

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER THE OCTAVE OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12 April 2026

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to earth. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship

of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble.* That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while he was still on earth: *Father, I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.*

— from an Easter homily by an ancient author

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY!

A second annual Easter Egg Hunt is organized by the Women's Ministry. Right after Mass today, out on the front lawns at the friary, church and school all the children can put their search-and-find skills to the test.



We have extended the invitation to participate to the young mothers with toddler-age children currently in residence at Chrysalis House.

REFINISHING THE CHURCH FLOOR

When the carpet in the open area of the church near the front door was coming up at the corners, it was determined to be beyond a simple repair. Some of the men of the parish took the time a few weeks ago to rip it up in order to see the state of the floor beneath it. Since then, we have made a decision to re-finish the floor and repair the terrazzo that surrounds it.

That work will be done this week. If all goes well, it will be done before we come back next Sunday. The work will not interfere with our ordinary Thursday schedule:

4:30 - 5:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 pm	Mass

SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COUNCIL

The members have been active since our town hall meeting at the beginning of March. They are meeting again on Tuesday evening this week. The council has reviewed all the written feedback and understands that the parish envisions repurposing the school into a multi-use building which will serve not only the parish but also unmet needs in the neighborhood.

We have made a connection with a new commercial real estate program at Loyola University that promises to give us some expert help while serving as a real-time classroom case study.

We'll provide regular updates here as circumstances suggest. Please hold this effort in your prayers.

BULLETIN INSERTS

Please be sure to see the bulletin inserts this week. Their contents are briefly summarized here — you'll find all the necessary details on the flyers themselves.

OPERATION FAITH LIFT GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 25
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saint Anthony Closet is organizing this event. Donations of clothing, still in respectable condition, will be accepted only on that day. Please bring what you can give that Saturday morning. Barbra Swann is the person to contact (410-925-2448) to volunteer to help or to obtain more information about donating.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The archdiocese requires that all parish personnel (employees and volunteers) comply with standards of conduct outlined in extensive policies, designed to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. Our parish's compliance officers, Deborah Ball and Reva Stephens, are reviewing our files and making sure everyone's information is up to date. Please lend your cooperation to their efforts.

BAKE SALE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

If you are able you may want to slip a little extra cash in your pocket on Sunday the 26th to take something home from this bake sale.

Joshua

On Stage at SIGHT AND SOUND

The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring this trip to SIGHT AND SOUND on Saturday, December 12th. Tickets are now on sale; a \$100 deposit is required to reserve your theater ticket and a seat on the bus. Tickets and more information are available from Trina Jones-Brown or Sylvia Wedlock.

MORE WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The Women's Ministry is preparing for its community service project at My Sister's Place Women's Center. To offer to participate, please stop by the Welcome table to sign up, or see Angela Martin.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Barbara Ann Pattock passed away during Holy Week; her funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday this week at her parish church in Coatesville, Pennsylvania by her son, Fr. Mark Pattock. Many will remember Fr. Mark from the time he was in residence in the friary while completing his theology studies several years ago. If you want to write to Fr. Mark, he can be reached at:

*Our Lady of the Mountains Friary
300 1/2 East Oldtown Road
Cumberland, Maryland 21502*

MAKING EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME

Have you ever thought of joining the Ministers of Hospitality in their Sunday ministry? Or maybe you can be available to help when we have a funeral in church. You can be a part of the first impression people have of Saint Ambrose Church.

Next Sunday, after Mass, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in being a Minister of Hospitality and all those who are currently serving. Please plan on staying after Mass, right in church, for a short time.



MASS INTENTIONS

- 04/12: Helen M. Augins on the 1st year of her passing, requested by her daughters, Faye Augins and Shelley Tyler;
- 04/16: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 04/19: Lisa and Tyrese Commodore on the 20th anniversary of their passing, requested her son and his brother, Timothy Stephens;
- 04/23: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 04/26: Denver Johnson, in remembrance of his passing, requested by his wife, Ethel Johnson and his sister, S. Ann Johnson;
- 04/30: 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.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
05 April 2026 — online contributions	\$3,187.90
05 April 2026 — envelope contributions	\$6,442.39
Sunday collection total	\$9,630.29
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, MARCH 2026 <i>online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
Continuing Our Mission	\$1,260.60
Utility Fund	\$266.10
Central and Eastern Europe	\$55.10
Easter Offering	\$25.50
<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 | Louis Cooper | Karen Gross | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Angela Johnson | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Josie Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Joseph Jones | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Lydia Lashley | Bryan Smith | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Michael Bruce | Eric Frazier | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | Yvonne Wilder |
| Renee Bruce | Sarah Gamble | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | William Young, Sr. |
| Al Butler | JoAnn Glenn | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | Alice Zaborowski |
| Debbie Chase | | | | |

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FIRST READING

Acts 2: 42 - 47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 118: 2 - 4, 13 - 15, 22 - 24*

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable

even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL

John 20: 19 - 31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

112. He Lives

Alfred H. Ackley, 20th cent.

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1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I know that He is liv - ing, what -
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tians, lift up your voice and sing e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to

ev - er men may say, I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer and
nev - er will de - spair. I know that He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast; The
Je - sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None

just the time I need Him, He's al - ways near. He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to -
day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.
oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

day! He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives sat -

va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart.

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**Operation Faith Life – Free Giveaway
Saturday, April 25, 2026, 11:30-1:30pm in
front of the Church (Saint Anthony’s Closet)**



If you would like to donate clothing, please clean and fold your clothing. Also label the type and size, i.e., “boys’ size 10,” etc. Most needed are children’s, infants, and medium and large men’s clothing, children’s toys, household goods. We welcome women’s clothing. Donations are to be brought to the Church on Saturday morning, 10am until the end of the distribution 1:30pm. If you want to volunteer to help or if you have questions, call Barbra Swann 410-925-2448.

Thanking you in advance.

APRIL

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE & PREVENTION AWARENESS



All Ministry Must Take the Mandatory “Virtus Training” as it is a requirement for all adults working or volunteering with Children



Stop By the Table in the Back to Pick- Up Information.

Please See the Following Coordinators:

Deborah Ball or Reva Stephens

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Court St. Ambrose

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Blessings of Moms

Bake Sale

Treats baked in honor of moms by daughters



Join us in celebrating the wonderful
Mothers in our lives *sweet!*



April
26, 2026



Front Foyer
(main entrance)



After Mass
until sold out



Featuring homemade cakes, pies,
cookies, cupcakes & more



DELICIOUS TREATS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

Come early for the best selection!