

Mission Statement

Saint Ambrose Catholic 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. We worship God fervently, serve passionately, and witness to the transformative power of Christ.

MASSES:

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

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



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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

05 July 2026

WHEN WE STAND ... HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Since Holy Week most of us have remained standing through the entire Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. As we grow more accustomed to it, the positive impact it is having on the sense of our unity in prayer is growing. Have you noticed?

The joy of the *Holy, Holy* naturally propels us into the body of the Eucharistic Prayer and its opening declaration, *You are indeed Holy, O Lord*, without the interruption and clamor of kneelers falling to the floor and people adjusting their posture and then trying to refocus. When we come to the *Memorial Acclamation* a fuller participation in proclaiming the mystery is evident to me. I hear it not only from the choir behind me, but also arising joyfully from the assembly gathered in front of me, *When we eat this bread and drink this cup*

While most of the prayer is given voice only by one, the effect of our standing is that it is clearer that this

great prayer of thanksgiving is *our* prayer. We are not only listening to it, each one of us is making it our own in our hearts and in our attention. That truth is propelling us into a full-throated *Amen* when the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus is lifted high over the altar in the great doxology: *Through him, with him, in him* ...

Thank you for engaging the Eucharistic Prayer in this way which I have asked. I don't know if you have noticed yet, but it is clearly moving us toward the self-awareness the church aims for in the liturgy — that we who are gathered around the altar are effecting and embracing the unity of community as

we offer our gifts and our thanksgiving to God as one people, united in baptism, in one faith, in one Lord.



fr. David

THE POPE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FIRST SESSION IS SATURDAY

INTRODUCTION AND CHAPTER 1
12:00 Noon

These days you cannot tune in to the news without hearing something about artificial intelligence. Conversations about it are intense. The intensity is because people's view of it are so diverse, its impact is unpredictable, and decisions we make about it (or do not make) may not be easily reversed.

What do you think of AI? Is it:

- something that will destroy humanity, or at least our ability to think for ourselves?
- something that will save humanity from our worst instincts and elevate us beyond ourselves?
- just a tool to be used like any other?
- just a passing fad?

The pope's teaching is not absolutely opposed to AI, nor is it an unqualified promoter. We human beings, and our moral considerations, are always more subtle and nuanced.

If you're interested in exploring how a Catholic and a Christian can consider the potential blessings and dangers inherent in this new technology, please join other members of the parish in a five-week study of the pope's letter. It begins this Saturday. You may register using this QR code:

July 11 July 18
July 25 August 1
 August 8

12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm



See you in the Saint Augustine Room!

MASS ON THE GRASS WEEKEND

14 - 16 August, Friday - Sunday

Many people in our neighborhood may never come inside our doors unless we take what we do outside and share our legendary welcoming spirit.

Please save the three days of this weekend and look for ways to lend a hand in the joy of sharing our faith and opening not only our doors, but also our hearts.

MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

Next Sunday Sister Regina Zoot, SHCJ of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus will be here to talk about the work of her sisters on behalf of the church. Every year, through the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we host someone who speaks on behalf of the church's missionary work.

About 200 sisters work in the African province of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus which includes Ghana, Chad, Kenya, and South Sudan. Sister Regina will speak directly about a project to support vulnerable youth and young adults who have been displaced by conflicts, poverty, and limited educational opportunities.

OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE HOMECOMING 2026

*At the Sisters' Motherhouse
701 Gun Road*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The sisters' annual homecoming celebration is set for Sunday, August 2nd. There are events scheduled throughout the day. Dinner, with a silent auction, is at 1:45 pm for those who have purchased a ticket. The Grand Raffle drawing is at 3:00 pm.

You must purchase your tickets in advance; a dinner ticket is \$20. For raffle tickets or dinner tickets, or if you're just looking for more information, call:

Sister Rita Michelle Proctor	410.382.6545
Paula Cullings	443.858.4646

1056 FIREARMS OFF THE STREETS SO FAR

August 3rd is the fourth annual Gun Buyback Program organized by the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Baltimore Police Department. If you've got a gun you don't want to keep, here's a responsible way to get rid of it.

Your contribution directly helps reduce the number of unwanted guns in our communities. Any funds raised beyond the needs of the buyback will support the archdiocese's Grief Ministry, serving families directly impacted by violence. Donations can be made directly through Saint Joseph Monastery Parish:





Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela on June 24, causing widespread devastation—collapsing buildings, displacing families, and leaving communities in urgent need of help.

Thousands of families are now without homes, food, or access to basic services.

Support Catholic Relief Services earthquake relief efforts supplying:

- Emergency shelter and medical attention
- Food and clean water
- Emotional and pastoral care and more

Please keep the people of Venezuela in your prayers. Together, we can bring hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in need.

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GOING ON RETREAT

Next week Father David will be on retreat. Capuchin friars will be gathering at the Malvern Retreat House near Philadelphia from July 12th through the 17th. While away, he will be holding you, your families, and our community before the Lord. He will be carrying you in his heart; may God's refreshing graces redound upon us all during these days.

Thursday evening Mass at 6:00 pm is on the schedule as usual.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 07/05: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 07/09: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 07/12: Pauline Burris on the 40th anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Reva Stephens;
 07/16: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 07/19: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
 07/23: 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.

WELCOME FATHER JOHN BAPTIST



This past week Father John traveled over 1600 miles over 25 hours of driving time in three days and arrived safely on Park Heights Avenue on Thursday. Welcome, Father John. From his new room in the friary he will be defending his doctoral dissertation on Thursday by way of Zoom. Please offer a prayer of gratitude for his safe arrival, and a prayer that the fruit of his studies will be acknowledged by those who have been his professors and guides.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

28 June 2026 — online contributions	\$907.80
28 June 2026 — envelope contributions	\$4,664.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,571.80
<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:

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

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FIRST READING

Zechariah 9: 9 - 10

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 145: 1 - 2, 8 - 11, 13 - 14*

Forever I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 9, 11 - 13

Brothers and sisters:

You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 25 - 30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”



July 2, 2026

On this Fourth of July, as our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Catholics are invited not only to celebrate our history but also to reflect prayerfully on our future.

This anniversary arrives at a moment of both gratitude and challenge. We give thanks for the blessings of liberty, opportunity, and democratic self-government that have shaped our nation. At the same time, we recognize that much remains to be mended. Polarization, distrust, loneliness, violence, and divisions that run through our communities, institutions, and even our families remind us that the work of building a more perfect union is never complete.

In such a moment, we may be tempted either to retreat into nostalgia for a past that cannot be recovered or to succumb to anxiety about a future we cannot control. Instead, we are called to place our trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus – not only for ourselves, but for future generations who will inherit the nation we help to shape today.

For this reason, my brother bishops and I recently consecrated our nation and our Church to the Sacred Heart. This was not merely a commemorative gesture tied to the 250th anniversary. It was an act of faith, hope, and entrustment. We placed before the Lord both the blessings and the burdens of our nation, confident that the Heart of Christ – which has known both joy and sorrow, triumph and suffering – continues to beat with boundless love for every person.

In Jesus Christ, we discover both the dignity of the human person and the path to authentic freedom. He reveals who we are and who we are called to become. Therefore, our reflections on politics, culture, unity, and civic responsibility must begin and end with Him. Catholics love our country best when we remember that our deepest identity is not political but spiritual: We are first disciples of Jesus Christ, then citizens of a nation.

As Americans, we stand within a rich legacy of Catholic faith that has helped shape the nation's story from its earliest days. We remember the countless immigrants who arrived on our shores seeking freedom, opportunity, and a better future for their children.

Now it is our turn. The Lord calls us to be builders of peace in a divided age, agents of reconciliation where relationships have frayed, and witnesses of hope where cynicism threatens to prevail. As *One Nation Under God*, we are called to strengthen the bonds of trust and solidarity that sustain a free society and to uphold the God-given dignity of every human person.

May the light of the Gospel shine ever more brightly across our land. And may the next 250 years be marked by greater justice, deeper unity, renewed trust, and a stronger commitment to the common good.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William E. Lori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore