

*The First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018*



Saturday — February 17
Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent

5:15 p.m. — **Richard Cote—5th Anniversary**
Requested by his Wife & Family

Sunday — February 18
The 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. **J. Richard Charland—Memorial**
Requested by Estelle Aubin
11:15 a.m. **Dr. James B. Southard—Memorial**
Requested by St. Ambrose Parish

Monday—February 19
Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. **Rachel Tellier - Memorial**
Requested by Madeline Paux

Tuesday — February 20
Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday —February 21
Lenten Wednesday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
7:30 a.m. **Richard Charland—Memorial**
Requested by Roberta Smith

Thursday — February 22
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

Friday — February 23
Lenten Weekday

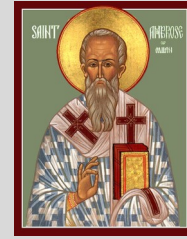
7:30 a.m. **Sr. Therese Landry SVRS—Memorial**
Requested by her Religious Sisters

Saturday — February 24
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

5:15 p.m. — **Richard Cote—5th Anniversary**
Requested by his Wife & Family

Sunday—February 25
The Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. **George L. Nault—9th Anniversary**
Requested by his Wife & Daughter
11:15 a.m. **J. Richard Charland —Memorial**
Requested by St. Ambrose Parish
Jean Guay—10th Anniversary
Requested by his Family



*“Again we keep this solemn fast,
A gift of faith from ages past,
This Lent which binds us lovingly
To faith and hope and charity.*

*More sparing, therefore, let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep, our laughter, ev’ry sense;
Learn peace through holy penitence.*

Dear Parishioners,
Lent has begun, but it may have caught us off guard. It seems too early, too rushed. We may not feel ready to prepare for Easter, but this is the time we have. May we use the time of prayer, fasting and penance as a time to grow stronger in our faith, hope and trust of God’s loving mercy. The lyrics of the above hymn encourage us to receive Lent as a gift of faith from ages past. It is a gift that can help us spend time in communication with the God who loves us. It is a gift that can help us focus on the ultimate goals of life and not only the penultimate. It is a gift that can broaden our view of the world and help us to see our neighbor anew. This season of Lent is a gift that can bring us to the peace of new life in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus. May we use these 40 days well.

Peace, Fr. Tom

Weekly Collection

Week of February 11, 2018

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 3,346.00
EFT.....	\$ 1,902.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 647.00
Monthly Maintenance.....	\$ 201.00
Mass Stipend.....	\$ 205.00
Mary's Hanging Lantern.....	\$ 20.00
Candle Offering.....	\$ 81.00

Thank you for your generosity!

We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.



Stations of the Cross

Wednesday's during Lent

6:30 p.m. St. Ambrose

Friday's during Lent 6:30 p.m. St. James

Parish Lenten Mission

Fr. James Quigley, Order of Preaches
Providence College. Reverend Quigley will
speak at all Weekend Masses on

March 3rd & March 4th

Monday, March 5th

Mission Mass - St. Ambrose

Tuesday, March 6th

Mission Mass - St. James -

Wednesday, March 7th

Mission Mass - St. Ambrose -

Mission Masses will be at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is held every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM. Join us in praying that the "master of the harvest send out laborers for his harvest."

Faith Formation

February 18, 2018

No Class—Presidents Weekend

March 3, 2018

"A Saturday Walk with Jesus"

Retreat for Grades 3, 4, & 5. 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.. In the Parish Hall. This Retreat, will focus on the Lenten season and the importance of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. As part of our Lenten mission, we are asking that each child bring a small \$1.00 travel size hygiene item (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, tissues, etc.) that we will donate to a local organization in need. Fr. Ferland will also be hearing confessions from the children during the Retreat.

Attendance is required as part of the Faith Formation program. Please refer to the email announcement for additional information.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at rcarney@stambrosechurchri.org

*Congratulations to the newly
baptized*



Charlotte Rose Gloria

And her parents

Christopher & Abby

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

The start of the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will soon be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for support of the 2018 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. ***Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.***

Your gift to the 2018 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter which way you turn, you will find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal.

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40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign

The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14 through Palm Sunday, March 25. We are asking parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence during this 40 day period from 7am to 7pm.

Please encourage women who are in a crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance! If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.



**Parish Lenten Fish Fry
St. James Church**

33 Division St., Manville, RI Friday, February 23rd 5:00-7:30 p.m. located in the Fr. Brindamour Hall. The meal, will include Fish & Chips, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert & beverages. \$8.00 pp. Tickets will be available at the door. The proceeds from this event will benefit the

**Our Lady's Hanging Lamp in
Honor of**



***J. Richard Charland
In Memory***

**Please keep this intention in
your prayers.**

If you are interested in an intention for **Our Lady's Hanging Lamp** please contact the rectory at 333-1568.



*A Loss in
Our Church Family*

***We offer our prayerful condolences and
sympathy to the families of:***

Rita Lacombe, who passed away on February 1, 2018. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ambrose Church on Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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



Valentine's Day is coming up! Remember to Shop Scrip for all of your gift card needs! Here are just a few of the participant vendors:

Amazon, American Eagle, Ace, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, CVS, Dunkin, Home Depot, JC Penny, LL Bean, Lowes, Macy's, Michaels, Old Navy, Pottery Barn, Rite Aid, Starbucks, Stop & Shop, Target, TJ Maxx, Uber, Walmart, Walgreens, Whole Food and so many more!

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 for Valentine gifts or for upcoming birthdays! Follow the link above to register.

**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!



**Bishop Hendricken
Open House**

Open House Sunday, March 4th from noon—3:00 p.m. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 739-3450, ext. 162.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words *and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness *and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger *and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism *and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries *and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints *and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures *and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness *and fill our hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness *and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges *and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words *and be silent so you can listen*