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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
4:00—4:30PM

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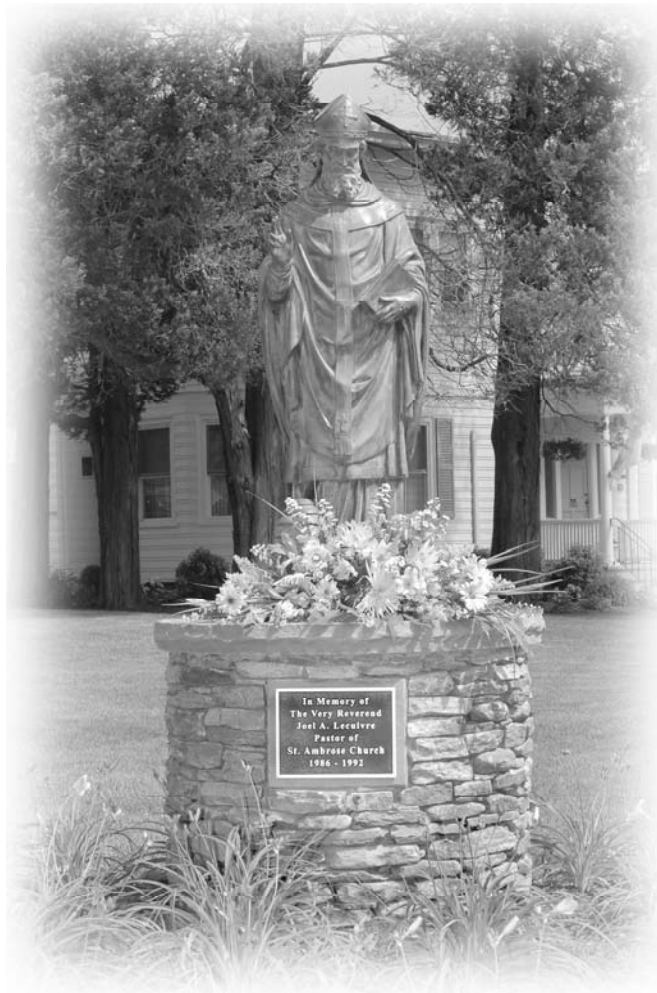
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Please notify the Rectory
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Father Bernard A. Healey, Parish Priest
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The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2012



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—January 2

**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops & doctors of the Church**

9:00AM—Kevin Coleman—Memorial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Greene

Tuesday—January 3

Christmas Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30AM—Barbara Sullivan—Memorial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Greene

Wednesday—January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

7:30AM—Lucille Marion—Memorial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Greene

Thursday—January 5

St. John Neumann, bishop

7:30AM—Edward V. Healey, Jr.—Memorial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Greene

Friday—January 6

Christmas Weekday/St. Andre Bessette, religious

7:30AM—Harold Bourassa—4th Anniversary

Requested by his wife, Pauline

Saturday—January 7

Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00PM—Lillian E. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

Requested by her children

Sunday—January 8

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9:00AM—For All Parishioners

11:00AM—Harold Bourassa—4th Anniversary

Requested by his wife, Pauline

Your Will

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

A Note

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year! It's now 2012! I offer my prayers that God might bestow His choicest blessings upon you and yours throughout the year ahead. May it truly be a year of good health, abundant joy and deep faith.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has declared the Year 2012 a Year of Faith as we mark the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council. In announcing the Year of Faith, the Holy Father, suggested "*it will be a moment of grace and commitment to a more complete conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in him and proclaim him with joy to the people of our time.*" He has called upon all of us who possess the great gift of faith to proclaim "*Christ to those who do not know him or have, in fact, reduced him to a mere historical character.*" Let us pray that this Year of Faith may help us lead more of our family members, friends and neighbors to Christ. May we do so through our daily words and actions in the workplace, in school rooms, on the golf course, in the mall and wherever we find ourselves.

As we begin this New Year, we take a moment to look back at the year just passed and give thanks. We thank all who made our celebration of Christmas such a wonderful, joyful and faith-filled occasion for our parish. So much work and preparation goes on to make the celebration of Christmas such an extraordinary event for our parish. Countless hours of volunteer work, practices, rehearsals, cleaning, and arranging ensure Christmas is in fact one of the most wonderful days of the year!

We thank our organist Michael Moise and our Choir Directress Meagan McNulty along with our Children's Choir and Parish Choir for the beautiful music for our Savior's birthday. We thank our Church Decorating Committee under the direction of Jackie Spicola for making our little church such a beautiful setting for the celebration of the Christ Child. We thank our tremendous Altar Servers for their solemn and reverent service at God's Holy Altar at our Christmas Masses. We thank our Lectors for proclaiming so joyfully the Word Made Flesh and the Ministers for helping us reverently receive the Body of Christ. We thank our ushers who welcomed our many parishioners and visitors with a smile as they helped them find seats. We thank Jackie Robert and Theresa Tassone for polishing our sacred vessels and preparing everything for our Christmas Masses. We thank the St. Martha Guild led by Patty Smith who spent hours cleaning and polishing everything in our Church and making it all shine so bright. Thank you for all that you do for our beloved parish.

In the name of Fr. Kiley, Deacon Bob and myself, I offer our thanks for your many gifts and cards. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness. Your acknowledgement of our ministry during this holy season is truly a blessing for us. God's Blessings upon you, your family and our parish. Happy New Year!

Father Healey

*The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2012*

Weekly Collection

The Week of December 18, 2011

Weekly.....\$4,018.00
Annual (Final).....\$47,791.00
Poor Box.....\$5,254.00

Collection results for the week of December 25, 2011 were unavailable due to 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

This Week: Monthly Maintenance
Next Week: Catholic University of America



Catholic Athletic League Boys Midget Basketball

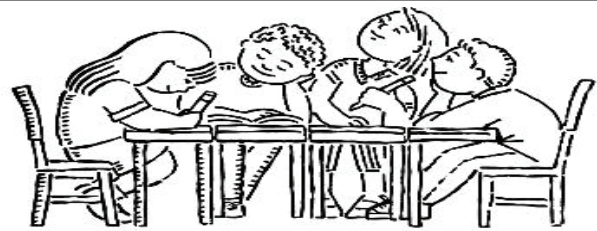
St. Ambrose Vs. St. Martha, Loss 27-9

Next Game:

St. Ambrose vs. St. John Vianney

Sunday, January 8 at 6:00PM

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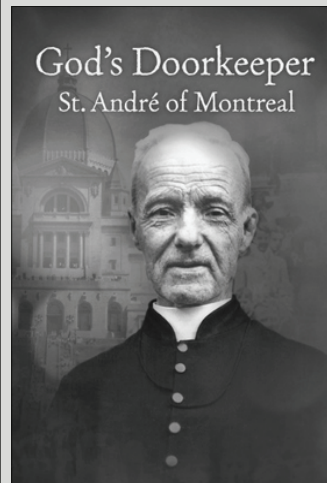
Religious Education News

No RE classes this weekend 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 Happy New Year in 2012!

Mass for the Feast of Saint Brother Andre

Friday, January 6, 2012 at 7:00PM

St. Mary Church, Uxbridge, MA

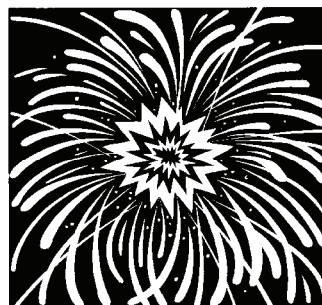


Saint Andre founded the St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and was a servant of the poor, needy, infirm and sick. He was canonized on October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. This special Mass on his feast day is to be celebrated in French and English. It is to be followed by a reception. For more information, go to ww.stmaryuxbridge.org

New Years Holiday

Monday, January 2nd
Mass at 9:00AM

The Rectory Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Mary, Mother of God



January 1 is New Years Day in our secular life, but in our liturgical life, it is the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

In the year 431, the Council of Ephesus declared that the Virgin Mary was Mother of God; in Greek, *Theotokos*, “God-bearer.”

Mary was celebrated under this title on the first of January until about the eighth century when the day was changed to mark the circumcision of the Lord.

The reforms of the Vatican II returned the day to Mary, Mother of God but kept the Gospel reading which refers to Jesus’ circumcision.



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A New Year’s Prayer

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless all your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever. R. Amen.



Start ^{the} new year



with a prayer...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year!



Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



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