

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 EASTER

19 April 2026

VIGIL FOR PEACE

Last Saturday evening, Saint Ambrose Church opened for an hour of prayer for peace. Before the Blessed Sacrament we prayed, using the Psalms and other Scriptures, words written by Pope Leo, Archbishop Lori, and others; we prayed in silence and adoration. Twenty-one of us joined countless others across this diocese, the country, and throughout the world, praying against immoral threats to annihilate an entire culture and civilization.

Our prayer wasn't recorded, but the service at the cathedral with Archbishop Lori was. You can still join your prayers to those of others who long for a just peace throughout the world; this QR code will take you there.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE PRESIDENT

In the midst of what is certainly a very odd conversation between the Trump administration and the Vatican over morality in the public sphere, 60 Minutes aired a 13-minute interview with the three U.S. cardinals who are also shepherds of dioceses in our country. It is worth taking the time to view it.



The Gospel of Jesus has everything to do with peace in the world and how we treat each other. Therefore, the Gospel has much to say about public policy and political decisions.



WILL YOU STAND WITH ME?

Ordinarily, kneeling is the preferred posture during the Eucharistic prayer at Mass in the United States. But kneeling is not easy or possible for many people. If you cannot kneel, please let me recommend that you remain standing through the prayer.

Standing is a way of showing respect. It certainly is more reverent than sitting down. Be prudent, however. If you cannot stand for any length of time, please sit. A unity of posture throughout the Mass is the ideal and the plan. But since many of us cannot kneel, consider standing as the better alternative. If standing is also a burden, of course, you ought to sit.

The deacons and I stand at the altar. The choir, behind us, must stand in order to offer their service of leading us in the sung acclamations. Stand with us, and see how our ability to participate in communal attention and in heartfelt singing is enhanced.

The Eucharistic prayer is the climax of every Mass; it is the moment of deepest communion leading to the sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the sign and the cause of our unity in Jesus. Standing opens us to an awareness of being a part of community, while kneeling fosters a more private and solitary sense.

I am asking everyone in our congregation who has the stamina to stand for the entire Eucharistic prayer all through the Easter season. Reflect on your experience as you try it:

- ◆ does it foster our sense of being united in community?
- ◆ does it enhance our ability to participate and sing fully the acclamations?
- ◆ does it contribute to our awareness of the unity of the entire Eucharistic prayer from the Introductory Dialogue all the way to the Great Amen?

Having remained standing for the Eucharistic Prayer, then following the sign of peace, and singing the Lamb of God, perhaps it make better sense to remain standing as we prepare to begin coming forward to receive Communion together.

J. David

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Continues
Every week, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
This week — The Resurrection Narratives

A MID-WEEK MOMENT OF REST

When you need a break from it all, you just may find the breath of fresh air and spiritual calm you need at our Thursday evening Mass each week. Join us any Thursday at 6:00 pm for an hour dedicated to the joy of encountering our good God. It will comfort your heart, lift your spirit, enliven your soul, challenge your sinfulness, bring a skip to your step.

What do you need? God is ready to give it to you.

ON BECOMING CATHOLIC

Have you noticed the evident joy and delight on the faces of those who became full members of our Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil? Do you know someone who is searching for God in their life? Invite them to church with you.

MAKING EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME JOIN THE MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Meeting after Mass Today

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.

After Mass today 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.



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.

OPERATION FAITH LIFT GIVEAWAY

*Saturday, April 25
11:30 am – 1:30 pm*

Saint Anthony’s Closet, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Saint Ambrose Street Ministry combine to make this event a success. Due to an unfortunate oversight, our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and our Saint Ambrose Street Ministry were not mentioned in last weekend’s bulletin announcement regarding this event.

The efforts of all three parish organizations enable this event to provide free food, clothing, household goods, and more, while the Street Ministry ministers to the participants. If you want to help, please reach out to Christine Barnes (410-486-8033), Wanda Brewton (410-404-9643) or Barbra Swann (410-925-2448).

CHURCH FLOOR REFINISHING

Somewhere between a written estimate and a handshake (which gave us the confidence last week to announce that the refinishing was to be complete this weekend) — somewhere between that and the arrival of a contract for signing, the price more than doubled. We didn’t sign the contract.

We’re renegotiating the deal and soliciting more proposals. It may not be done fast, but it will be done right and at a fair price. Thank you for your patience.

BAKE SALE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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

MASS INTENTIONS

- 04/19: Lisa and Tyrese Commodore on the 20th anniversary of their passing, requested by 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;
- 05/03: Clyde Henderson Jackman on the 1st anniversary of his passing, requested by his loving wife, Millie;
- 05/07: 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.

MASS COUNT SURVEY

Every year the archdiocese asks every household in attendance on a particular weekend to complete a brief survey about your family. The information helps us to gauge one measure of our evangelization efforts, and is part of reporting requirements to the Vatican. We’ll take a few minutes next Sunday to ask every family to complete the survey.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
<i>12 April 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$1,555.30
<i>12 April 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,684.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$5,239.30
<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 | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Tammy Vaughn |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Rosalie Watkins |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | Yvonne Wilder |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Lydia Lashley | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Michael Bruce | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Rosalita Stone | |
| Renee Bruce | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Gloria Tate | |
| Al Butler | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Ernest Thames | |
| Debbie Chase | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Jean Thomas | |

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FIRST READING

Acts 2: 14, 22 - 33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

For David says of him: *I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16: 1 - 2, 5, 7 - 11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.” O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1: 17 - 21

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one’s works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13 - 35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described,

but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

10 - 18 May 2026

Join the parish in a nine-day honoring of our mothers. Prayerfully remembering our mothers who have passed away, and honoring our mothers still living among us, we pray for God's abundant blessings on them and their intentions. Use the envelope in your packet or the fund portal through our website to list the mothers whom you want to remember this way. Our novena of prayers begins on May 10 and continues through May 18.



BALTIMORE ORIOLES BASEBALL

The Men's Fellowship outing to Camden Yards on May 8th is quickly approaching. If you still want to go, be sure to see Sidney Disch.

In addition to selling game tickets outright, the men are raffling two pairs of tickets. You can purchase chances after Mass in the back of the church:

6 chances for \$5.00

13 chances for \$10.00

The drawing will be on Sunday, May 3rd.