

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 August 2026

ONE SOWS, ANOTHER REAPS

At least 115 people were present under the tent one week ago on Friday night for four hours of sacred jazz and joyous camaraderie.

On Saturday, 42 packages with the makings of a pasta meal were distributed. 56 bags of onions and potatoes were given away. Boxes of chips, cookies and others snacks beyond counting were shared. School supplies were distributed quickly, and there's no accounting for the number and value of clothing items claimed by those who need them.

Despite uncertain weather, Sunday witnessed approximately 300 gathered inside the church for Mass. The rain did not dampen the spirit of joy and community that spilled out onto our front lawn for food, fellowship, face-painting and all manner of avoiding getting wet or giving in to it. There were many visitors among us, and lots of fun even without bouncy castles and sledge hammer challenges.

What standards of success can we use to measure the quality of a unique weekend of prayer, hospitality and generosity? It was Mother Theresa who reminded us many years ago that followers of Jesus are not called to be successful; our call is to be faithful. Being faithful is our success.

God brings the fruit. Our joy is a job done out of love for God and God's people. We build on the labors of those who have gone before us – by years and decades. We are planting seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that others will reap in decades to come, God willing.

Over 60 people in our parish family gave something of their time, skills, and work to bring everything together for the three days we took church outside.

Thank you all. May God's blessings and grace shower upon you. Let the rains fall till they have watered the earth and every heart that thirsts for him!

Fr. David

AN INTERIOR PILGRIMAGE

that is, inside our church

Expecting visitors in church last weekend, we prepared a pamphlet that describes some of the unique features of the interior of our church. We framed it in a prayerful way and called it a pilgrimage. Deacon Rubio wrote the text and drafted the prayers. George Johnson took most of the photographs. We started with 20 copies, but quickly needed more; in the end we printed 46 copies, only 8 of which remained when we locked up at the end of the afternoon last Sunday.

Look for it on the Welcome table if you are interested. It's an attractive and well-written pamphlet that is designed to be used in a prayerful, reflective way. It can be expanded over time to remind us of other intriguing features of the art and architecture in our church.

Take one for yourself or someone else and get reacquainted with the beauty that surrounds us here.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026 - 2027

MEETING OF PARENTS / FAMILIES

*Next Sunday, 30 August**Right after Mass in the Saint Augustine Room*

All of the planning and preparing is nearly done and we are all but ready to begin the new catechetical year. We are kicking it off with a meeting of parents next Sunday. Please be sure to save some time after Mass. If you haven't done so yet, please use the QR code or hyperlink below to register your child(ren).

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. The first day of class is Sunday, September 13th. Register here:

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



SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE



Before the jazz concert last Friday evening, the parish's School Building Advisory Council held an open house for invited guests. Eighteen people toured the inside of the building: local politicians (or their staff), real estate educators at Loyola University, archdiocesan officials, representatives from Park Heights Renaissance and other organizations working for the redevelopment of the neighborhood. Their interest in the building tracks closely with the kinds of ideas that emerged in our own town hall meeting back in March. They see interesting potential.

On the council, we are beginning to assess the building and its systems, to make preliminary architectural drawings, and to further the planning.

As part of the open house we prepared a four-page leaflet describing the project and picturing some concepts of what might become of the building. Copies are available for the taking on the Welcome table. Please take one to see how we are framing the conversation with donors, funders, developers, and potential tenants.

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

The fifth and final session studying Pope Leo's encyclical will take place on Saturday. 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*

UNTIL DEATH DO US PART



Laura Gyamfi and Kenneth Geh united themselves to each other for life before God last weekend at Saint Leo the Great Church in Fairfax, Virginia. You'll recognize them as the young couple who participated in all the rites of initiation over the last year, culminating in Laura's baptism and Kenneth's confirmation at

the Easter Vigil.

While we were here opening our doors to our neighbors last Saturday afternoon, they were in Fairfax saying "I do" to each other and to God. When you see them in church, be sure to congratulate them.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Look for information on the Welcome table
and share it freely.

In crisis?
call or text 988

THE FAITH BASED ROUNDTABLE

This organization is holding an informational event this week about organ donation so that people can make informed decisions. For details, see the flyer on the Welcome table.

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
Patricia Simms
Danielle Singley
Bryan Smith
Daniel Smith Sr.
Archie Stith
Rosalita Stone
Gloria Tate
Ernest Thames
Jean Thomas
Vernon Thornton

Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
Tammy Vaughn
Rosalie Watkins
Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Yvonne Wilder
Brenda Williams
William Young, Sr.



MASS INTENTIONS

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
08/30:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/03:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/06:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/10:	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>	

HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This is the church on Pimlico Road which has celebrated the Palm Sunday procession with us the past two years. Like us, they are renovating space for new purposes. They are creating a place for children and families who need a place to be valued and welcomed. This Saturday they are looking for help to do some dirty work – cleaning out and throwing away. If you want to help, look for the flyer on the Welcome table.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>16 August 2026 – online contributions</i>	\$1,338.40
<i>16 August 2026 – envelope contributions</i>	\$2,775.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,113.40
<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.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
“I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138: 1 - 3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11: 33 - 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

2:00PM - 5:00PM

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St. Ambrose *Women's Day 2026* *Celebrate With Us!*



When: Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 10 a.m.



Theme:

Women of St. Ambrose
Spreading *Hope* and Serving God
Through *Faith, Unity, and Love*



Attire Colors: Yellow = Hope Blue = Faith Purple = Love White = Renewal

Ladies and men may wear any combination of these colors.



See Dani Owens or Angela Moore-Jones for questions.