

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09 August 2026

MASS ON THE GRASS AND COMMUNITY DAYS NEXT WEEKEND

Please take flyers from the Welcome table and share them with friends, family and coworkers. Bring a guest.

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

The food, clothing and school supplies giveaway begins at 12:00 noon on Saturday. Donations and extra helpers are still needed.

Mass begins at 10:00 am on Sunday and the festivities continue after Mass with lunch, games for the children, various vendors and activities, and joyful fellowship.

WANT TO HELP?

FRIDAY

The help of several volunteers on Friday after the concert of sacred jazz to clean up the area under the tent will go a long way to help our front yard be ready for the rest of the weekend.

SATURDAY

If you can help get things set up and organized for Saturday's giveaways, please come to the front of the church at 10:30 that morning. The food, clothing and school supplies giveaway will be open to guests from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

SUNDAY

Sunday is also a labor-intensive day. We rely on many hands so as not to overly burden anyone. The set up for Mass will begin at 8:30 in the morning. After Mass, we need to convert the space under the tent from a church to a banquet hall by setting up tables and chairs. Then, as the festivities wind down, there will be much to clean up and put away.

BEFORE IT ALL BEGINS

On Friday afternoon at 3:00, before the concert of sacred jazz, we have invited a small number of guests to gather and hear about our plans for the school building, to tour it, and to 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 afternoon. 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.

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.

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



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

MAY SHE REST IN GOD'S ARMS

Peggy Johnson of our parish passed away on July 30th. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday, August 21st at 10:00 am.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 5:00 - 8:00 at the Wylie Funeral Home on Liberty Avenue in Randallstown.

May God receive her, and all our departed loved ones, into his arms of mercy.

Magnifica Humanitas

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



The fifth and final session studying Pope Leo's first encyclical will take place on Saturday, August 29th – that's two Saturdays from now. The presentation and conversation will focus on Chapter 5 and the conclusion: *"The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love."*

Saturday, 12:00 noon
29 August
Saint Augustine Room

The intervening Saturdays necessitate this delay because of the *Mass on the Grass* weekend on the 15th and a retreat day for the Parish Mission Council on the 22nd.

In the meantime, all are invited to a live Zoom presentation from *America Media* on the core issues, public response, and overall impact of the encyclical nearly three months after its publishing. The presenters are professional journalists, professors and theologians. We will sign in to the event at 6:30 pm in the Saint Augustine Room on Wednesday, August 19th. The Bible Study group decided to suspend their study of the *Letter to the Romans* that evening in order to participate in this presentation.

Wednesday, 6:30 pm
19 August
Saint Augustine Room

Women's Day choir rehearsal:
 tomorrow at 6:00 pm

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.

The pope's prayer intention this month is perfect for our *Mass on the Grass* weekend.

Next weekend's three days are our biggest attempt to deliberately reach out to our neighborhood and boldly proclaim our faith in Jesus as the Son of the living God and our desire to share his good news. In our final preparations, let's be sure to place our efforts at the foot of the altar for God's blessing and where Pope Leo himself can lift them up to the Lord. It is a comfort and an assurance to know that Pope Leo's prayers will rise to God – he may not know he's praying for us, but we know and are grateful.

Mass on the Grass is one of our unique ways of proclaiming the Gospel and using a creative path to building our community. Please make your participation a priority next weekend.

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. Invite someone to join you in church some Sunday morning.

Brother Connor asked that his mother, Denise, be added to our prayer list. She recently suffered a stroke and is diagnosed with CADASIL.

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
E-Otree Allen
Phillip Ashton
Denise Bannon
Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe
Jean Bennett
Parrish Boyd
Karen Brown-Berkley
Michael Bruce
Renee Bruce
Debbie Chase
Louis Cooper

Linda Davis
Kenneth Davis
Dante Davis
Dale Dyson
Earlene Forrest
William Ford III
Eric Frazier
Sarah Gamble
JoAnn Glenn
Karen Gross
Gloria B. Harris
Betty Jones

Angela Johnson
Cornell (Nelson) Johnson
Josie Johnson
Joseph Jones
Lydia Lashley
Sheila Leary-Smith
Ernest Livers
Charles Manns, III
Kimberly Merrill
Danielle Owens
Brenda Richardson
Charles Richardson Williams

Corey Richardson
Carl & Bernice Shrieves
Danielle Singley
Bryan Smith
Daniel Smith Sr.
Archie Stith
Rosalita Stone
Gloria Tate
Ernest Thames
Jean Thomas
Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
Tammy Vaughn

Rosalie Watkins
Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Yvonne Wilder
Brenda Williams
William Young, Sr.



MASS INTENTIONS

08/09:	Barbara Geddes on the 19 th anniversary 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
08/23:	Ella Thornton on the 7 th anniversary of her passing, requested by her husband, Vernon, and her daughter, April
08/27:	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>	

FOR ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE

Next Saturday, at the same time as our *Mass on the Grass* events, Brother Philip Paulson will profess his perpetual vows as a Capuchin friar in Pittsburgh. Brother Philip taught our last Confirmation class over the course of two years, and spent his summer with us one year ago. During all our work, play and celebrating next weekend, please take a moment to whisper a little prayer for him.



TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

02 August 2026 – online contributions	\$2,460.10
02 August 2026 – envelope contributions	\$3,366.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,826.10
<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.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING

13a

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11 -

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD — but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake — but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire — but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

14

Psalm 85: 9 -

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters:

Romans 9: 1 - 5

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



MASS ON THE GRASS



St. Ambrose Catholic Church

4502 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215

Friday, August 14, 2026

Sacred music by Greg Hatza Org.
featuring Rev. Dred Scott

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Bring chairs, and refreshments will be available!



Saturday, August 15, 2026

Free Flea Market and Produce

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Located in front of the Church



Sunday, August 16, 2026

Mass on the Grass

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy Mass on the grass along with vendors, food, and more!





SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4502 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD



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....



Come as you are. Leave with joy.

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