

~ Clergy Corner ~

Dear Friends,

We begin this journey into the New Year of 2018 uncertain of what we may encounter. Who knows what joys and sorrows are ahead of us? Yet I have never heard anyone say “be careful” or “watch out for this next one.” Generally the call is for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Thinking back on the early Christians it was thought by many of them that the coming days would bring about the end times so they were in a mode of preparation. Those thoughts are not generally common among our friends celebrating for 2018. While it is true that the future is uncertain, many of us feel hopeful and at least somewhat optimistic regarding the days to come for ourselves and our loved ones. We are, after all, a people of hope.

I enjoy the Christmas Season and am fortunate to be able to celebrate my birthday along with birthdays of several family members right after Christmas. So with the New Year holiday following right away it feels like a great opportunity for new beginnings for me each and every year. I have always been grateful for this natural starting gate to every year, in spite of the fact that some years are better than others, I always feel excited for what is to come.

My prayer and wish for all of you people of hope is one of peace, contentment, safety, health, and prosperity. For those who struggle I pray for courage, comfort, and the company of those who care. Finally, I would like to share the end of the Te Deum Prayer with you. This prayer is a part of the Liturgy of the Hours. It is attributed to St Ambrose and is a prayer of praise and celebration.

**Lord, show us your Love and Mercy  
for we put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope:  
and we shall never hope in vain.**

Extending prayers and best wishes for a Happy & Healthy 2018 to you and your loved ones.

Faithfully,

Rev. Colleen



## *Spirit of Hope Catholic Community*

*A community of Radical Hospitality,  
Provocative Nurturing and  
Courageous, Compassionate Leadership*

*To our Eucharistic Table, All are Invited!*



JANUARY 2018

LITURGY

SATURDAY - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY- 6:00 pm

Parish Staff

Bishop Marty Shanahan

Rev. Corein Turbak

Rev. Colleen Woodley

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### **HOLY GROUNDS**

Rev Colleen will be waiting for you to sit and talk while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.

**Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Amore Coffee Shop**  
Corner of Smith and Annapolis, West St Paul



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 27
Presider	Rev Corein	Bishop Marty	Rev Colleen	Rev Corein
Cantor	Gary D	Alexander K	Ingrid M	Melinda H
Lector	Marge B	Jim K	Gary D	Alexander K
Pianist	Lou Lou L	Lou Lou L	Lou Lou L	Lou Lou L
Prayers of The Faithful	Rick K	Laurie F	Debra K	Jane R

**Calendar**

	JANUARY
Monday January 1	10:00 am Mass: Solemnity of Mary/ World Day of Peace
Tuesday January 2	7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
Thursday January 4	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope ←
Saturday January 6	6:00 pm Pizza/Games Night
Monday January 8	7:00 pm Social Justice United Meeting
Tuesday January 9	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Friday January 19	4:00 pm Set up for 10th Anniversary Bowl Dinner
Saturday January 20	6:00 pm 10th Anniversary Bowl Dinner
Tuesday January 30	7:00 pm Celtic Healing Service - St Anne's
FEBRUARY	
Thursday February 1	7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope
Saturday February 3	6:00 pm Pizza/Games Night
Monday February 5	7:00 pm Social Justice United Meeting
Tuesday February 13	7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
Wednesday February 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
Saturday February 17	6:00 pm Hospitality Night
Tuesday February 27	7:00 pm Celtic Healing Service - St Anne's



**The Spirited Women of Hope invite all to the Spirit of Hope 10th Anniversary kickoff event!**

**Thursday, January 4th at 7:00pm**

Professor James Tracy, Prof. Emeritus History at the University of Minnesota will speak on

**“Holland’s Quarrelsome Catholics: Secular Clergy, the Jesuits and the origins of the Old Catholic Church”**

Prof. Tracy is internationally renowned as a historian of 16th century Holland.



**How much HOPE can You fit in a bowl?**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the kickoff meal of our TEN YEAR anniversary and we encourage you to think of what special treat you will bring to our “Anything that Fits a Bowl” communal party! Bring some friends, bring some joy and bring something to share with everyone! We are looking forward to all the special soups, stews and chilis made with lots of love!

We hope to surpass our last food drive donation poundage. Please consider picking up an item or two for Neighbors food shelf on your next shopping trip....lets start our ten year anniversary celebration by sharing a meal with one another AND with our neighbors at large. Stay tuned for more announcements and start tweaking those special recipes!

To commemorate the **World Day of Peace** we will be praying the Rosary immediately following 10:00 am Mass on **Jan 1st**. Please join us in this wonderful prayer.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

With the New Year upon us, maybe you are looking for something to simplify part of your life? We have just the solution. Consider signing up for automatic electronic contributions to our church. It's easy, safe and secure. You can pick your own schedule, once or twice a month, or even once each week. You can even schedule special gifts for Easter and Christmas.

The sign up forms are available on our website or from the ushers. Contact Mark or Tom if you have any questions. As always, thank you all who have already taken advantage of this great program.