence and solitude of the tomb and of hell, and thus shatter the bonds of death. The Spirit will seal this triumph and raise him up on the third day. Finally, it is through the Spirit that the grace of the risen Christ is poured forth on his church.

It is also the Spirit who transforms the gifts into the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. When we receive Christ in the Eucharist, we also receive the Holy Spirit. It is

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The Other Guy

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the function of the Holy Spirit to make the presence of Christ a vivifying and permanent reality in the church, transforming a community of sinners into the Body of Christ. The Gospel message is not credible – not for others and not for us – unless the Paraclete has first prepared the mind and the heart to receive it. And when, in the silence of our innermost being, we listen to the voice of prayer springing up in our heart, it is not our own voice we hear but that of the Spirit speaking within us, revealing the Father and the Son.

In the Eastern tradition, the Son reveals and sends the Spirit as the Spirit reveals and sends the Son, and both proceed from the Father. Without the Spirit, the Word is mute; without the Word, the Spirit is inarticulate. Both are needed to manifest the Father of Lights. The return to such a tradition in the West might enable us to recover a sense of intimacy with the mysterious Third Person, who is too often discussed impersonally, as if he were just a theological abstraction.

This intimacy would not evacuate the mystery. The Spirit remains discreet and veiled. He is not in the earthquake or hurricane but reveals himself in the light breeze. He is flame, unction, perfume, a dove – insinuating himself in the ordinary. His kenosis, or self-emptying, parallels that of the Son. He is the Father of the poor (*Veni pater pauperum*) who makes known the presence of Jesus in every person but especially in the powerless, the weak, the helpless. The very nature of his revelation is self-effacement. Yet outside of him there is no truth.

By Jerry Ryan for the July 7, 2017 issue of Commonweal magazine. Jerry Ryan joined the Little Brothers of Jesus in 1959. He lived and worked with them for more than two decades in Europe and South America. He and his family now live in Massachusetts.



Today, January 11, 2020 Bishop Thomas Gumbleton completes the Sacraments of Initiation for these young women and men of St. Ambrose. The gift and grace of the Holy Spirit will be given in Confirmation to ...

- Augustine Christensen • Isabella Joan Combs
- Grace Therese Corrion • Cooper Sebastian Evans
- Henry John Fish • Daniel Longinus Gerhardstein
- Jane Elizabeth Kuhnlein • Vivian Clare Leech
- Sebastian Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio Moncivais
- Luca Juventino Nixon • Dominic Palazzolo
- Benjamin Charles Pinter • Megan Elizabeth Robert
- Kathryn Isabelle Schneider • Christa Therese Serventi
- Henry Franz Skupien • John David Vethacke
- Samuel Maximilian White

Strangers No Longer

Strangers No Longer (SNL) is an emerging network of SE Michigan Catholics committed to responding to our migrant brothers and sisters in the spirit of Pope Francis and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops who issued a pastoral letter on immigrants and U.S. immigration law titled “Strangers No Longer.” As a parish, let's apply our talents here! Join in an area-wide meeting this Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 p. m. in the ARK. Need to know more? Call Tom Cliff at (313) 244-9549 or Bill O'Brien at (313) 549-0421.

Motor City Makeover

Metropolitan Detroit is rapidly being made over in ways that will define its future. We've invited persons knowledgeable in the field of Detroit's makeover to talk with us. Hear their visions of the 'City to come.'



These sessions are Sundays from 9:45 until 11 a.m. in the ARK

February 9 – Who is Piet Oudolf and Why You Should Know Him ? -

Michele Hodges from the Belle Isle Conservancy comes with a report on the new gardens on that Island designed by this world-renowned Dutch landscape designer.

February 16 – Bedrock Reaches for the Stars –

Jack Chidester, director of design for Dan Gilbert's real estate arm of Bedrock, will be here to update us about projects that will forever change the skyline and image of Detroit.

February 23 - A Conversation With John Gallagher. –

Detroit's view and voice into everything that is happening in the Motor City, John will spend the morning with us looking at major projects in town. We'll ask him about his plans after retiring from the Detroit Free Press.

All Things Considered

Amid an escalating crisis between the United States and Iran, **Pope Francis** urges nations to exercise self-control and dialogue.

“War brings only death and destruction,” the Holy Father said at the beginning of the hostilities, as reported by the Vatican American correspondent, **Devin Watkins**.

Without referring to any specific countries by name, the Pope said there is a “terrible air of tension” in many parts of the world. “I call upon all parties to fan the flame of dialogue and self-control, and to banish the shadow of enmity,” he said.

The Pope then invited everyone to pray in silence for a moment for this intention: U.S. – Iran tensions

The Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church, **Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako**, expressed the Iraqi people’s shock at the events in Iraq.

“It is deplorable that our country should be transformed into a place where scores are settled, rather than being a sovereign nation, capable of protecting its own land, its own wealth, its own citizens.”

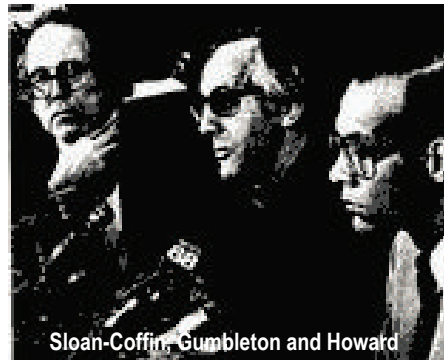
He also called on all nations to exercise moderation, act reasonably, and sit down to seek understanding.

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Like many of you, I grew up knowing **Bishop Thomas Gumbleton’s** reputation for matters of peace and justice – including his contribution to the *American Bishop’s Peace Pastoral* in 1983.

What sticks in my mind more clearly was his role in the Iranian Hostage Crisis in 1979 when he celebrated Christmas Mass with the Americans being held captive in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Gumbleton found himself on a world stage as one of a select group of “trustworthy clerics” that the

leader of the 1979 Iranian Revolution, the **Ayatollah Khomeini** thought would be independent of American Governmental influence and control.



In addition to Gumbleton, the delegation consisted of the **Rev. Dr. William Sloan Coffin Jr.** of Riverside Church in New York; the **Rev. William Howard Jr.** of Princeton, N.J., a Baptist who was president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ USA.; and **Leon-Etienne Cardinal Duval**, the Catholic Archbishop of Algiers who famously built a positive relationship with Muslims after the departure of French colonists.

Following that meeting with the hostages, Bishop Gumbleton and his fellow clerics gave a briefing on what happened. The Bishop said: “It was a very hard experience for them [the hostages] and for me. I should also say we also wept together.”

The New York Times reported that “Bishop Gumbleton objected that both students and the captives themselves had interrupted the services he was conducting to make what he termed “political statements.”

“It was a serious problem for me before our visit, that they also injected a public statement, crossing over from the pastoral somehow to the political, and I regret that,” said the Bishop, who seemed emotionally affected by the experience. He added that he thought the visit had been worthwhile.

I could never have imagined that 41 Christmases later, we would again be engaged in hostilities with Iran – and the hostages of 1979 being invoked as another reason for vengeance.

So much of what Bishop Gumbleton has done for peace and justice in the world and locally may be unknown or forgotten by too many. So, when a new biography came out about the Bishop, I took the opportunity to bring in the author, **Peter Feuerherd** from New York to talk about [The Radical Gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton](#).

That session will be this weekend in between our Sunday Masses. If you know Bishop Tom, this will be a refresher course. (I intend to ask him more about the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis and some of the details that he can now relate about it.) If you don’t know Bishop Tom, this will be enlightening.

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Over the last few years, our Confirmation students have seemed especially on track. It might be because, as the poet said, “affairs are now soul-sized.” Thinking back on my preparation for Confirmation in the glorious 1950 days of the Catholic Church in America, I recall taking the event very seriously. Yet the event was cloaked in an element of fear because at that time, the bishop was free to ask the Confirmandi any of the questions from the Baltimore Catechism. The presumption was – wrong answer, you got bumped from the line to endure the shame of the parish. We students, of course, had been drilled for months in the material – with the brighter students strategically placed in pews that would catch the bishop’s eye.

The emphasis was on possessing a grasp of the fundamentals of the faith. This knowledge would/should equip us to be “soldiers for Christ”.

But knowledge is only one element. Faith comes when we live in to what we believe. A crisis in faith comes when either:

1) We are unclear of what we believe; or 2) Our beliefs do not address the challenges in our lives.

The challenges faced by this confirmation class are different than the challenges you and I faced when

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All Things Considered

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we were their age. Many of our young people have lost hope that the Church is aware of the challenges they face today. And all too often, they have weak role-models in the faith. That would include the institutional Church itself. Add to that: these young people are coming of age in a particularly amoral time – when truth can be whatever you want it to be and from the highest levels of authority, solidarity with the disenfranchised is considered a “sucker’s game”.

Yet in the face of this mess, our Confirmandi stand before the Bishop and say, “Yes, I want to be confirmed.” And if you think this is just an exercise in a rote response, then you need to read the prayers written by our Confirmandi on the eve of receiving the sacrament. You’ll find these prayers on this page and the next. These prayers were completely the work of the students and done in private, not as a classroom exercise. They exhibit a longing for the grace and surety that the Holy Spirit promises. When a prayer is made with that kind of faith, it will be heard.

We shouldn’t pretend to have all the answers; we never do. Our Confirmandi are better prepared for the vicissitudes of the age, and given the trust they exhibit in the Holy Spirit, they should do a great job in living and passing on the faith to the future.

Quite honestly, preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation varies greatly from parish to parish. It’s no longer the monolithic approach of the 1950s which could be covered in memorized answers. While facts are essential, it may be more honest to admit that we as a Church don’t have all the answers. We never do.

I want to thank our catechists **Nicole Flynn** and **Elizabeth Puleo-Tague** who have worked with these students and our Religious Education Director, **Kelly Woolums**. We’re all blessed to share in their journey.

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Faith Formation Station

Our amazing group of confirmandi will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday January 11, 2020. It is my honor to share with you their heart-felt prayers to the Holy Spirit. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as confirmed members of our Church. - Kelly Woolums

Come Holy Spirit, fill me with your joy. Help me make good decisions when times are hard. Give me courage to help those who are hungry, to help those who are being made fun of, and lead me to the ways of Jesus. Fill me with fire my Lord and guide me with the Sign of the Cross. Help me to do the right thing. Amen.
– GUS CHRISTENSEN

Come, Holy Spirit, lift me from my stress while approaching Confirmation. I thank you for putting all of this love and devotion and giving me this knowledge of you. I know you’re looking over me and will always forgive me for my sins. I praise you and will continue to do so forever. Thank you. Amen. – ISABELLA COMBS

Come, Holy Spirit and bless me with your presence. Give me the strength to serve you, Lord, for the rest of my life. Guide me down your path of wisdom. I thank you for helping me to learn about you all these years. And for showing me how truly Incredible you are. I ask you to bless me on my day of Confirmation and to guide me in loving and serving you for the rest of my life. Amen. – GRACE CORRION

Come, Holy Spirit, Let your light dawn and bless me with your love. Help me strengthen my relationship with God as I begin this new chapter in my life in the church. Heavenly Father, you have given me so many gifts and talents. Thank you for making me healthy and strong. Lord, we pray for all that are gathered together here that they also grow in their faith. You are amazing no matter what I call you, who is worthy of praise through Christ Our Lord. Amen. – COOPER EVANS

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Please bless me and help me get through Confirmation. Bless me to help me mature and become devoted to you and my church. I look forward for your blessing because you are almighty and powerful. I give thanks to you for bringing me life and power to get up every day. Thank you for always making me think on the bright side and making me speak with power. I praise you and bless you by preaching your word and acting like others in the community. Amen.
– HENRY FISH

Come Holy Spirit, Thank you for blessing me with a good day today and pray that it is good tomorrow. I pray that you may look over anyone who needs it and give everybody who needs something that thing. Please, I pray for all the world affairs going on right now, all the battles, humanitarian crises and anything else that you can fix. Finally, I pray for all the people that don’t have a roof over their heads for the winter so that they can stay comfortable. In Your Name we Pray, Amen. – DANIEL GERHARDSTEIN

Come, Holy Spirit, please bless me to stay in relation with you even when it gets hard. I thank you for creating this beautiful world in your name. I pray for all of the Confirmandi this year. Please bless those who struggle with physical and mental wellness. I thank you, God, for forming this relationship with me. Holy Spirit please bless me to do my best on my path for Confirmation. Thank you God for this wonderful opportunity to get closer to you. Amen. – JANE KUHNLEIN

Come Holy Spirit, I thank you for my health and fortunate life you gave me. I hope that you will heal the sick parishioners of our church and look over the relatives that have passed. Please guide me to keep going to Mass and praying daily. Amen. – VIVIAN LEECH

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Formation Station Confirmandi Prayers

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Dear Holy Spirit, Please look over me as I prepare to make my Confirmation. Walk with me and my fellow Confirmation candidates on our journey as we confirm our Catholic faith. Thank you for looking over us as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please assist me in all that I do. This I ask of you. Amen. – *SEBASTIAN MONCIVAIS*

Come, Holy Spirit, Bless me with another day to live. Allow me to keep my faith in you. Help me to live honestly and open my eyes so I can clearly see all you have created. Amen. – *LUCA NIXON*

Come, Holy Spirit, I ask you for guidance throughout my life and help making decisions. I would like to thank you for all the positive things in my life. Thank you Holy Spirit for always being in my life. I hope you can fill me with your presence and love. Amen. – *DOMINIC PALAZZOLO*

Holy Spirit of God, I pray you take care of the parents that lost their boys in the fire – praise and watch over them. I thank you for caring friends and family. Forgive me for not having the patience I need to deal with my brother. Please Lord help me stay safe when I ride my bike to and from school each day. I love you dear Lord. Amen. – *BEN PINTER*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with love and faith. Guide me towards my Confirmation by helping me to live how Jesus once lived. Give me the strength to conquer all the obstacles I face with God's grace. Thank you for helping me spread God's love. – *MEGAN ROBERT*

Come Holy Spirit, Pray for me in my journey of becoming a confirmed member of the Church. I praise you for already leading me in the right path so far and guiding me in the beginning steps. In this journey of Confirmation lead not only me but my other confirmandis into a successful and correct path in life. I thank you for the job you have done so far for you have led us closer and closer to you. I bless you and pray that you stay in all of our lives after Confirmation and for your own journey of leading us here. Amen. – *KATIE SCHNEIDER*

Come, Holy Spirit, Help me throughout the day to continue to trust in you through both the good and the bad. Help me God to know that you're always by my side. Thank you for all of the blessings you have given me and my family. You created the beautiful world and all of my brothers and sisters here with me. Thank you Jesus! Amen. – *CHRISTA SERVENTI*

Dear Holy Spirit, I thank you so much for the gift of life. I try to use my gift of life every day to the fullest. I also thank you for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I love you so much and I believe you are the sole creator and God on this Earth. And I know you love me just as much. I pray for those who are not as fortunate as I am; meaning they don't have a roof over their head or food on their table or family members to love. Lord, I pray that my family and I will be happy, healthy, and safe. You are my leader and my entire soul has been given to you! Amen. – *JACK VETHACKE*

God, give me the aptitude to succeed. The determination to continue. The bravery to forge my own path. The faith to glorify you in everything I do. The piety to remain humble. The capacity to retain humility. The gift of love. The fortitude to protect my faith and beliefs. The guidance to make the right decisions. God, guide me toward true life. Amen. – *SAM WHITE*

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the
St. Ambrose Catholic Community
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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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Our Dead

A funeral liturgy was celebrated on December 30th for **Donna Kowalczyk**, age 63.

Donna was born and raised in Detroit and attended Bishop Gallagher High School and Macomb County Community College. She was employed at Holy Cross Hospital as a phlebotomist, and later she was a claims analyst for a medical billing company. Donna enjoyed cooking traditional Polish dishes. She was preparing to celebrate a traditional "Wigilia" on the eve of her death. Donna traveled to Florida for two weeks each year to spend time with her family friends. She was known for her kind and generous spirit.

Donna was predeceased by her son, Adam and is survived by her husband, Randy and beloved son Zachary. She will be missed by all of her family and friends.

Please remember Donna and her family in your prayers.

Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, January 13

St. Hilary, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Bp. Dave Zywiec. OFM

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, January 16

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Rev. James McLaren

Friday, January 17

St. Anthony, abbot

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sr. Barbara Celeskey

Saturday, January 18

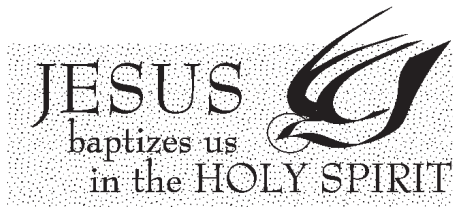
4:00 p.m. - Mass For All People

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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



Scriptures for the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 13

- 1 Sm 1: 1-8
- Ps 116: 12-19
- Mk 1: 14-20

Tuesday, January 14

- 1 Sm 1: 9-20
- (Ps) 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-8
- Mk 1: 21-28

Wednesday, January 15

- 1 Sm 1: 3: 1-10, 19-20
- Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10
- Mk 1: 29-39

Thursday, January 16

- 1 Sm 4: 1-11
- Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25
- Mk 1: 40-45

Friday, January 17

- 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a
- Ps 89: 16-19
- Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 18

- 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1a
- Ps 21: 2-7
- 2: 13-17

Sunday, January 19

- Is 49: 3, 5-6
- 1 Cor 1: 1-3
- Jn 1: 29-34

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18th and January 19th

4:00 p.m. - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Cathy McPherson

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Della Cimini, Maria Cox-Borkowski

Altar Server: Jack Hern

8:30 a.m. - Sunday - Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Colleen Jogan

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Colleen Gatzke, Joan Jackson,

Maggie Jackson, Bob Jogan, Steve Linne, Joellyn Valgoi

Altar Servers: Alyssa Flores, Dailey Jogan

11:15 a.m. - Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Michele Hodges

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Hugh, Pat & Michael Mocer, Sue Playwin,

Janis Ramsey, Darryl Swiatkowski, Patty Yaden

Altar Servers: Malvina Lubanski, Liam O'Byrne

Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

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

On Sunday, January 5, 2020

in envelopes we received \$11,393.00

in the loose collection \$745.00

in electronic donations \$4,171.00

for a total of..... \$16,309.00

Over budget for the week. \$6,209.00

Snow & Ice Removal \$605.00

New Year's Day \$1,393.00

Number of envelopes mailed 900

Number of envelopes used 201

Stewardship Reflection

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Karen Culver, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Jeanne Noto, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Darby O'Toole, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Martha Luna, Dina Engels, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Betty Greenia, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Frank Gregory, Alex Billiu, Gladys Bogos, Wayne Wallrich, Jerry Hansen, Lou Rondini, Jackie Walkowski, Kristen Kingzett, Denise DiBiancha, Valerie Dryden and Stephanie Majewski.

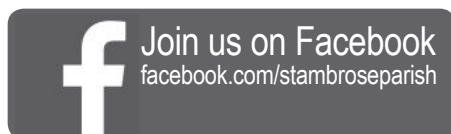
Theology on Tap

Start your year off right exploring how to grow deeper in your relationship with God drawing from the wisdom of the saints. Mystic and Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila, in her famous book, *The Interior Castle*, tell us that such a relationship with God will only develop through prayer which she describes as "nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends. It means taking time frequently to be with Him whom we know loves us."

Join us for Theology on Tap while Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway explores with us St. Teresa's teaching on prayer as moving through the stages of acquaintance, to friendship, and finally, transforming union with God as friend, companion and beloved. It is, as Jesus said to Mary of Bethany, "the one thing necessary."

Theology on Tap will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Royal Oak Tapouse on 714 S. Washington in Royal Oak. The talk begins at 7 p.m. Come before for food, drinks and time to meet friends.

Dr. Cooney-Hathaway is a Professor of Spirituality and Systematic Theology at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. She holds a Doctorate from Catholic University of America, and is a national speaker in areas of Theology, Spirituality, Human and Spiritual Development. She is the author of *Weaving Faith and Experience: A Women's Perspective*. She's married to Thomas Hathaway, and they have two children.





Name

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Work Phone

Email Address

- ☐ I would simply like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ☐ I desire to prepare for my Baptism into Christianity.
- ☐ I've been Baptized as a Christian and now desire to join in Catholic Communion.
- ☐ I'm non-Catholic, but married to a Catholic, and now wish to join the Catholic Church.
- ☐ I'm Catholic and I would like to complete my initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and/or Communion.
- ☐ I'm Baptized Catholic and would like to learn more about my faith and how to practice it.
- ☐ I want to propose someone for Catholic Church membership and offer to serve as their sponsor.
- ☐ I would be willing to help with an R.C.I.A. program.
- ☐ I have other needs, requests, and questions. Please contact me.

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

Marcellina's Book Club

Tom Roberts, the executive editor for the *National Catholic Reporter* wrote in a November editorial: "The Columbian Amazon may be a distant margin in the Church, but there are much closer margins at home. One of those who have been accompanying people in the near margins – the disenfranchised, those who resist the militarization of the culture and those treated unjustly – is **Bishop Thomas Gumbleton**. **Peter Feuerherd** has gone beyond the news clippings and the Bishop's sermons to write a highly engaging biography, *The Radical Gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton*, just published by Orbis Books."

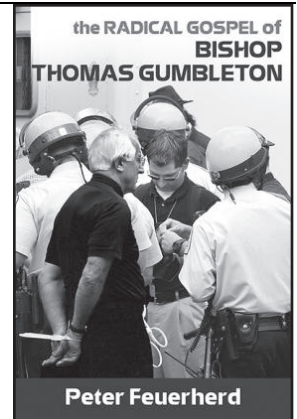
Gumbleton is one of the rare contemporary Catholics for whom the appellation "prophet" may actually apply in all of its best meanings. He is a remarkable example of fidelity who has managed to maintain integrity while serving the institution at the leadership level. He's paid more than a small price for that.

Feuerherd describes the inherent tension in Gumbleton's life as "a balancing act" that "may point us in the direction of a future Church that may arise from the ashes of the present season of scandal and disaffection."

Read this biography and come to understand the mind and life experiences of this aging cleric who comes into our pulpit and challenges us with his unique style of witness.

Peter Feuerherd is a correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter's Field Hospital*, an ongoing series on parish life in the United States and Canada. Feuerherd is a veteran of the Catholic and religious press, having written for *Commonweal*, *St. Anthony Messenger*, and diocesan newspapers in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Albany, Long Island and New York City. He is the winner of numerous Catholic Press Association and religious press awards and is the author of *Holy Land USA: A Catholic Ride Through America's Evangelical Landscape* (Crossroad). Feuerherd is an adjunct professor of journalism at St. John's University.

At 9:45 a.m., in between our masses this Sunday, January 12th, St. Ambrose will host Feuerherd for a Q & A and talk about his book. Copies of *The Radical Gospel of Bishop Gumbleton* are available from Amazon or from your local book seller. We will have several copies on hand for sale as well.



Valentine's Dinner Dance

We're celebrating St. Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th, with dinner and dancing in the ARK. The party begins at 6 p.m. with preprandials. Dinner service will follow. Our table-hopping, cake-sharing dessert will be one of the highlights of the evening. Dance until 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person with a cash bar. Seating is limited. Tickets are available through the rectory. Past Valentine's events have always sold out, so please plan accordingly. Treat yourself to a gala evening with people you know and love.