

# Saint Ambrose Church

St. Ambrose Church - Established 1892

January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord



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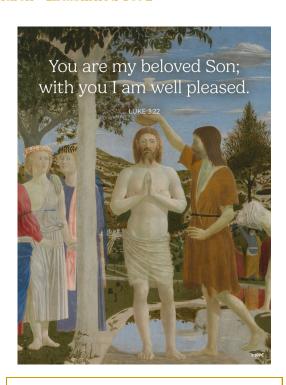
#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday 8:30AM to 12:30PM Closed Friday Closed Legal Holidays

#### ST. AMBROSE CEMETERY:

Contact the Parish Office

Rev. Carl B. Fisette - Pastor Rev. John A. Kiley - Senior Priest



#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday Vigil 5:15PM Sunday 8:30AM & 11:15AM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30AM

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As announced

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 4:15-4:45PM

# BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office

#### **HOLY ORDERS:**

Please contact the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 331-1316



Dear Parishioners,

"SPES NON CONFUNDIT. "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those *pilgrims of hope* who will travel to Rome...and to all those others who...will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. *Jn* 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1)."

These are the words with which Pope Francis began the bull of indiction of the ordinary jubilee of 2025. Perhaps you saw the Holy Father opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's at the end of Christmas Mass. The Holy Doors have also been opened at the Rome's three other major basilicas. The tradition of the pope declaring a jubilee every twenty-five years dates back to the 1300's. The Biblical roots of the jubilee year trace back to chapter 25 of the Book of Leviticus when the fiftieth year would be designated as a year of rest for the land, remission of debts, and freeing of slaves.

With the proclamation of the jubilee year, the Holy Father also grants indulgences (for the remission of temporal punishment for our sins) if one makes a pilgrimage, etc., and also goes to confession and receives the Eucharist. The proclamation of a jubilee year is essentially a proclamation of the "year acceptable to the Lord" which calls us back to a year of resting in the Lord, having our spiritual debts remitted and being freed from our slavery to sin through the forgiveness of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, and receiving one of the many indulgences that are granted. Let's make 2025 a year of hope which is acceptable to the Lord!

God bless. Have a good week!

Sincerely, Fr. Fisette

#### **Recycle Your Christmas Cards**

We will gladly take your old Christmas cards to make gift tags for future Giving Trees and to use in projects with our faith formation classes. If you have any old cards and would like to donate them please leave them in the Food Pantry box in the Church vestibule. Thank you!

This year we made 348 gift tags for the St. Ambrose Giving Tree. And, our Grade 4 Faith Formation class used 60 cards for a kindness project.



If you've just started visiting us, we welcome you to join our parish family.

Please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

We invite you to join us on Fridays from 9:00am to 4:00pm for Adoration at the Ave Maria Convent at St. James Church, Manville.



We offer our prayerful condolences and sympathy to the families and friends of

# Díane M. Leclerc

who passed away on December 22, 2024

## Andre E. Desmaraís

who passed away on December 26, 2024

# Tanya M. Costa who passed away on December 25, 2024

# James F. Chadwick, Jr.

who passed away on January 4, 2025



"Let us not abandon them until by our prayers we conduct them into the house of the Lord." - St. Ambrose



#### Saturday, January 11, 2025

Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Deceased Members of St. Ambrose Parish

#### Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of St. Ambrose Parish

11:15 a.m Deceased Members of St. Ambrose Parish

#### Monday, January 13, 2025

Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

7:30 a.m. **Andre Desmarais** 

Requested by St. Ambrose Parish

#### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James Church

#### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Weekday

7:30 a.m. Ed and Charles Crepeau

Requested by Family

#### Thursday, January 16, 2025

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James Church

#### Friday, January 17, 2025

St. Anthony, Abbott

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of St. Ambrose Parish

#### Saturday, January 18, 2025

Vigil of Second Sunday in OrdinaryTime

5:15 p.m. **Richard Eaton** -Birthday Remembrance Requested by Janet Greene

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. **Theodore Gagne** -29th Anniversary Requested by his daughter

11:15 a.m Peter Colding

Requested by Dennis and Alice Peters



We offer prayers for our friends and family who are residing in nursing facilities or homebound at this time.

Jeannine Bessette Paul Wilson. Marcel Menard, Patricia Healey Lucille Hebert, John Rodgers, Joyce, Alice, Jean Southard, Beverly Hadfield, Fred Peters, Paul Morin, James, Len, Stephanie, Ron, Mary Birkenfeld, Patricia Smith, Madeline Leone, Charlene, Bill, Steve, Ioanne Dodd, Raemichele Grocki, Shírlee Lombardo. Bernardette Bouley, Ashley, Joshua Aldo & Madeleine Cavallaro Claudette Charpentier, Lorraine Dupont, Margaret Rabeck, Rita Palladino, Araxy Thompson Byron, Jerry Bílyí, Jerry Soucy, Dennis Allard, Deborah Cardone, Kathleen DeLeiter, Richard Lamoureux

Please keep them in your prayers.



## Mass Intentions and Mary's Hanging Lamp

If you are interested in scheduling a
Mass Intention or placing a
Hanging Lamp Intention for a loved one at
St. Ambrose, please call the Rectory.





#### Weekly Collections for December 29, 2024

Weekly Budget	\$ 1,923.00
Maintenance	\$ 175.00
Poor Box	\$ 221.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 1,055.00
Votive Candles	\$ 137.00
Annual Collection	\$ 500.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 170.00
Donation to Heating Costs	\$ 50.00

#### Weekly Collections for January 5, 2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,648.00
Maintenance	\$ 700.00
Poor Box	\$ 203.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 2,017.00
Votive Candles	\$ 81.00
Annual Collection	\$ 600.00
First Offering	\$ 320.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 893.00
Donations to Heating Costs	\$ 570.00

We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses. We encourage you to continue to mail-in your budget envelopes and other special and second collection contributions if you are not able to attend Mass in person.

Have you considered On-Line Giving? Please visit our website and click on the link to sign up.

## Second Collections in January

First Offering any weekend Catholic University of America January 19 The Church in Latin America January 26

### Tax Filing Season is approaching...

Statements of weekly contributions to St. Ambrose Church for the 2024 tax year will be mailed by the end of January.





#### Grades 1-4 Faith Formation

January 12 Grade 2-Sacrament Prep

9:30-11:00am

January 19 No Classes

January 26 Grade 2-Sacrament Prep

9:30-11:00am

# WINTER SNOW ALERT for Faith Formation Classes:

In the event of an overnight or early morning storm, please check your email for notification of any cancellation. And as always, safety first, so please do what is best for you.

#### Envelopes to Help Offset the Cost to Heat the Church



With the continued increase of heating costs over the last few years, your contributions have helped to defray the costs of heating our church. We will again this year have envelopes in the back of the church for anyone who would like to contribute.

There is no formal collection, but we welcome anything that you can do during the Winter season to help offset this Winter's heating costs for the church. *Thank you for your contributions!* 



## St. Ambrose Annual Collection 2024

Donations for the 2024 Annual Collection received before January 15 will be included in your 2024 contribution statement.

Thank you for opening your hearts, minds, and spirits to the 2024 Annual Collection.

May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

Donations to date: \$46,941.00

# WINTER SNOW ALERT for St. Ambrose and St. James Masses:

Weekday Masses will be canceled if there is a school delay or school cancellation announced for Lincoln Public Schools. (school announcements are typically listed on local news stations 6, 10 and 12 and on their websites: abc6.com, turnto10.com, wpri.com).

Weekend Masses (Saturday and Sunday) Please check the Parish website or our Facebook page for any notice of cancellation.

#### It's never too late to help those in need during the cold winter months...

Keep the Heat On is a program of the Diocese of Providence that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, contact Keep the Heat On: KTHO@dpvd.org or 401-421-7833, ext. 207.

Diocese of Providence, c/o Keep the Heat On One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903

#### **Announcement from Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School**

Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School located at 1210 Mendon Road in Woonsocket, invites you to an OPEN HOUSE for the 2025-2026 school year on Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Secure a scheduled time slot for your visit. Discover the exceptional opportunities we provide for children in Pre-K3 through Grade 8!

Highlights include:

- Financial aid for qualifying families (K-8)
- Free busing from Woonsocket, Cumberland, North Smithfield, and Burrillville (K-8)
  - Flexible Pre-K options (full and half-day)
    - One-to-one devices for each student

Learn more about how Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School can enrich your children's education.

Contact Good Shepherd at 762-1095 to schedule your appointment!