

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2017*

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Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:15 p.m. Pilgrims to St. Theresa's Shrine
Living & Deceased

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11:15 a.m. For the People of St. Ambrose

Monday—January 1
*The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

7:30 a.m. **Romeo Lacombe -Memorial**
Requested by Anna Lee White

Tuesday — January 2
*Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &
Doctors of the Church*

7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. James Church*

Wednesday —January 3
Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. **Mass for the People of St. Ambrose**

Thursday — January 4
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 p.m. *Mass at St. James Church*

Friday — January 5
Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Mass for the People of St. Ambrose**

Saturday — January 6
Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:15 p.m. **Harold Bourasson—10th Anniversary**
Requested by his Wife

Sunday— January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. **Mass for the People Ambrose**
11:15 a.m. **Family Mass**



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Christmas Event, celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family,

close out the Old Year of 2017 and begin the New Year of 2018 and pray for peace on January 1, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

We have much celebrating and rejoicing to do in these days. We also need to reflect and ponder the significance of it all. How is God guiding, comforting and gracing our time with the community in worship, sharing time with family and friends and as we face the issues of 2018.

In my own reflections I am drawn every year to this poem by John Hammond, OSB:

Child of Bethlehem -

house of bread;

Man of Jerusalem-

city of peace;

you have loved us

without limit or condition;

in our greatness and in our misery,

in our folly and in our virtue;

may your hand be always upon us

and may your heart be within us

so that we too

may become bread and peace

for one another.

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!**

Peace, Fr. Tom

Weekly Collection

Week of December 24, 2017

Collection results from the 17th of December are not available due to the holiday printing deadline of the company.

SECOND COLLECTION

The *2nd Collection next week* will be for the Maintenance Fund Collection. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



If you have not used **Electronic Transfer (EFT)** for your charitable donations to St. Ambrose Church, please consider signing up for this simple and effective way to support your spiritual home.

It's Simple: Log onto the St. Ambrose website at www.stambrosechurchri.org and click on "About" then "Parish Giving" and follow the easy registration instructions.

It's Secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

It's Convenient: No more searching for the check book or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, **January 7, 2018**, Solemnity of the Epiphany beginning with 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass. 12:30 p.m. lunch (free will offering). 1:15 p.m.

Presentation: The Eucharistic Mystery of Christmas in the writings of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and St. Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. 2:15 p.m. Holy Hour. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon with prayer and fellowship.



Start **2018** with a bang!
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Enter your email and create a password.

Faith Formation

January 6, 2018

Gr. 6th Retreat 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

January 7, 2018

Family Mass 11:15 a.m.

Classes Resume

Gr. 2 will report to the parish hall for class 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
rcarney@stambrosechurchri.org

Mass Intentions

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass Intention at St. Ambrose Church feel free to call the office during regular business hours at 401-333-1568. The suggested donation for a **weekday** mass is \$10 and for a **weekend** mass is \$20



To all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Once again, a great success because of your generosity!

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Upcoming Diocesan Events

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 29, 2018. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, Presentations and Veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call Carol Owens at 401.421-7833.218.

“An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life”

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 401.421-7833.218.

“2018 MARCH FOR LIFE”

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is \$83.00 per person and will leave R.I. on Thursday, January 18. This year’s trip will take us to the Capital One Arena for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401.421-7833.218.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.”

Spouses, find value in one another by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. January 19th to the 21st in South Kingstown, RI and March 9th to the 11th in Duxbury, MA. For more information, contact Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



**Haven't had your fill of shopping??
There's an APP for that!**

Lucky for you we will be continuing the fundraiser for our Missions trip!

The upcoming Jamaica mission team partnered with [Shop With Scrip](#) where people are invited to order gift cards (at face value) and the team will get a certain percentage in return to support their mission. Perfect time to purchase to shop all of the sales or for upcoming birthdays! Follow the link above and begin by registering.

The Family Enrollment Code is: **LF2F8E5L59135**
The only payment option currently available is by check/cash. Checks make payable to St. Ambrose Memo: SCRIP

Bulk orders will be placed on a weekly basis and you will be notified when they are available for pickup. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser!

In honor of the

25th Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of the Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Tobin, D.D.

a donation of \$250 was made to “**Emmanuel House**” from St. Ambrose and to “**Keep the Heat On**” from St. James Parish. We are blessed to have a loving and wise bishop who inspires and challenges the entire Diocese of Providence to live the Gospel. Congratulations to Bishop Tobin and thank you for being a “good shepherd” of God’s holy people.



2018



Bless this year

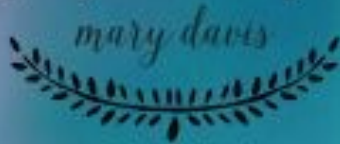
with love and light.

Bless this year
with faith and sight.

Bless this year
with grace and ease.

Bless this year
with joy and peace.

mary davis



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