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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

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Saturdays
4:00—4:30PM

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In Memory of
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*The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—November 28

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—For All Parishioners

Tuesday—November 29

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—Clemence Bolduc—Memorial

Requested by Celine Metivier

Wednesday—November 30

St. Andrew, apostle

7:30AM—Mary Healey—32nd Anniversary

Requested by her nieces & nephews

Thursday—December 1

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—Fr. Joseph P. Hynes—Memorial

Requested by the Pious Union of Priests

Friday—December 2

Advent Weekday

7:30AM—Mr. & Mrs. George Marion—Memorial

Requested by Fran Howe

Saturday—December 3

Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

5:00PM—Emily Devlin—53rd Anniversary

Requested by her grandchildren

Sunday—December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent

9:00AM—Deceased Members of the Albert Smith Family—Memorial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Smith

11:00AM—Fr. Thomas Trepanier—9th Anniversary

Requested by his family

Your Will

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



A Note

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners:

I hope that you had a joyful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We had a wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving Day Mass here and then I headed north to my sister's home in New York for the Thanksgiving Meal. When I was a student in the seminary in Belgium Thanksgiving Day always made me homesick. It was just another Thursday for the Belgians but for us seminarians at the American College it was always Thanksgiving Day. Our Belgian chef in the seminary tried to make our Thanksgiving meal as authentic as possible but she never got close to my Mother's wonderful mashed potatoes or my sister's delicious mince and pumpkin pie. But Thanksgiving isn't really about the food most of all it is a day that is really meant to be celebrated with family and friends in a spirit of profound thanks and deep gratitude for God's abundant blessings.

Unfortunately Thanksgiving Day is yet another victim of the "Christmas creep" that trend in our culture to begin Christmas in October. Stores opening earlier on Thanksgiving for shoppers looking for bargains for Christmas are just one sign of the "Christmas creep." Thankfully the Church provides us Advent so we can slow the "creep" by prayerfully preparing and joyfully anticipating the birth of our Messiah. We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with its deep and profound meaning.

It might seem to be easier to run away to a monastery to escape the commercialization, the hectic hustle, and the demanding family obligations of Christmas. If we did find the time to spend in a monastery and avoid the sales, the lines, the cards and the parties then we would have a holy Christmas. But we would forget the lesson of the Incarnation, of the enfleshing of God—the lesson that we who are followers of Jesus do not run from the secular; rather we are called to try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people that strive to be kinder, more patient, extra generous, more joyful and more loving people—no matter how fast the "Christmas Creep" crawls toward us with its maddening Christmas rush. Prepare for Christmas but strive to do so by celebrating Advent with prayer and devotion to the Lord, the Prince of Peace we need so desperately to come to us and our world.

I extend my thanks to all those who have been so generous in supporting the Annual Collection and to those who answered the call to provide food for St. John's Food Pantry. There was truly much to give thanks for this Thanksgiving at St. Ambrose. Happy Advent! God Bless. Go Pats!!!

Father Healey

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November 27, 2011*

Weekly Collection

The Week of November 20, 2011

Collection results from last week are not available 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!

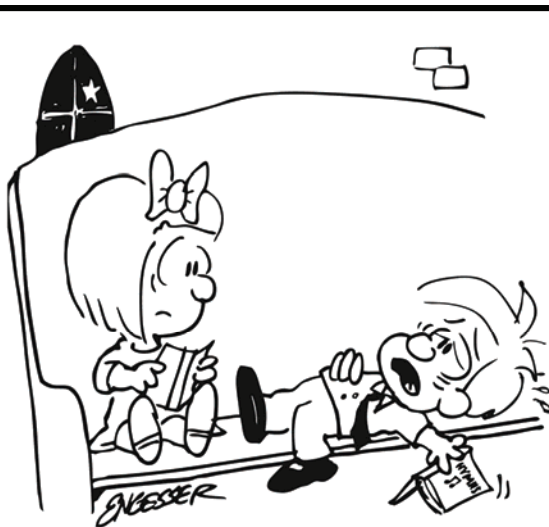
Second Collection

Next Week: Monthly Maintenance

The Sounds of the Season Concert

Gregorian Concert Choir & Festival Orchestra
Sunday, December 4th at 3:00PM
Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Providence, RI

The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas and is to benefit the "Keep the Heat On" Fund to assist with utility expenses for poor and low-income families. For more information call 331-2434. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available at the door. A reception is to follow in Cathedral Hall.



"That last 'Glo-ooo-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-ooria' about did me in."



We offer our prayerful condolences to:

The family of **Maria E. Rodrigues** who died on November 12, 2011. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 17, 2011 at St. Ambrose and burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Cumberland. Her sons, Paulo and Rui; her daughters, Clara Costabile and Helen Shaughnessy; 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive her.

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

Religious Education News

Sunday, November 27th

1st Sunday of Advent

Family Mass at 11:00AM

Family RE Class at Noon & 6:00PM

Sunday, December 4th

All RE Classes in session

Tuesday, December 6

Catechism Corner: Sin & Forgiveness

Parish Hall at 7:00PM

Sunday, December 11

Advent Lessons & Carols

6:00PM in Church

The New Roman Missal



The New Roman Missal is the book with all the prayers used at Mass. We have purchased four of these new Missals for use at Mass and for use at the local nursing homes where we offer Mass. The large edition we use for Sunday Mass cost \$200 and each of the three smaller editions cost \$100. If you would like to memorialize these Missals in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Fr. Healey at (333-1568).

1st Sunday of Advent



Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new liturgical year.

Advent, which always begins on the Sunday closest to November 30, dates back to the fourth century.

It is a four-week period of devout and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas and for Christ's second coming at the end of time.

Early in Advent, the liturgy focuses our attention on the second coming. After December 16, it shifts our attention to the events surrounding the nativity.



O WISDOM!

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They Watch for Christ

They watch for Christ who are



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sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look

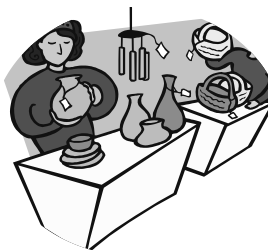
for him in all that happens, and who would not

be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that he was coming at once...

This then is to watch:

to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen;

to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first. —Blessed John Henry Newman, 19th Century



**Cub Scout
Pack 711
Holiday Fair
December 3rd**

Cub Scout Pack 711 Albion looking for vendors and crafters to rent tables at their Holiday Fair. Tables cost \$20 and the Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 3rd in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in renting a table, please contact Lucia Walsh at 401-481-5275 or e-mail LuciaBWalsh@yahoo.com It's a great way for you to earn a little extra Holiday cash and support local cub scouts.



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