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SUNDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
4:00—4:30PM

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Please contact Parish Priest
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*The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday —December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30AM—For All Parishioners

Tuesday—December 13

St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

7:30AM—Theresa Pearson—4th Anniversary

Requested by the Healey Family

Wednesday—December 14

St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

7:30AM—Roul Bouthillette—Birthday Rembr.

Requested by his wife

Thursday—December 15

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—Arnold Collins—Memorial

Requested by his wife, Madelyn

Friday —December 16

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—Barbara Sullivan—Memorial

Requested by Fran Howe

Saturday—December 17

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00PM—Clare Ouimette—4th Anniversary

Requested by her family

Sunday—December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM—The Deceased Members of the John

Greene Family—Memorial

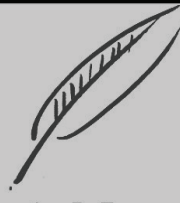
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur G. Smith

11:00AM—Alfred Carabiniero—Birthday Rembr.

Requested by his family

Your Will

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



A Note

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners:

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!" I am sure you've all been following the news about Governor Chafee's decision to rename the Statehouse tree a "Holiday Tree" instead of a Christmas Tree. It has been all over the talk-radio shows and has made national news. Some have suggested that it's not worthy of much attention and we should get on with more important matters. However, the Governor has continued to add fuel to the fire of controversy with silly statements such as " *the times are changing. We have to change with the times. And there are those who say the whole idea of Christmas is so removed from faith, it's not worth protecting anymore.* "

In an effort to be tolerant and inclusive, the Governor has really made a decision that is intolerant and exclusive of Christians and the authentic meaning of Christmas. Yet his silly statement should cause us to pause for some serious reflection upon how we ourselves celebrate Christmas. Is it truly about the birth of God's Son or just a holiday from work? It is truly about celebrating our faith or is it more about the commercialism? Have we too caved into the secular-humanist trap that Christmas is not worth protecting anymore? Are our Christmas Trees slowly becoming Holiday Trees too? Are there any religious ornaments on our tree? When we decorate our homes do we include the nativity scene or is it only Santa and reindeer? If Christmas is truly worth protecting from the foolishness of political correctness run amuck, then it must be Christians who do the protecting!

This Sunday we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday; we rejoice that the Lord is coming and is soon to be here on Christmas. "*Rejoice in the Lord,*" for as miserable as life might seem at times the reality is that God has clothed us with "*a robe of salvation*" that heals all our poverty, our broken hearts, and our sins. These final weeks of preparation for the birth of Christ are sacred. They are not meant to be drudgery, a burden or a time of gloom. Remember the great things the Lord has done and continues to do for us. Remember that our prayer allows us to draw ever closer to Him. Remember how our goodness and compassion can bring the Lord's Light to others. Remember that the Lord whose presence we celebrate at Mass is the Savior of the World, who was born for us, lived for us and died for us so that we may share His very life, now and forever. If we remember these truths and allow them to penetrate our hearts, we will understand clearly why Saint Paul says, "*Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice always!*"

We invite you to continue to rejoice in the season by joining us on Sunday at 6:00PM, in Church, for Lessons and Carols. It is truly a beautiful service of scriptures and songs with our Choirs and several talented soloists. Celebrate the coming of Christ, not the arrival of a holiday, and join us Sunday night! God Bless. Happy Advent. Go Pats!

Father Healey

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011

Weekly Collection

The Week of December 11, 2011

Weekly.....	\$4,488.00
Monthly Maintenance.....	\$2,075.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$34,875.00
Poor Box.....	\$408.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collection

This Week: Retired Religious Collection



Congratulations to Our New Altar Servers

Colby & David Acciaro
Caroline & Daniel Gibson
Max Amadio
Stefan Duda

*Prayer to St. John Berchmans,
Patron of Altar Servers*

Dear St. John, you died at a very young age, but in that short time you learned to live an exemplary life as a member of the Society of Jesus. Directed by your Guardian Angel, whom you confidently invoked, you learned to be a most humble server at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help altar servers imitate you in their service at Holy Mass as well as in their conduct with others. Amen.



Catholic Athletic League Boys Midget Basketball

St. Ambrose vs. St. John Vianney, Loss: 24-16

Next Game:

Sunday, 12/11-St. Ambrose vs. St. Teresa
3PM@St. Raphael Academy Gym

THEOLOGY ON TAP

*Welcoming Young Adults,
single & married, in their 20s & 30s!*



Thursday, December 15th

6:30pm-8:30pm

Ground Round Grill & Bar

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Join us for a lively discussion with Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues presents, "*The New Roman Missal: The Mystery of the Word Made Flesh.*" For more information please contact Mrs. Michelle Donovan at mdonovan@dioceseofprovidence.org or visit us at www.discovercatholicfaith.org



Christmas Flower Memorials

Envelopes are available in Church or in budget packets for donations to help defray cost of the beautiful Christmas flowers that decorate our Church as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Donations can be given in memory of a deceased love one or in honor of a living relative.

Please fill out the envelope and return via the collection basket before December 25th. Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas!



"Frankincense? Myrrh? Is that what they call separation of church and state?"

3rd Sunday of Advent



The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from *Gaudete in Domino semper*, Latin for “Rejoice in the Lord always,” opening words of today’s entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced by an opening hymn).

Because one of Advent’s tasks is to prepare us for Christ’s return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality similar to that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities softened the period and gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, did at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ’s second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2011

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

Family Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
with Children’s Choir

Christmas Concert at 11:15PM
with Parish Choir & Instrumentalists

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th

Midnight Mass at 12:00AM
with Parish Choir & Instrumentalists

Christmas Mass at 10:00AM

A Blessing of a Christmas Tree for a Family



Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Rejoice in the Lord always.

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