

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 11, 2018*

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**Saturday — March 10**

*Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:15 p.m.— **Paul Roque—Memorial**

*Requested by his Family*

**Joseph Cardello—Anniversary Mass**

*Requested by his Family*

**Sunday— March 11**

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8:30 a.m. **Yvonne Simard—Memorial**

*Requested by her Granddaughter*

*Michelle Taylor*

11:15 a.m. **Dora Kazan—Birthday Remembrance**

*Requested by Kathy Lapierre*

3:00 p.m. Anointing of the Sick

**Monday—March 12**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30 a.m. **Susan Flaherty—In Health**

*Requested by Frank Gallagher*

**Tuesday — March 13**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

**Wednesday —March 14**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30 a.m. **Alberta (Metivier) Bourget —Memorial**

*Requested by her daughters*

**Susan Flaherty—In Health**

*Requested by Frank Gallagher*

**Thursday — March 15**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

**Friday — March 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30 a.m. **Susan Flaherty—In Health**

*Requested by Frank Gallagher*

**Saturday — March 17**

*Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:15 p.m.— **Eduardo G. Avila—Memorial**

*Requested by Rev. Thomas Ferland*

**Sunday— March 18**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 a.m. —**Romeo Lacombe—Memorial**

*Requested by Joanne Mercier*

11:15 a.m.—**Rita Lacombe—Memorial**

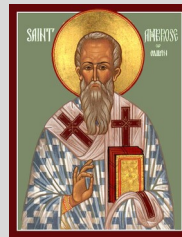
*Requested by Jacqueline Robert*

**Eva Montigny—9th Anniversary**

*Requested by her Family*

“ We must remember the original meaning of Lent, as the *ver sacrum*, the church’s ‘holy spring’ in which the catechumens were prepared for their baptism, and public penitents were made ready by penance for their restoration to the sacramental life in a communion with the rest of the church. Lent is then not a season of punishment so much as one of healing.”

- Thomas Merton



Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten season is quickly moving on and our celebration our

Laetare Sunday, this weekend re-

minds us that our time of intense prayer, fasting and charity will soon end with the great feast of Easter. Now is a good time to ask ourselves how well our Lent has gone. If it has not been the best Lent, if we have not been as dedicated to the disciplines of Lent as we intended, if our prayer has not been as fervent as we wanted or if we have been less than charitable, let us remember that this season of healing is not over. We still have time to prepare our hearts, minds and spirits to be renewed in the hope and joy that flows from the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

It is never too late to hear the voice of the Lord and open our hearts to his message of love, victory and hope. The African-American spiritual expresses is well in these words:

*“It was inch by inch that I sought the Lord,  
Jesus will come by and by;*

*It was inch by inch that he saved my soul,  
Jesus will come by and by.”*

May we all prepare ‘inch by inch’ for the joy of Easter.

Peace, Fr. Tom

# Weekly Collection

## Week of March 4, 2018

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 3,035.00
EFT.....	\$ 1,117.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 308.00
Monthly Maintenance.....	\$ 1,019.00
Candle/Votive.....	\$ 126.00
Lenten Mission.....	\$ 125.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 288.00
Catholic Charity Appeal.....	\$ 17,210.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### Just a reminder that we are still collecting for our Lenton Food Drive!

**WEEK 5:** (March 17/18)

**CANNED GOODS** – soups, vegetables, varieties of beans, tuna fish, fruit, sauces (tomato, cranberry, etc.), Spaghetti-O's, peanut butter, etc.

**WEEK 6:** (March 24/25)

**CONDIMENTS** – mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup, relish, salad dressing, sugar, salt, pepper, oil, parsley flakes, etc.

**51<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation**  
**Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
**Bryant University, Smithfield, RI**

All adults are invited to the 2018 Faith Formation Convocation at Bryant University. Hear talks from dynamic speakers including Matt Fradd, Damon and Melanie Owens, and over 20 more. You will be able to choose talks on the topics of Marriage and family life,

Theology of the Body, Church History, sharing the Catholic Faith with children, youth, or adults and more. The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin. It also includes a choice of talks, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration. Come for all or part of the day. Advance sales tickets only. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.discovercatholicfaith.org](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org), or contact the Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.

## Faith Formation

March 18, 2018

Kindergarten & Grade 1 to report to parish hall for class 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
[rcarney@stambrosechurchri.org](mailto:rcarney@stambrosechurchri.org)

March 30, 2018

Good Friday Walk Grades 6-8  
[StAmbroseYouth@cox.net](mailto:StAmbroseYouth@cox.net)  
Matthew Daly

### Stations of the Cross

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

### Monday of Holy Week, March 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. St. Ambrose

### Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. St. James

### Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. St. Ambrose

6:30 Stations of the Cross – St. Ambrose

### Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. St. Ambrose & St. James

### Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. James

7:00 Passion of the Lord – St. Ambrose

### Easter Vigil, March 31<sup>st</sup>

7:30 p.m. St. Ambrose & St. James

### Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. St. Ambrose  
10:00 a.m. St. James

The St. Ambrose Mission Team would like to thank everyone who came out to support the BINGO Fundraiser!



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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.

**A Lenten Mission with Matt Fradd**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

McVinney Auditorium

43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence

Matt Fradd is a Catholic apologist and chastity speaker. He shares startling statistics, real life stories, and the rock-solid wisdom of the Church's teachings on human sexuality. This evening given specifically for youth and young adults is offered at **NO COST** thanks to a generous donation. To reserve your seats call 401-278-4626.

**INFO FOR PARENTS**

Some topics discussed may be considered sensitive in nature. Hosted by the Offices of Catholic Youth Ministry, Faith Formation, and Family Life

**Dr. Scott Hahn April 7, 2018**

McVinney Auditorium

43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, R.I.

9:00 a.m. for a morning discussing the importance of our Catholic faith. Learn how important it is to know, understand, and live your faith in the world today.

Register at [www.mcvinneyauditorium.com](http://www.mcvinneyauditorium.com)

Sponsored by the St. Paul Center and hosted by the Diocese of Providence's Office of Faith Formation and McVinney Auditorium.

**"Our Lady of Divine Providence"**

An International Women's Ministry, will hold their Magnificat Breakfast Saturday, March 17th 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. Allison Gingras, renowned Roman Catholic blogger, author, retreat leader, inspirational speaker & Catholic radio host will be the guest speaker. Join us for a dynamic spirit-filled morning of prayer, praise & personal witness. Bring a friend!

\$25 per person. For further information & reservations, contact Linda Gatta (401) 864-7731

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**WOONSOCKET AREA CHURCHES**  
**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - 7 pm

St. James Episcopal Church & St. Mark Lutheran Church  
24 Hamlet Avenue.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 7PM

Christ Community Church  
Church St., Blackstone. MA

Worshippers are invited to stay for fellowship after the services. Donations will be gladly accepted to benefit the local meal site NEW BEGINNINGS on Rathbun St, Woonsocket. All services are open to the public.

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LORD  
IS MY  
SHEPARD  
HE <sup>MAKES</sup> <sup>DOWN</sup> <sup>ME</sup> <sup>LIE</sup>  
IN GREEN <sup>PASTURES</sup>  
HE <sup>LEADS</sup> <sup>ME</sup> <sup>BESIDE</sup> <sup>QUIET</sup> <sup>WATERS</sup> **GOD** <sup>HE</sup> <sup>GUIDES</sup> <sup>ME</sup> <sup>ALONG</sup> <sup>THE</sup> <sup>RIGHT</sup> <sup>FOR</sup>  
HE REFRESHES MY <sup>EVEN</sup> <sup>THOUGH</sup> <sup>SOUL</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>WALK</sup> <sup>THROUGH</sup> <sup>THE</sup> <sup>VALLEY</sup> <sup>OF</sup> <sup>THE</sup> <sup>SHADOW</sup> <sup>OF</sup> <sup>DEATH</sup> <sup>HE</sup> <sup>WILL</sup> <sup>FEAR</sup> <sup>NO</sup> <sup>EVIL</sup> <sup>FOR</sup> <sup>YOU</sup> <sup>ARE</sup> <sup>WITH</sup> <sup>ME</sup> <sup>YOUR</sup> <sup>ROD</sup> <sup>AND</sup> <sup>YOUR</sup> <sup>STAFF</sup> <sup>THEY</sup> <sup>COMFORT</sup>  
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