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Saturday Vigil
5:00PM

Sunday
9:00AM & 11:00AM

HOLIDAY MASSES

7:30AM & 7:00PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday
7:30AM

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

9:00AM

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Saturdays
4:00—4:30PM

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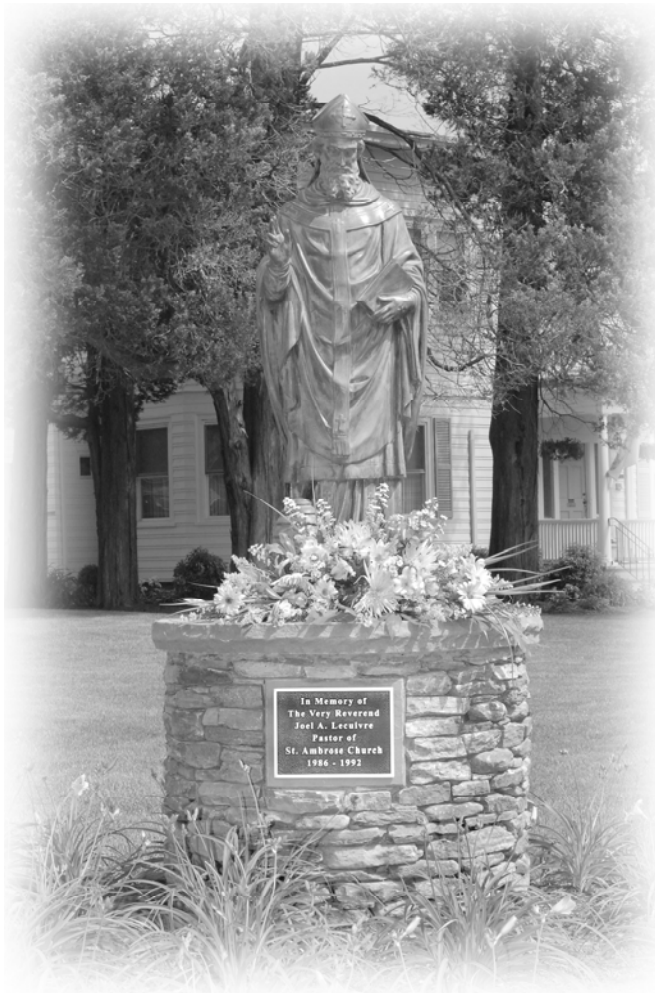
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011

Mass Intentions

for the Week

Monday—April 4

Lenten Weekday/*St. Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church*

7:30AM—For All Parishioners

Tuesday—April 5

Lenten Weekday/*St. Vincent Ferrer, priest*

7:30AM—Agnes Clark—Memorial

Requested by a friend

Wednesday—April 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM—James Howe—Memorial

Requested by his wife, Fran

Thursday—April 7

Lenten Weekday/*St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest*

7:30AM—Angelina Lombardi—Memorial

Requested by a friend

Friday—April 8

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM—For Increase of Priestly Vocations

Saturday—April 9

Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00PM—The Deceased Members of the Pelletier—
Memorial

Requested by the Pelletier Family

Sunday—April 10

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00AM—Eva Montigny—2nd Anniversary

Requested by Roland & Blanche Montigny

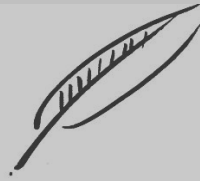
11:00AM—Ann Doe Little —16th Anniversary &

Mary Jagla—25th Anniversary

Requested by the family

Your Will

***Please remember St. Ambrose
Church in your will or estate.***



A Note From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners:

During this Lent, Pope Benedict has called on us to rediscover the "*value and meaning*" of fasting in solidarity with the poor and hungry around the world. Fasting and almsgiving — donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity — are two of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Our special focus on these aspects of Christian living during Lent helps us to develop a state of interior penance. At all times, Christian living requires us to follow the teaching and example of Christ, the commandments, the precepts of the Catholic Church and its principles of moral life.

There are multiple ways we can give alms this Lent. We continue to collect food each week for the poor and hungry in the area. Marie Zagorsky, our Parish Coordinator of the Mother Theresa Society, is leading this effort. She reports that our collections thus far this Lent have been excellent with dozens of boxes being filled each week with much needed items. These food items are all to go to St. John the Baptist Food Pantry in Pawtucket. Last week I saw Fr. Gerry Harbour, the pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, at a Diocesan meeting and he expressed his thanks for your support and told me how urgently food was needed during these difficult economic times. The demand has increased threefold over the last year and without our support the Food Pantry couldn't meet the need. So thanks for all the support and keep it up as it is truly and urgently needed!

Many parishioners have asked how they could help the victims of the natural disasters in Japan. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is coordinating the relief effort for the Catholic Church in the United States and is working with Caritas Japan and other Japanese Church agencies. Since the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl Collection is scheduled for Palm Sunday Weekend (April 17/18) already, CRS has suggested that any funds collected will go to the relief efforts in Japan. St. Ambrose parishioners have always been generous to the Rice Bowl Collection, last year we collected over \$3,500, and I expect that we can do that and more this year. Let us continue to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in Japan and let us be generous in our charity for them.

Our Catholic Charity Appeal continues here at St. Ambrose but seems to be going slower than normal this year. Only 179 parish families out of the over 600 families have pledged or given a gift thus far. I hope you prayerfully consider supporting this very important work of the local Church in providing much needed services to the poor and ailing of Rhode Island. I ask you to please consider at least a pledge of \$150. This gift is pledged over a ten month period for only \$15 a month (The cost of one large pizza!). We need every parish family to participate in this crucial charity to be successful in meeting our parish goal. Remember Friday is for fish and Stations of the Cross. God Bless.

Father Healey

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011*

Weekly Collection

The Week of March 27, 2011

Weekly.....\$3,552.00
Poor Box.....\$238.00
Catholic Charity Appeal (To Date).....\$38,765.00

If you have been away or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections

This Week: The Monthly Maintenance



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***Live with Faith,
Give with Heart***

The Catholic Charity Appeal provides desperately needed financial support to the many ministries and programs that provide the spiritual, educational, and social needs of hundreds of thousands of Rhode Islanders. Please give today!

St. Ambrose Goal: \$57,000

Number of Parish Donors Goal: 275

Pledged To Date: \$38,765

Donors To Date: 179

2010 Final Collection Total: \$66,350

2010 Total Number of Parish Donors: 263



**Lenten
Food Drive**

This Week: (April 2/3) Personal Products: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, hand lotion, diapers, baby wipes, Band-Aid's, etc.

Next Week: (April 9/10): Canned Goods: soups, vegetables, varieties

of beans, tuna fish, fruit, sauces (tomato, cranberry, etc.), Spaghetti-O's, peanut butter, SPAM, etc.

Please place all items in Food Box in Church Vestibule. All gift cards/donations can be placed in the Poor Box. Thank You for Your Support.



With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our prayers to:

The Family of **Ernest J. Jacques** who died on March 22, 2011. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here on March 26 and burial was at St. Ambrose Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Lillian: two-step sons, Arthur and Donald Lamothe; step-daughter, Mary T. McGee; eight step-grandchildren and twelve great step-children.

"Let us not abandon them until by our prayers we have conducted them into the House of the Lord."

—Saint Ambrose

**HOW
TO
Help
Japan**

Catholic Relief Services will use the proceeds from the CRS Operation Rice Bowl Collection which is scheduled for Palm Sunday Weekend (April 16/17) to help with emergency relief efforts in Japan through Caritas Japan and other Catholic agencies. Please use the Rice Bowl Lenten Collection as an opportunity to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Japan. If you would like to donate any funds, please make a check payable to St. Ambrose and write CRS Rice Bowl in the memo. All the funds collected will be forwarded with the Rice Bowl Collection on April 16/17. Thank You.

***The Stations of the Cross
with Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament***



**This Friday
April 8th
at 7:00PM**

4th Sunday of Lent



The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song).

As we have reached the midpoint of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement.

These are not requirements, however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.



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Saint Vincent Ferrer

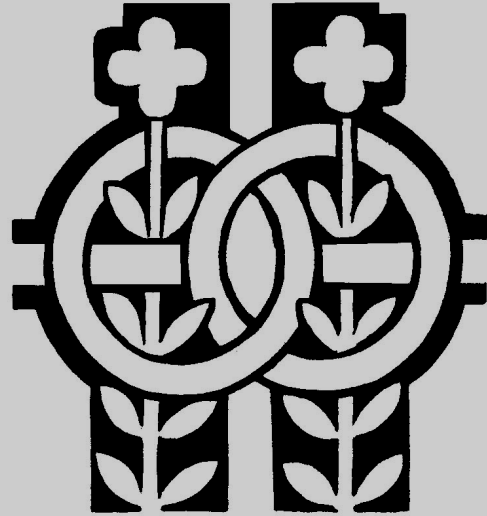
Feast Day—April 5

The polarization in the Church today is a mild breeze compared with the tornado that ripped the Church apart during the lifetime of this saint. If any saint is a patron of reconciliation, Vincent Ferrer is. Despite parental opposition, he entered the Dominican Order in his native Spain at 19. After brilliant studies, he was ordained a priest by Cardinal Peter de Luna—who would figure tragically in his life.

Of a very ardent nature, Vincent practiced the austerities of his Order with great energy. The Western Schism divided Christianity first between two, then three, popes. Clement VII lived at Avignon in France, Urban VI in Rome. Vincent was convinced the election of Urban was invalid. In the service of Cardinal de Luna, he worked to persuade Spaniards to follow Clement. When Clement died, Cardinal de Luna was elected at Avignon and became Benedict XIII.

Vincent worked for him as apostolic penitentiary and Master of the Sacred Palace. But the new pope did not resign as all candidates in the conclave had sworn to do. He remained stubborn despite being deserted by the French king and nearly all of the cardinals. Vincent became disillusioned and very ill, but finally took up the work of simply "going through the world preaching Christ," though he felt that any renewal in the Church depended on healing the schism. An eloquent and fiery preacher, he spent the last 20 years of his life spreading the Good News in Spain, France, Switzerland, the Low Countries and Lombardy, stressing the need of repentance and the fear of coming judgment. (He became known as the "Angel of the Judgment.") He tried, unsuccessfully, in 1408 and 1415, to persuade his former friend to resign. He finally concluded that Benedict was not the true pope. Though very ill, he mounted the pulpit before an assembly over which Benedict himself was presiding and thundered his denunciation of the man who had ordained him a priest. Benedict fled for his life, abandoned by those who had formerly supported him. Strangely, Vincent had no part in the Council of Constance, which ended the schism. The split in the Church at the time of Vincent Ferrer should have been fatal—36 long years of having two "heads." We cannot imagine what condition the Church today would be in if, for that length of time, half the world had followed a succession of popes in Rome, and half, an equally "official" number of popes in, say, Rio de Janeiro. It is an ongoing miracle that the Church has not long since been shipwrecked on the rocks of pride and ignorance, greed and ambition. Contrary to Lowell's words, "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne," we believe that "truth is mighty, and it shall prevail"—but it sometimes takes a long time.





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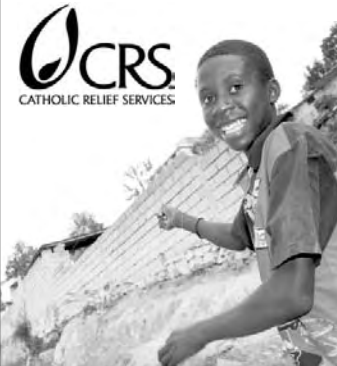
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