

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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 July 2026

Magnifica Humanitas

*On Safeguarding the Human Person
in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

Yesterday was the second session of a group study on Pope Leo's first and groundbreaking encyclical. The group will meet next two Saturdays from now – that's August 1st at 12:00 noon in the Saint Augustine Room. There is no session next Saturday because of the funeral Mass for Father Bill Graham in Pittsburgh, which the friars will be attending.

The next session will focus on chapter 3 of Pope Leo's text: "Technology and Dominance: The Grandeur of Humanity in Light of the Promises of A.I." This is the place where Pope Leo gets very specific about the duty of those who are developing AI to guarantee that it serves the dignity and development of human people and does not profit only a few.

Anyone is welcome to join the conversation even if you haven't made it to previous sessions.

Many other resources are available. The QR code on the left will take you to a radio interview from the *Catholic Review*. In this episode Christopher Guntz interviews Taylor Black, the director of AI and Venture Ecosystems at Microsoft:

Or read this article from *Vatican News*, using the QR code on the right:



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. A flyer and sign-up lists for helpers will be available soon.

BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday evening the Bible Study group begins 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.

After some introductory considerations of the place of letters in the New Testament, particularly the letters attributed to Saint Paul, the group will begin with chapter one, verse one of the letter and work through *Romans* until the end.

Join the group anytime you can:

Wednesday evenings
6:30 - 7:30 pm
The Saint Augustine Room

"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. Its 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
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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.



ON BECOMING CATHOLIC



Do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of our church but may need a little encouragement? Invite them to come to church with you. A personal invitation is a powerful way to help fan the flame of faith in another person's heart. Also, Father David, Sister Rita or Paula Cullings will be happy to speak to them.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER REGINA ZOOT

Dear Fr. David and Parishioners,

As the 2026 mission appeals in the Archdiocese of Baltimore conclude, I write on behalf of the Society of the Holy Jesus – African Province to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and your parishioners for your support and generosity toward our mission, particularly our ongoing project serving youth and the vulnerable.

Your support not only provides material assistance but also affirms and strengthens our commitment to bringing hope, care, and spiritual enrichment to those who need it most.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your parishioners. We ask our gracious and generous God to abundantly replenish all that you have given, and to fill your hearts with enduring joy, peace, and the satisfaction of having made a lasting difference.

With deep appreciation and prayerful regards,

Sr. Regina Zoot, SHCJ

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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
08/02:	George Burris on the 27 th anniversary of his passing, requested by his daughter, Reva Stephens
08/06:	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>	

*The annual **Black and Indian Mission Collection** is on August 2nd this year – two weeks away. Our parish directly benefits from this national collection. Your generosity has a local impact!*

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>12 July 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$1,943.10
<i>12 July 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$2,431.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,374.10
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, JUNE 2026 <i>Online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>Continuing Our Mission</i>	\$1,165.60
<i>Utility Fund</i>	\$56.10
<i>Other donations through archdiocesan portal</i>	\$1,100.00
<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	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

Wisdom 12: 13, 16 - 19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 26 - 27

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24 - 43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was

asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."