

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02 August 2026

MASS ON THE GRASS AND COMMUNITY DAYS WEEKEND

14 - 16 August, Friday - Sunday

Bring a guest!

Many people in our neighborhood may never come inside our doors, so we are taking what we do outside to share our welcoming spirit and our joy in the redemption Jesus Christ has accomplished for us. Invite a friend and show them why you love Saint Ambrose Church.

There is a lot of work that cannot be done until the days are upon us. If you can give a couple of extra hours along the way, look for the sign-up sheets at the Welcome table to offer your help with any of the varied tasks that need to be done throughout that weekend.



FRIDAY

- ♦ The concert of sacred jazz begins at 5:00 pm on Friday under the tent. Bring your own chair or blanket, and bring a friend. Snacks will be available for purchase.

SATURDAY

- ♦ From 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm on Saturday, there is a free flea market and produce giveaway sponsored by our hard-working brothers and sisters of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Saint Anthony Closet. Donations and extra helpers are always welcome.
- ♦ Donations of school supplies are most welcome this year as we expect some of our guests that day to be looking for pens, pencils, notebooks, even backpacks, and so on.

SUNDAY

- ♦ Mass begins outside at 10:00 am on Sunday which is followed by lunch, games, and joyful fellowship.

*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 4: "Safeguarding Humanity at a Time of Transformation: Truth, Work, Freedom." This chapter is notable and historic because in it Pope Leo makes the apology for the church's complicity in the slave trade, saying that to not react or to tolerate grave violations of human dignity is to

become accomplices to them. Everyone is welcome even if you haven't made it to previous sessions:

*Saturday, 12:00 noon
Saint Augustine Room*

**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?



Choir rehearsals for the October celebration of Women's Day begin on Monday, August 10th at 6:00 pm in the church.

All women of the parish are welcome to join this special choir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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.osrhub.com/saintambrose/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-program>

An organizational meeting of parents and guardians will take place after Mass on Sunday, August 30th.

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Even though there has not been much to report of late, the council has been meeting every three weeks to continue to explore how our school building can be returned to being an asset for the parish and our Park Heights community. July 1st was the official beginning of the grant period, so we can begin to spend the money we have been awarded from the Pimlico Local Impact Aid fund.

On Friday, the 14th, before the concert of Sacred Jazz, we have invited a small number of guests to hear about our plans, to tour the building, and join us for the concert if they can stay. We have invited local politicians, folks who work in the world of property development and community organizing, and staff from Loyola University of Maryland and the Sellinger School of Business and Management.

Please pray for a successful event that night. And if you're coming for the jazz at 5:00 pm, maybe you can come a little early and meet some of the guests who may be very instrumental in helping us find a suitable purpose for this very sturdy and iconic building.

Members of the committee are:

Hugh Privette
Carlton Gordon
Dennis Carter
Patrick Jordan

Erica Nelson
Kenny Townsend, Jr.
Antoinette Williams
Father David



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Because it falls on a Saturday, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year. Even though we won't have Mass that day, you'll want to be here since it is the middle day of our Mass on the Grass weekend – the day we go out of our way to serve our neighborhood brothers and sisters with food, clothing and school supplies.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Our support of this weekend's special collection 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!

TRAVELING ABROAD

In order to renew his religious worker visa, Father Ignatius has to return to Nigeria for at least one month. He left for his home country on Friday; if all goes well, he will return to Saint Ambrose Friary on September 5 with renewed legal status allowing him to live and work here for another 2 ½ years. Please pray for a successful outcome of his interview at the U.S. embassy and consulate in Abuja, Nigeria this week.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
08/16:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
08/20:	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>	

Bible Study every Wednesday
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Saint Augustine Room

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

26 July 2026 – online contributions	\$1,789.33
26 July 2026 – envelope contributions	\$3,694.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,483.33
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, JULY 2026 <i>Online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>Continuing Our Mission</i>	\$2,035.60
<i>Utility Fund</i>	\$66.10
<i>Mission Cooperative Plan</i>	\$680.10
<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	Rosalie Watkins
E-Otree Allen	Dante Davis	Josie Johnson	Patricia Simms	Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Phillip Ashton	Dale Dyson	Joseph Jones	Bryan Smith	Yvonne Wilder
Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe	Earlene Forrest	Lydia Lashley	Daniel Smith Sr.	Brenda Williams
Jean Bennett	William Ford III	Sheila Leary-Smith	Archie Stith	William Young, Sr.
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	Vernon Thornton	
Louis Cooper	Betty Jones	Charles Richardson Williams	Kenneth Townsend, Sr.	
Linda Davis	Angela Johnson	Corey Richardson	Tammy Vaughn	



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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 1 - 3

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145: 8 - 9, 15 - 18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

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.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 35, 37 - 39

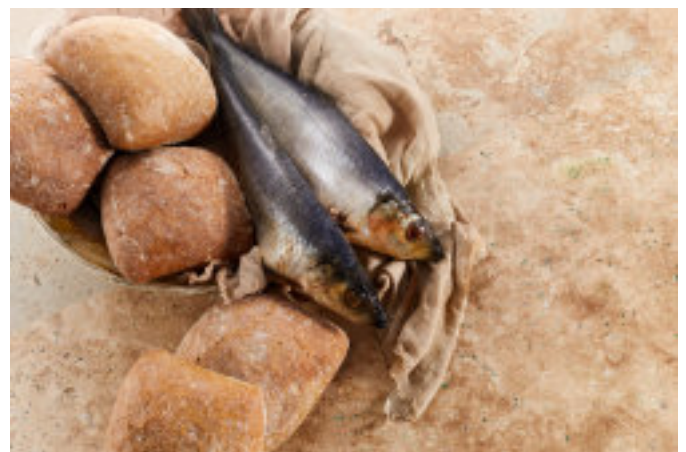
Brothers and sisters:

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over — twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

JOIN US!



NEW LOCATION

This annual event is designed to bring together families, neighbors, community organizations, public safety agencies, and local partners for an evening of fellowship, fun, and valuable community resources. The celebration provides a welcoming and safe environment where residents can connect with organizations that support education, health, wellness, youth development, employment, and public safety.

Tuesday, August 4
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Kennedy Krieger Institute – Greenspring Campus
3825 Greenspring Avenue



SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4502 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD



WE GATHER.
WE WORSHIP.
WE BELONG.

MASS ON THE Grass

A WEEKEND OF FAITH, COMMUNITY & JOY

All are welcome!

Bring your family • Bring a friend • Come as you are



OUR COMMUNITY
OUR CHURCH
OUR HOME



WORSHIP
TOGETHER.
GROW
TOGETHER.



14 – 16 AUGUST
FRIDAY – SUNDAY

FRIDAY

🕒 5PM – 7PM

JAZZ &
GOSPEL MUSIC
ON THE GRASS



SATURDAY

🕒 12NOON – 2PM

FREE FOOD BAGS
& CLOTHING
GIVE AWAY



SUNDAY

🕒 10AM

MASS
ON THE GRASS



WHAT TO KNOW

- ✓ White tent on the grass
- ✓ Seating provided
- ✓ Come early and bring your loved ones
- ✓ All are welcome!
- ✓ Let's fill the tent with faith and fellowship!



Let us celebrate
our faith, strengthen
our community, and
share God's love!

WHY WE GATHER

To worship together,
serve together, and build
a stronger community
in Christ.



PRAY



WORSHIP



FELLOWSHIP



FAITH



LOVE

TOGETHER, WE BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY IN CHRIST.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Ambrose Parish COMMUNITY DAYS & MASS-ON-THE-GRASS



Faith. Fellowship. Community.

MUSIC UNDER THE TENT

Featuring
**GREG HATZA ORG.
/ REV. DRED SCOTT**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 **5-7PM**

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR • **BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

11:30AM-1:30PM

Free
**PRODUCE
GIVE AWAY**

**FREE
FLEA MARKET**



(SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
AND ST. ANTHONY CLOSET)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Mass on the Grass
10:00AM

FOLLOWED BY A FULL DAY OF ACTIVITIES!

*All are
Welcome!*

WEEKEND OF ACTIVITIES!

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY &
SUNDAY, AUG. 14-16TH,**

2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH



**FELLOWSHIP, GOOD PREACHING,
GOOD MUSIC AND FUN!**



**BALTIMORE ISLANDERS
STEEL BAND, 12-2PM**



**FREE HOT DOGS
& BURGERS**



KID'S GAMES & MORE



HEALTH SCREENING



**VENDORS SELLING
THEIR GOODS**

And lots more....



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Come as you are. Leave with joy.