Dear parishioners,
In a 1864 Presidential Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln set the framework for our national tradition of Thanksgiving.

“In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity” President Lincoln saw the merciful hand of God in the life of the nation and its people and so it seem proper to him that the mercies of God “be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Thus this week on the fourth Thursday of November we will pause as a nation to give thanks. We will pause in the midst not of a civil war but as people who have witnessed senseless killing in schools, places of worship and establishments of entertainment. We are a people who have witnessed the brutal physical forces of flooding, hurricanes, wild fires and tornados. We are a people who have witnessed the world wide disregard for the dignity of the human person through war, terrorism, human trafficking and neglect of the poor migrant.

But in the midst of it all we are a people who have witnessed the merciful hand of God in the life of this great nation and in the lives of our fellow Americans. When we look around in the aftermath of natural disasters, acts of terror and violence, the political rancor of the day, we see a resilient spirit, a courageous spirit, a hope filled spirit, a compassionate spirit. We see the spark of the divine in the eyes of our fellow Americans and we can pause and give thanks.

It is Psalm 9 that offers this advice:

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

This Thanksgiving Day may all of us give thanks to the Lord and share with one another the wonders that God has done and is doing in our lives!
**Weekly Collection**

**Week of November 11, 2018**

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As always,

Thank you for your generosity!

We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

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**Religious Faith Formation News**

**Grades K to 4**

- No classes 11/25/2018
- Family Masses:
  - 11/18/2018, 11:15 a.m.
  - 12/2/2018 11:15 a.m.
- Advent Retreat Grades 3 & 4 — 12/1/2018
  (1:00pm to 3:30pm at the Parish Hall)

**Grades 5 through 8**

- Refer to the calendar sent out to families

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**Parking Reminder**

The lot next to the Parish Hall is reserved for handicap parking only.

Your continued cooperation in adhering to the procedures for class drop-off and pick-up is appreciated, especially by our senior members of the parish community who utilize the handicap parking.

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**Food Drive Reminder...**

The Saint Theresa of Calcutta Society of St. Ambrose Parish is collecting food items for Thanksgiving to be distributed on a weekly basis at the St. John Baptist food pantry in Pawtucket.

**Suggested food items:**

- Gift Certificates to local supermarkets
- Instant Potatoes/Rice
- Canned Vegetables/Soup/Beans
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Bread Mixes (cranberry, blueberry, banana, etc.)
- Cake mixes and frosting
- Pie crust mix and cans of pie filling
- Napkins and Paper Towels
- Aluminum Foil
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish

Donations of non-perishable items may be left in the food box in the entry of the Church. Donations of money or gift cards may be placed near the poor box by the main door of the Church.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**A Message from The Garden Club...**

The St. Ambrose Community Garden Club members would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the parishioners who have supported us through our first five years. This past season has been our most successful season. We are planning to make donations totaling $3,000 this year to several charities. In these five years we have been able to donate over $10,000 to charity. Again, we thank all of you have helped us reach this amazing goal from such a small, but beautiful garden.

See you next Spring!

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**Mark your calendar to join us and pray with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day...**

Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 2018, at both St. Ambrose and St. James
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Happy Thanksgiving