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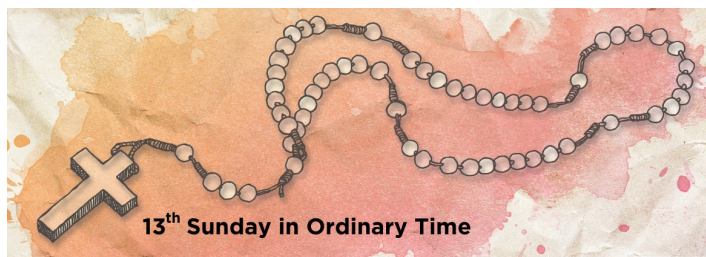
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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Retirement



Thank you, Joan, for
your years of
dedicated service!

God Bless you, and
enjoy retirement.
Don't be a stranger!

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SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Saint Ambrose Community,

We have just concluded another school year here at Saint Ambrose. While this one has looked a bit different from others, as always, there was a mix of emotions for students, teachers, and parents. As you can imagine, these past few months have been challenging for all; however, it has been so amazing to hold some traditional events here for our families. The last week of school was spent holding individualized graduation ceremonies and events where students could meet next year's teacher. As students got out of cars one at a time, I was filled with overwhelming feelings of happiness and thankfulness. It was such a blessing to be able to see our students for one final farewell before their summer vibes took over. As we continue to find ourselves in these unprecedented times, please do not forget to stop and reflect on all that's good around us. As I told our school families, God is sending us positive signs all the time; we just need to stop and look for them. Seeing our children's faces through the last week of school has brought me a lifetime of goodness that I will never forget. I hope that you all have a healthy and happy summer!



Mrs. Lily Spera

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THIS WEEK'S BLOG FROM *ST AMBROSE LIVE**You Don't Know What You've Got* by Mary Sue Ray

Years ago, a pop music group, Counting Crows, in a hit song titled *Big Yellow Taxi* sang the catchy line:

"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone...."

While the underlying message of that song was loss of green-spaces and environmental concerns, it has begun to repeat in my mind as we're all experiencing the fallout from the present COVID-19 uncertainty. We are all, to one degree or another missing family, friends, hugs; all elements of the mundane, everyday lives we have come to take for granted. And, yes, we may even miss our workplaces and those we saw in them daily. Near the top of the list of life activities we miss is the ability to gather weekly to attend Mass, receive Eucharist and see the members of our Parish family.

If you are anything like me, however, you may also find yourself missing something you would not have expected. I'd like to share my thoughts about something I am missing.

A few months ago, those of us who serve in altar ministries at St. Ambrose: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Usher, Sacristan, etc. were introduced to a new, web-based scheduling program. As a 40+ year member of the parish who doesn't feel completely at home with the computer, I was skeptical. But, with some instruction, I muddled in and learned that you can "teach an old dog new tricks." It just may take him/her longer to learn! Anyway, along with this updated way to schedule, Father Kelly wanted to add a new dimension to our Ministry. He requested that scheduled ministers arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of Mass time, sign-in (electronically, of course) in the Sacristy then take a position at one of the church entrances to greet those arriving for Mass. It was explained that our "duties" here might include opening doors, assisting elderly or those with medical limitations. If it was raining, perhaps we could take an umbrella and go out to meet people. We were advised to say hello and welcome and, above all, smile, smile, smile!

Well.....I wasn't so sure about this. After all, I've been in the parish for a long time- didn't I know most of the people coming in and hadn't we been together for Mass countless times? When we began, it did seem a bit awkward greeting people I had known for decades almost as if they were visitors.

As weeks of greeting passed, I found myself looking forward to this "job". I smiled and people (generally) smiled back. One visitor paused and said, "This is really nice. You wouldn't see this in my church." I discovered that there were still many parishioners I didn't know so I learned names. By the time greeting was over and I took my seat for liturgy to begin I noticed that I felt more fully connected to the congregation. After all, hadn't I already made eye contact with people who were now sitting in all areas of the church?

I also spoke with people after Mass and some of them felt comfortable enough to share a story or concern or ask for prayer. I felt very humbled...we are connected! I am missing that. One thing borne out through this experience is when you give, oftentimes you also get. In closing, I would like to offer a parody of the original lyric of the song quoted at the beginning. I preface it with the hope that we will be together again soon:

Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone...

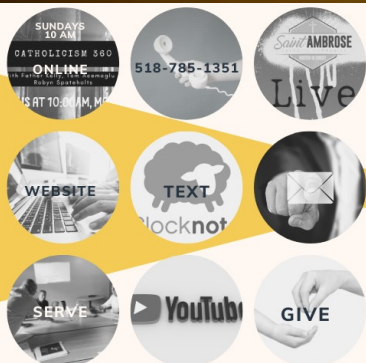
We'll seek Paradise and fill up our pews again.

JUNE 28, 2020

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 5-6 PM
Saturdays 3-4 PM
In the Chapel



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Dear St. Ambrose Community,

It is time for me to retire after 15 years and enjoy my two little munchkins, 2 year old Weiland and 4 year old Anna – they are my pride and joy.

It has been a great pleasure to be a Parish Secretary here at St. Ambrose. I truly enjoyed my job; updating the database (PDS); publishing the bulletin each week; recording Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals; issuing Sponsor Certificates, Baptism Certificates, Marriage Certificates, Scheduling Mass Intentions and much more. It's been an awesome learning experience for me.

I've met so many wonderful people – going all the way back to when we had Young At Heart and many other ministries that bring great memories for me.

I looking forward to enjoying my new freedom and to seeing many of you along the way.

Sincerely,
Joan Welch



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