

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness and hospitality.

MASSES:
Sunday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08 March 2026

THE POPE'S INTENTION

Every month the pope invites the world to pray along with him for a particular request. Even though it was published many months ago, Pope Leo's intention for March touches exactly what is going on in our world at the hands of our country. Let's join the pope in his prescient prayer, and keep strong our efforts to be instruments of peace in whatever way we can:

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



*Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Over the past several months, the Parish Mission Council has been reflecting prayerfully on our parish mission and what it means to live the Gospel as Saint Ambrose Parish in this time and place. As our archdiocese continues its journey following *Seek the City to Come*, we recognize this as an important opportunity to renew our sense of identity and purpose as a faith community.

The insert in today's bulletin provides a fuller explanation and solicits your input. Through the rest of Lent and the Easter season our parish will be working on drafting a new mission statement with the goal of officially promulgating it on Pentecost Sunday. Please take the time to complete the form in this bulletin. If it is easier, you can complete the form online.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/parish-mission-statement>



THIS WEEK
THURSDAY MASS
WITH THE SACRAMENT
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Thursday evening Mass this week will include the opportunity for those in attendance to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament takes place after the homily and before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The sacrament is not only for those who are in danger of imminent death and should not be thought of exclusively in that way. The sacrament may and should be given to anyone whose health is seriously impaired. The instruction on the sacrament offers these general guidelines for who rightly asks to receive the sacrament:

- * those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age;
- * the sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill, or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious;
- * elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- * sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

Celebrating the sacrament during Mass gives us the opportunity to collectively bring our weakness and ill health to God for blessing and healing. By the sacrament, we present ourselves and our loved ones to God for healing, and we are strengthened by praying together for each other.

Even if you are not in need of this sacrament at this time, come and pray with brothers and sisters here, who beg God's healing Spirit in their lives. Maybe you can offer to bring someone who otherwise may not be able to come.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Bring your Bible, maybe a note pad, and an open heart to God's touch. The group meets in the Saint Augustine room — please come to the front door of the rectory. Fifteen people gathered for the first session last week and shared a dynamic, engaging conversation. Join them.

THE SCRUTINIES

We have in our midst seven brothers and sisters who are now counted among those chosen by God to become members of the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil.

On this, the Third Sunday of Lent, and the next two Sundays, we will celebrate the Scrutinies for and with them. From the early centuries of the church, these three rituals are meant to uncover, then to heal all that is weak, insufficient or sinful in the hearts of the *Elect* and the candidates, and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

These rites are not only for those coming into the church, but they also deepen our community's resolve to hold fast to Jesus and to carry out our decision to love God above all.

Please pray for our *Elect* and our candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church in a special way during these last weeks of preparing for the Easter sacraments:

Laura Gyamfi
Allen Davis
Leonard Carter
Connor Jennings

Kayden Thompson
Pandora Diggs-Carter
Kenneth Geb

During the Thursday Mass this week, right before Communion, as a believing community, we will officially hand on to them our precious statement of faith. Reciting the Creed, we hand on the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church which sustain us.

REPORT TO THE PARISH

The parish's finance council is committed to the responsible stewardship of your generosity to our community's mission and works. To that end, this bulletin includes an insert with a summary of the financial standing of the parish for the first six months of the current fiscal year. If you have any questions, Father David and the members of the council will do what they can to answer you. The members of the council are:

Carlton Gordon
Trina Jones-Brown
Deacon Rubio

Serge Attenoukon
Brian Reed
Dennis Carter

We are grateful to our parish bookkeeper, Helena Hall, for her diligent and thorough work making sure our books are well kept and that we adhere to generally accepted accounting practices.

TOWN HALL FOLLOW-UP AND THANK YOU

Last Sunday, Ministers of Hospitality counted 102 people who stayed after Mass to participate in our first Town Hall meeting regarding the future of our school building. The conversation began by asking those who stayed about their experience in and with the neighborhood and the school when it was open. The Advisory Council wants to acknowledge and build upon the wisdom and experience of those who interacted with the parish and the neighborhood through the school.

Every bit as important is the experience and wisdom that more recent members of the parish bring from other places. It is valuable and needs to be part of the conversation.

Please, take the time to offer your thoughts, ideas and wisdom. There is a paper form you can use that is available on the Welcome table. There is also a form online:

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/saint-ambrose-school-building-advisory-council>



Members of the Advisory Council:

- Erica Nelson* *Antoinette Williams*
- Dennis Carter* *Carlton Gordon*
- Ken Townsend, Jr.* *Hugh Privette*
- Father David*



MASS INTENTIONS

- 03/08: Antoine J. Stamper, Sr. on the 27th year of his passing, requested by his parents, Barbra and Harry Swann;
- 03/12: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 03/15: Barbara Brown on the 37th anniversary of her death and her 87th birthday, requested by Karen and John Berkley;
- 03/19: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 03/22: Vernon T. Thornton on the 5th anniversary of his passing, requested by his father Vernon and his sister, April;
- 03/26: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNIVERSARY



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2676, was established on March 9, 2014. Today we are celebrating their 12th anniversary. Congratulations to all the members of the court and we express our prayerful gratitude for all the good work done in the name of Saint Ambrose Church for the glory of God.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
01 March 2026 — <i>online contributions</i>	\$3,048.20
01 March 2026 — <i>envelope contributions</i>	\$4,141.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$7,189.20
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



Use this QR code to make a donation or to sign up for online giving.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor, a deacon, or a eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mary Adderly | Debbie Chase | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate |
| E-Otree Allen | Louis Cooper | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| Phillip Ashton | Linda Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Kenneth Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Jean Bennett | Dante Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Parrish Boyd | Dale Dyson | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | Earlene Forrest | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Michael Bruce | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Renee Bruce | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Al Butler | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

08 March 2026

FIRST READING

Exodus 17: 3 - 7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 95: 1 - 2, 6 - 9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

SECOND READING

Romans 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus

Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

John 4: 5 - 42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they

invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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HOLY WEEK

Saint Ambrose Church

Passion Sunday
29 March 2026
 10:00 am



At 9:50 am we will leave the church and walk in procession to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem with two sister churches. We will process back to Saint Ambrose Church where our liturgy continues.

Tenebrae
Service of Darkness and Light
31 March 2026
 8:00 pm



Holy Thursday
Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper
02 April 2026
 6:00 pm



There are no confessions before the Mass today. At the end of Mass, you are welcome to stay in church in quiet prayer, just like Jesus asked the apostles to stay awake and pray with him.

Good Friday
of the Lord's Passion
03 April 2026
 3:00 pm



This is the only liturgy today. Stations of the Cross are not prayed, except privately. Today is a day of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church. Fasting and abstinence are also traditionally observed on Holy Saturday.

The Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night
04 April 2026
 8:00 pm



Easter Sunday of the Lord's
Resurrection
05 April 2026
 10:00 am



FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please plan on attending this workshop on Saturday, March 21st organized by Julie Grace Males, the archdiocese's Director of Worship. The title of the day is: *Your Community at Prayer: Parish Celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours*.

Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Avenue / Nottingham
March 21, 2026; 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

The parish will pay the registration fee for you; to take advantage of this offer, please fill out the form on the Welcome table. The same form is available on our website and at the QR code here. Alternatively, call the parish office and leave your name, email address and preferred telephone number. We'll get back to you to confirm your registration. The registration deadline is today, March 8th.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Ministers of Hospitality
Lectors
Ministers of the Eucharist
Altar Servers
Music Ministers and Cantors
Choirs
Anyone who attends Mass

Register TODAY



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Save the Date!

REFLECTION DAY FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS 2026



MARCH 21 | 8:30 AM ~ 2:30 PM

**Your Community At Prayer:
Parish Celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours**

It's not just for clergy and monasteries! While we all know the Liturgy in the form of Sunday and daily Mass, many are less familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours - the official daily prayer of the Church. Join fellow liturgical ministers from across the Archdiocese as we learn together, and explore how we can adapt this ancient prayer to be a part of our parish, home and personal life today, as intended by the Second Vatican Council.

LOCATION:

**Columbus Gardens
4301 Klosterman Ave.
Nottingham, MD 21236**

PRESENTERS



Dr. Steven Janco



Tony Varas

Cost:

- \$25 per person
- Scholarships Available

**Includes: Lunch, Learning,
Prayer & Fellowship**

**Online Registration
Opening Soon!**

Questions?

Call Kathi Schissler | (410) 547-5403 | kathi.schissler@archbalt.org



Saint Ambrose Parish

An Afternoon
at the
Baltimore Museum of Art

Thank you to the Saint Ambrose Community for supporting the first museum outing. It will not be our last. The response was impressive.

Tickets for the special exhibit are sold out:

America Sublime

featuring the works of our very own MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art) alumna, Amy Sherald. If you reserved a ticket last week, it is yours. Please see Mrs. Norma Townsend after Mass to pay for your ticket.

Even though we cannot supply any more tickets to the special exhibit, there are seats available on the bus (\$20 each). There are other exhibits at the museum that are free, including the amazing sculpture garden. The gift shop is full of Black history artifacts, books and fashion items.

An at-your-own-expense reserved lunch for us is available at the museum's restaurant.

We must finalize the count for the free museum passes, bus and lunch reservations after Mass today. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the church; Mrs. Norma Townsend will be collecting payments for the exhibit and/or the bus transportation.

All tickets will be issued next Sunday (March 15th) before and after Mass.

Thank you for your amazing support of the arts in honor of both,
BLACK HISTORY MONTH and WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

We are working on obtaining tickets for the upcoming exhibit:

Matisse in Venice: The Stations of the Cross.



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As part of its ongoing reflection on the life of our parish – particularly at this moment in history when the archdiocese is moving forward beyond the *Seek the City to Come* process – the Parish Mission Council has been reflecting on our parish mission. We see this as a meaningful moment to discern carefully and to renew our sense of identity and purpose as a faith community.

A mission statement is not meant to say everything, but it should say what matters most. It must stay rooted in the mission of the universal church while also speaking honestly to the life of our parish – our people, our strengths and challenges, and the ways we are called to grow. In that sense, a mission statement must be both comprehensive and specific, faithful to tradition and attentive to our local community.

For that reason, this process cannot belong to just a few people. Our mission statement should reflect the shared faith and lived experience of the whole parish. We invite you to review the draft below prayerfully and share your thoughts – what resonates, what feels true, and what might be missing. Your voice will help shape a mission statement that truly reflects who we are and who God is calling us to become.

Current:

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness, and hospitality.

Sample text for a new, more expansive mission statement

Saint Ambrose Church is devoted to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ by embracing a life of love, kindness, and hospitality. We are a welcoming community where every person is valued, every act reflects Christ's compassion, and every moment is an opportunity to serve. Through worship, outreach, and daily witness, we embody the heart of the Gospel and share its transformative power.

It faithfully encapsulates our mission

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- agree
- strongly agree

It is sufficiently comprehensive

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- agree
- strongly agree

It is appropriately specific

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- agree
- strongly agree

It is clear and coherent

- strongly disagree
- disagree
- agree
- strongly agree

■ Which words or phrases in the sample text resonate most with you?
[please underline or circle in the text]

■ It would be better if ...

■ I suggest the following language ...

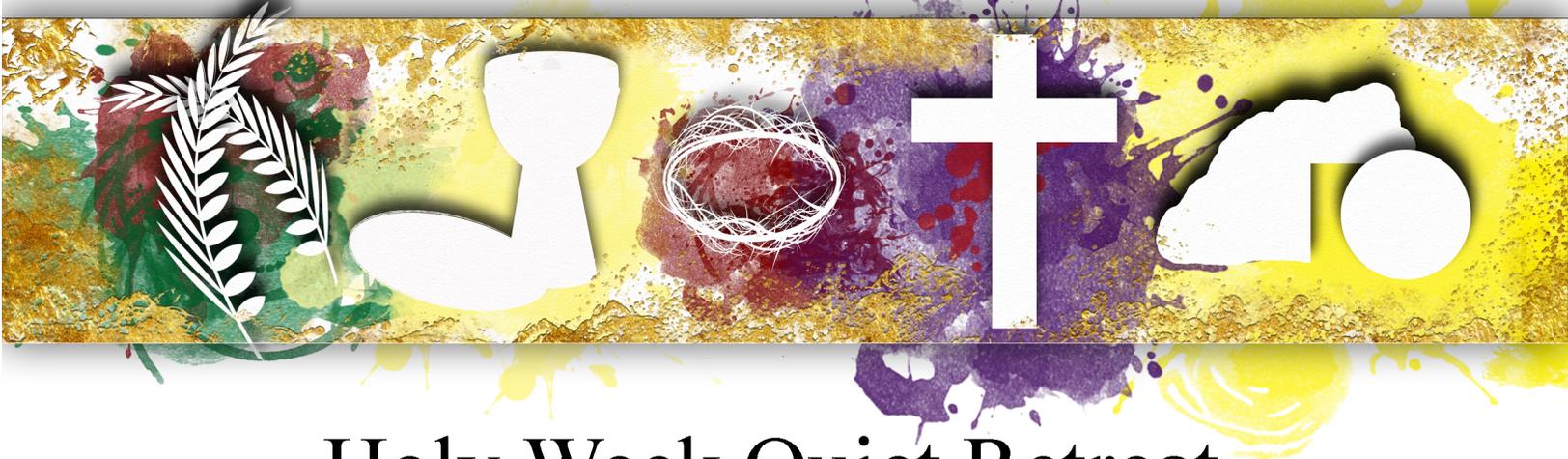
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Saint Ambrose Catholic Church		
FY 2026		
July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025		
Income		
	Offertory Collection	\$162,728.55
	Rental Income	\$64,861.98
	Operating Income	\$13,490.26
	Campaign Funds	\$23,293.30
	Fundraising / Grants	\$555.49
	Total	\$264,929.58
Expenses		
	Utilities	\$11,914.33
	Maintenance	\$79,352.19
	Administration	\$16,594.47
	Worship	\$16,957.33
	Operating	\$17,511.56
	Labor	\$70,800.04
	Evangelization	\$5,709.60
	Cathedraticum	\$26,243.70
	Total	\$245,083.22
Net Income / Loss		\$19,846.36



Oblate Sisters of Providence Office of Vocations



Holy Week Quiet Retreat

“A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HEART OF EASTER”

- A Day of Reflection with the Oblate Sisters -

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration: \$25.00

Please register by Friday, March 13, 2026

Lunch and light refreshments provided

For more information please email:

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oblatesistersvocation@gmail.com

Dr. Melissa D'Adamo

melissa.d'adamo@sfacademy.org

Location: Oblate Sisters of Providence Convent
701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227



Scan the QR code to
register and pay

