



# Saint Ambrose Church

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil  
5:00PM

Sunday  
9:00AM & 11:00AM

## HOLYDAY MASSES

7:30AM & 7:00PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday  
7:30AM

## LEGAL HOLIDAYS

9:00AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays  
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## PARISH STAFF

Father Bernard A. Healey, Parish Priest  
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*The Nativity of the Lord*  
*December 25, 2011*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday—December 26**

**St. Stephen, first martyr**

9:00AM—For All Parishioners

**Tuesday—December 27**

**St. John, apostle & evangelist**

7:30AM—Joseph P. Ippolito, Sr.—Memorial  
*Requested by a friend*

**Wednesday—December 28**

**The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

7:30AM—James Howe—Memorial  
*Requested by his wife, Fran*

**Thursday—December 29**

**The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas/**

*St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr*

7:30AM—Patricia Keator—Memorial  
*Requested by Kathleen & Ray Metivier*

**Friday—December 30**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30AM—Paul Crowley—Memorial  
*Requested by his sister, Fran Howe*

**Saturday—December 31**

**Vigil of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

5:00PM—Fr. Joel A. Lecuivre—Birthday Remembrance  
*Requested by his friends*

**Sunday—January 1, 2012**

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

9:00AM—For All Parishioners

11:00AM—Dorothy Kilmartin—Memorial  
*Requested by a parishioner*

## Your Will

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



## A Note

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners:

Merry Christmas! It is a joyous day for our parish and for our world! As the hymn reminds us: *"Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing."*

The joy of Christmas is contagious—but not primarily because of the gifts under the tree. The joy of Christmas is contagious because of the spirit behind the gifts. The glory of Christmas is that a gracious God became one of us to tell us that He loves us. And, in our Christmas giving, we spread this Good News. It is as St. Athanasius tells us: *"For the Son of God became man so that we might become God."* Certainly Christmas joy was felt beyond the pews of St. Ambrose Church as so many of our parishioners gave so generously and joyfully to those in need.

Christmas joy was spread in the 750 gifts from our Parish Giving Tree delivered for Christmas to St. John the Baptist Church by the faithful of St. Ambrose. Christmas joy was spread with thousands of dollars and gift cards donated to food pantries in Providence, Pawtucket and Woonsocket by the faithful of St. Ambrose. Christmas joy was spread as newly arrived refugee families were adopted for Christmas by the faithful of St. Ambrose. This Christmas it is as the hymn proclaims: *"He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love."*

Today we celebrate Incarnation! Today we rejoice! The eternal God comes into the flesh and blood of humanity. Christmas cards portray the little Babe, the Manger, the Magi, and the shepherds. Little children learn that today is Jesus' birthday. But these pieces of the story only touch the edge of the mysterious event which brings us together. The Good News is that the God of Mercy has come into the history of humanity to bring us perfect peace. For the peace of mind and heart and soul that the world cannot give, follow Jesus. And when you follow Jesus, do not be surprised to see others following you. After all, the spirit of Christmas is contagious, the joy of Christmas is contagious and the love of Christmas is contagious.

Today we pray and worship God who was made man, we celebrate the peace and love of the Christ Child, and we share a communion of faith and hope! May this day be truly joyful and happy for you and your family. Merry Christmas! God Bless.

*Father Healey*

*The Nativity of the Lord*  
*December 25, 2011*

# Weekly Collection

The Week of December 18, 2011

Collection results were unavailable due to the holiday printing deadline.

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

Next Week: Holy Day Collection



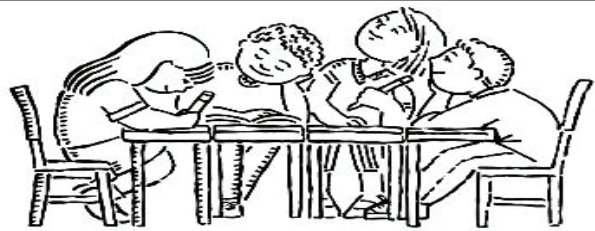
## **The Feast of St. Stephen**



***First Martyr of  
the Church***

**Monday,  
December 26th  
Mass at 9:00AM**

*"The gates of Heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs, and therefore is crowned triumphant in Heaven."*—Opening Antiphon



## Religious Education News

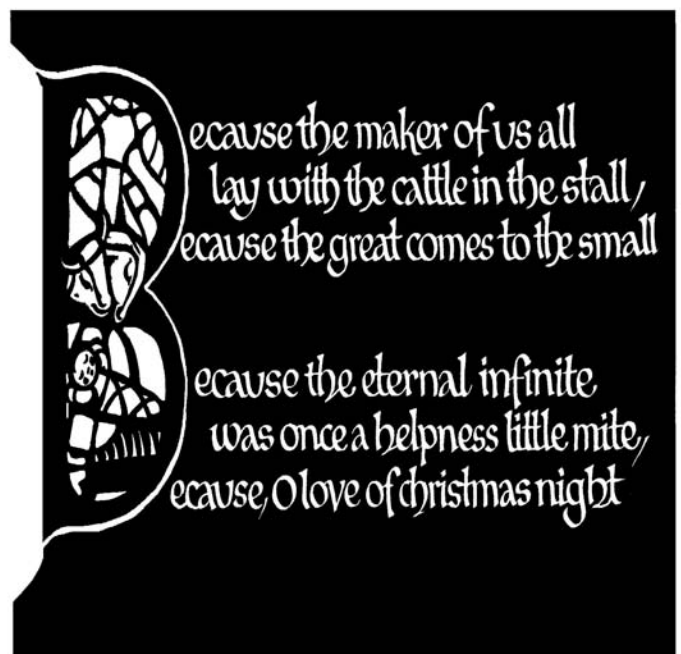
No RE classes this weekend due to the Christmas Holiday and no RE classes next weekend (January 1, 2012 ) due to the New Year's Holiday. All RE classes resume on January 8, 2012! We wish all our RE students, teachers and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2012!

## Christmas & New Years Observance

Please note that Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd, are public holidays in observance of Christmas and New Years. The Rectory Office will be closed on those dates and Mass is to be celebrated at 9:00AM on both Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



## Nativity of the Lord



**I**n comparison to the celebration of Easter which dates back to the second century, the celebration of Christmas is of late origin, dating back only to the fourth century.

No claim is made for December 25 being the actual date of Jesus' birth, but it is probably no accident that this celebration of the coming of the true light falls at a time of increasing daylight.

Expanding that symbolism, four separate, carefully chosen and crafted sets of readings and prayers are prescribed for the various times of celebration of this solemnity: vigil, midnight, dawn, and day.

The images contained in these readings and prayers journey from early hope to radiant fulfillment.



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## A Prayer for Christmas Day



The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wiseman. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with pure hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



*Merry Christmas*





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