

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 July 2026

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The story of our renewed mission statement reaches a new milestone today. Over the course of the last several months we have met as a parish, we have met as ministries within the parish; every individual parishioner has been given an opportunity to help shape the statement. We officially promulgated it and explained how it came to be during a town hall meeting. Over the course of two weekends, parishioners signed their names to it. These last several weeks it has been out for matting and framing. It is ready to hang.

During Mass today we will bless our new reminder of Saint Ambrose Church's mission and mount it on the wall in the vestibule where it will stand as a reminder for us all as we come and go.

But this is not the end of it. Our Parish Mission Council remains determined that the mission statement be a functional tool in the parish and our varied ministries – it will serve as a standard to measure ourselves in all that we do.

The next step is a retreat day, a day designed to discern how the substance of our mission statement informs the things we do and the way we do them. It will be in three stages.

- The first stage takes place in August when the members of the mission council themselves will engage in a day of prayer and work with the mission statement to shape their work;
- In September the leaders of each of the parish's ministries have been asked to reserve a day for retreat to do the same. A particular hope here is that this opportunity for leaders of ministries to engage in conversation about all the works we do will magnify the awareness of all concerning the beautiful and selfless efforts each ministry uniquely offers.
- Then, in October a similar retreat day will take place which will include every member of our parish who is engaged in any ministry or service in the name of Saint Ambrose Church.

Magnifica Humanitas

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

The next session of Pope Leo's first encyclical will focus on chapter 3: "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 artificial intelligence to guarantee that it serves the dignity and development of human people and does not profit only a few.



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

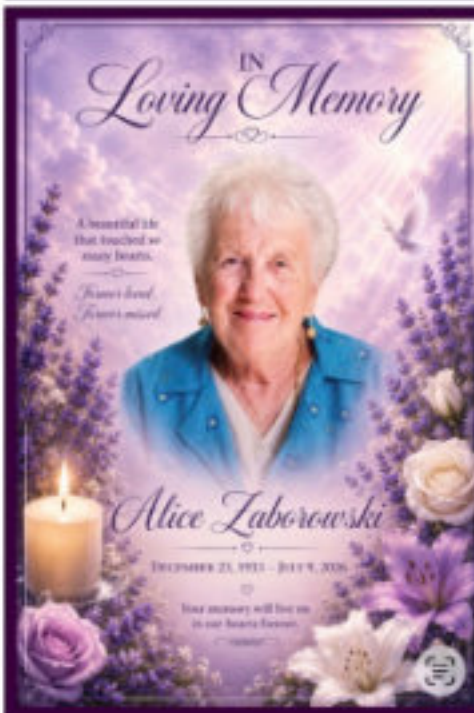
*Saturday, 12:00 noon
Saint Augustine Room*

MASS ON THE GRASS WEEKEND GIVEAWAY

Please note that this year, the items we want to have available to give away include school supplies. See the flyer printed on the opposite side of the page with this Sunday's Scripture readings.

Following our trip to Pittsburgh and all the ways many of us expressed our sympathies and prayerful support to Father Paul and his family upon the passing of his Mom, we received this message:

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL



On behalf of our entire family, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who surrounded us with love, prayers, and kindness during this difficult time.

Your thoughtful cards, delicious meals, comforting visits, flowers, memorial gifts, and countless expressions of sympathy brought us strength and peace when we needed it most. We are especially grateful to all who honored Alice by being present at the funeral home and at the Mass. Your presence, prayers, and support were a true comfort to our family and will always be remembered.

Thank you for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers. Your love and generosity have been a lasting source of comfort, and we are deeply grateful.

With heartfelt thanks,

Ft. Paul Zaborowski, OFM, Cap.
Mr. Eugene Zaborowski
Mrs. Mary Ellen Schmitt

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

On Tuesday evening this past week our Religious Education Program staff met over dinner and began to lay out plans for the 2026 - 2027 program. The three class groupings we had last year will continue and move into the second year of sacramental preparation:

First Communion

Confirmation (younger students)

Confirmation (older students)

Any students eligible to begin sacramental preparation may join any of these classes as first year students. A registration form has been prepared and is available online here:



<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-program>

Paper forms are also on the Welcome table. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th.

An organizational meeting of parents or guardians will take place after Mass on Sunday, August 30th. If you are responsible for a student or students in our program, please plan on attending this meeting.

FRIAR UPDATES



Earlier this week, Brother Charlie returned to Washington, D.C. to begin his third year of Capuchin formation in temporary vows, and his third year of theology studies on his journey of discernment to the priesthood. *Thank you, Brother Charlie!*

Next month, during our *Mass on the Grass* weekend, Brother Philip Paulson will profess his perpetual vows as a Capuchin friar in Pittsburgh. You may remember Brother Philip from the two years he spent teaching our Confirmation class, and the summer of ministry he gave us one year ago.



Both Brother Charlie and Brother Philip can be reached at:

*Capuchin College
4121 Harewood Road, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017*

MAKE IT PERSONAL

You probably know someone who is curious about our Catholic faith and worship. Invite them to come to church with you. The personal touch between friends, family, coworkers is the way God likes to find a way into our hearts. Do it anytime, but also think ahead to the unique *Mass on the Grass* weekend. It may be a first step toward the renewal of faith in someone's life and their first step toward joining us in our journey of discipleship.

The process of inquiry into becoming Catholic will begin again in several weeks. Do you know anyone who may be open to an invitation?

**PARISH MINISTRIES AND THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

The official calendar of the parish exists on the parish website, at the bottom of the homepage. You know the address: www.saintambrose.com.

Please foster the habit of checking it regularly. Maybe you will make it your homepage on your home computer or smartphone. If your ministry needs to save a room for a meeting, or a particular day and time for an event, make sure it's on the parish calendar. Here's how to request a spot on the calendar: <https://www.osvbhb.com/saintambrose/forms/calendar-request>.



MASS INTENTIONS	
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
08/09:	Barbara Geddes on the 19 th year of her passing, requested by her son, Darren Smith
08/13:	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>	

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

This collection is next weekend. Our support helps build the church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs (like ours), and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity. With your gifts, our religious education program shares the joy of the Gospel with our own young people and prepares them for the sacraments. Thank you!

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
<i>19 July 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$564.40
<i>19 July 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$2,799.00
Sunday collection total	\$3,363.40
<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

1 Kings 3: 5, 7 - 12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this — not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right — I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76 - 77, 127 - 130

Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

For I love your commands more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 28 - 30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 44 - 52

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

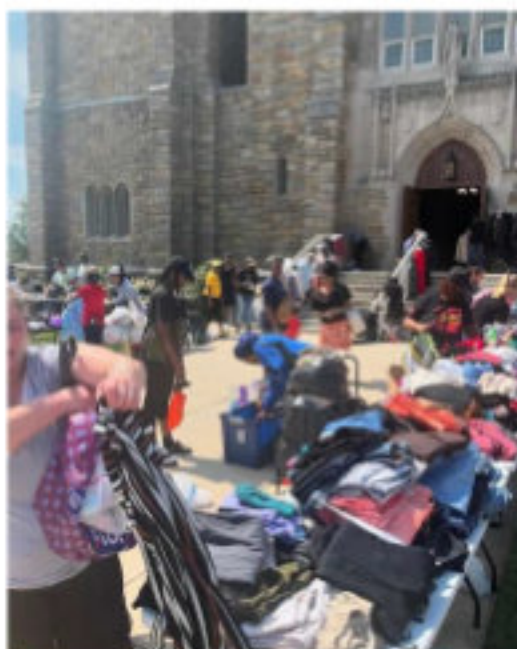


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**Saint Anthony's Closet – Free Giveaway
Saturday, August 15, 2026, 12:30-2:00pm
in front of the Church
Request for Donations**



If you would like to donate clothing:

- please clean and fold your clothing
- label the type and size, i.e., "boys' size 10," etc.

Most needed are:

- children's, infants, and men's clothing,
- children's toys,
- household goods,
- school supplies.

We welcome women's clothing.

Donations are to be brought to the Church on Saturday morning, 10am until the end of the distribution 2pm. If you want to volunteer to help or if you have questions, call Barbra Swann 410-925-2448.

Thanking you in advance.