

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.

MASSSES:

Sunday, 10:00 am

Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 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.

J. David



MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE



Late Sunday evening last week, **Fr. Bill Graham** passed away at Saint Augustine Friary in Pittsburgh. A short biography is printed on an insert in this bulletin. His funeral Mass will be at the friary in Pittsburgh on July 25th.

On Thursday morning, July 9th, **Mrs. Alice Zaborowski** transitioned into the merciful arms of the Lord Jesus. As the mother of Father Paul and our pastor here for 20 years, she is well known and loved by many. As soon as her funeral arrangements

are announced, we will pass the information along.

In the meantime, let us pray for God's mercy to embrace them both and to give his comfort to those who mourn.

In lieu of flowers, Father Paul asks that you consider donating to:

The Capuchin Friars Sick and Elderly Fund
220 37th Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201
www.capuchin.com
select the "Make a Donation" tab

or

Little Sisters of the Poor - Pittsburgh
Saints Peter and Paul Home
1028 Benton Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212-1607
www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org



"A RARE LOOK AT BLACK CATHOLIC LIFE BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR"

The current online edition of America (a monthly journal published by the Jesuit Order) has an article that will be of interest to many. It's title is above; the article focuses on the central role Baltimore and Black Catholics have played in the foundation of this nation and in helping Catholicism find root in the country. This QR code will take you to the article:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/fait-h-and-reason/2026/07/08/a-rare-look-at-black-catholic-life-before-the-civil-war/>



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 8th 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 online at <https://www.osvhub.com/sjnp/giving/funds/gun-buy-back>. You can also contribute by mailing a check to Our Lady of Victory Parish at 4414 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229. Please indicate on the memo line that the contribution is for the Gun Buyback.



MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

Sister Regina Zoot, SHCJ of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus is with us today to talk about the work of her sisters on behalf of the church in Africa to support vulnerable youth and young adults who have been displaced by conflicts, poverty, and limited educational opportunities. Our contributions support missionaries and missionary works throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday evening the Bible Study group will explore the biblical stories of two great women of faith: the widow of Zarephath from the First Book of Kings (chapter 17), and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well from the Gospel of John (chapter 4). Brother Charlie is facilitating the conversation in Father David's absence.

Then beginning the following Wednesday (July 22) the group will take up a study of Saint Paul's letter to the Romans. We've been reading from this letter at the second reading on Sundays since the end of Easter and will continue reading it through the middle of September. This powerfully dense theological work is a profound exploration of faith and the saving acts of God in the world through Jesus the Christ. You won't regret the effort to explore the depth of meaning in the letter.

*Mass at 6:00 pm on Thursday
There are no confessions this week*

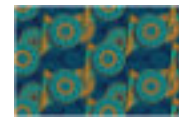
GOING ON RETREAT

This evening Father David begins his retreat with other Capuchin friars at the Malvern Retreat House near Philadelphia. 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. Father David will be back for Mass next Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS

07/12:	Pauline Burris on the 40 th 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
07/26:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
07/30:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
<i>Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.</i>	



CONGRATULATIONS:

**FATHER - BROTHER - DOCTOR
JOHN BAPTIST, O.F.M. CAP.**



This past week, Saint Ambrose Friary's newest member successfully completed the defense of his doctoral dissertation. Our brother, Father John is now also Doctor John. His degree, conferred by Saint Mary's University in San Antonio is a Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision Psychology. We join him in offering a prayer of gratitude; may his studies and ministry bear fruit for the church and for the Kingdom of God.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>05 July 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$2,528.70
<i>05 July 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$4,307.00
Sunday collection total	\$6,835.70
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

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

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 10 - 11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 65: 10 - 14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 18 - 23

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the

children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 1 - 23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the

kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown

among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”



The poster is titled "CFYS SUMMER FOOD POP UP AND GIVEAWAY SCHEDULE" in large, bold, brown letters. It features a vibrant, tropical-themed background with orange and green foliage, a beach umbrella, a beach ball, and a life preserver. The CFYS logo is at the top center, with the tagline "CATHARINE'S FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES" above it. A circular badge on the left says "HOSTED BY CFYS YOUTHWORKS 2026 LEADERSHIP COHORT". Two orange callout boxes provide location and event details. The bottom section lists the schedule for "SUMMER FOOD POP-UPS" and "BIG SUMMER FOOD & DIAPER HUB GIVEAWAYS" with specific dates and times. A footer section includes contact information and logos for partner organizations.

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COHORT

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SUMMER FOOD POP-UPS	BIG SUMMER FOOD & DIAPER HUB GIVEAWAYS
ITEMS WILL VARY EACH WEEK	RESOURCES, FRESH PRODUCE, NONPERISHABLES, BREAD, FROZEN ITEMS, PET FOOD, MEATS, WIPES, FORMULA, DIAPERS SIZES 0-7, VARIOUS CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
MONDAY JULY 6 TH AT 12PM	MONDAY JUNE 29 TH @ 12PM
MONDAY JULY 13 TH AT 12PM	MONDAY JULY 27 TH @ 12PM
MONDAY JULY 20 TH AT 12PM	MONDAY AUGUST 24 TH @ 12PM

ALL SUMMER FOOD POP-UPS AND BIG MONTHLY GIVEAWAYS ARE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CATHERINESFAMILYANDYOUTHSERVICES.ORG





...we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us.

William Graham, OFM Cap



Fr. William Graham, OFM Cap., died on Sunday night, July 5, 2026, at St. Augustine Friary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was 79 years old.

Born on October 31, 1946, in Butler, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Kathryn (Duke) Graham, William grew up in nearby Saxonburg. He attended St. Paul Elementary School in Butler before entering St. Fidelis Seminary in Herman in 1960.

Following his second year of college, he was invested as a Capuchin friar at St. Conrad Friary in Annapolis, Maryland, on August 22, 1966. He professed his first vows on August 25, 1967. Br.

Bill continued his Capuchin formation at St. Fidelis Seminary for two years before beginning theological studies in Washington, D.C., in 1969.

Fr. Bill was ordained to the priesthood on August 26, 1972, in the chapel of St. Fidelis Seminary. He earned a Master's degree from the Washington Theological Coalition in 1975.

His first assignment was as vocation recruiter for his alma mater, St. Fidelis Seminary, a ministry he carried out for six years.

In 1978, Fr. Bill was assigned as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston, West Virginia. During one of those years, he also served as chaplain at the University of Charleston.

In 1981, he returned to Washington, D.C., to pursue graduate studies in psychology at the Catholic University of America. The following year, he was assigned as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Conway, Pennsylvania, where he was appointed pastor in 1986.

Beginning in 1992, Fr. Bill served as Secretary of Finances for the Province of St. Augustine, headquartered in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

In addition to overseeing the Province's finances, he also served as Director of Development and Executive Secretary.

Once again, he returned to the Catholic University of America to pursue graduate studies, this time in canon law. He completed the requirements for the Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.) in 2001. While pursuing doctoral studies, he also assisted the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Boston.

In 2009, Fr. Bill was transferred to St. Ambrose Friary in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was appointed Interim Judicial Vicar for the Tribunal of the Province of Baltimore. He also served as the Archbishop's Delegate for marriage dispensations and marriage delegation.

As Parkinson's disease progressed and he required more extensive medical care, Fr. Bill moved to St. Augustine Friary in Pittsburgh in 2022. Surrounded by his Capuchin brothers, he remained there until his passing.

Fr. Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother, James, and his wife, Janet; their daughter, Allison Graham Liggieri, her husband, Peter, and their children, Bennett and Elise Kate; their son, Scott, his wife, Jana, and their daughter, Vienna Roslynn; as well as several cousins, Patricia Duke LeClair, Charles Schoentag, and Karen Clark.

Fr. Bill had a wide variety of interests. In 1976 he was elected to represent Pennsylvania as a Jimmy Carter delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York City. He was an extra or background actor in the 1992 movie, *Lorenzo's Oil*, filmed in Pittsburgh. Throughout most of his adult life he loved cultivating orchids.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Fr. Bill took a genuine interest in the lives of youth and young adults. He is also fondly remembered by the many alumni of St. Fidelis Seminary whose lives he touched through his years of service.

Fr. Bill gave 59 years of Capuchin vowed religious life and 53 years of priestly service to the Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Friars, 220 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA, or at capuchin.com.