

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

06 September 2026



POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY

Pope Leo gave his second catechesis on the Vatican II document on the liturgy on May 27th in Saint Peter's square. This is how the Vatican excerpted his teaching:

“Dear brothers and sisters, in today's reflection on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we consider the liturgy through the lens of tradition and of development. Pope Pius XII called the Church a “living organism” which needs to grow, mature and

adapt to circumstances. Indeed, desiring that Christian life should thrive and grow, the Second Vatican Council recognized that it was time to adjust some adaptable elements in the liturgy for the health and vitality of the Church, to fortify and rejuvenate Christians, and to foster unity and evangelize men and women. The Council affirmed that legitimate progress in the liturgy must also preserve sound tradition, and that certain elements of the liturgy can not change because they are divinely instituted. In a particular way, I encourage everyone to respect the texts and norms of the liturgy with openness, humility, trust in God's greatness and with sincere fidelity to ecclesial communion.”

To read the complete text, which is less than 800 words, click this link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260527-udienza-generale.html>





WHY DO CATHOLICS ...?

... fill in the blank. What's the rest of that question for you? Maybe you have a whole list of questions. Maybe you know someone who has asked you a question like this, and you weren't sure how to answer.

At the end of the month, we are beginning a new cohort of people who want to know more about our Catholic faith and practice. Whether you are Catholic or not, these Saturday morning discussions may be just what you're looking for. For some it will become a path to baptism and full incorporation into the Catholic Church. For others, it will be a renewal of faith and prayer. For everyone, it is a beautiful experience of community and learning in a welcoming, non-judgmental environment.

This is the OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Join us for a two-hour session (10:00 am - 12:00 noon) every Saturday starting September 26th. Please sign up at the Welcome table, use the online form available through this link or QR code, or just show up.

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/ocia-2027>



*Saturday, 26 September
10:00 am
Saint Augustine Room*

WELCOME TABLE FLYERS

There are many flyers and other types of information on the Welcome table. Be sure to stop and pick up copies of important information, including:

- *Prayer and action on behalf of immigrants* September 15
- *Women's Day celebration* October 18

A LABOR DAY PRAYER

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

- We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.
- We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.
- We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.
- We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

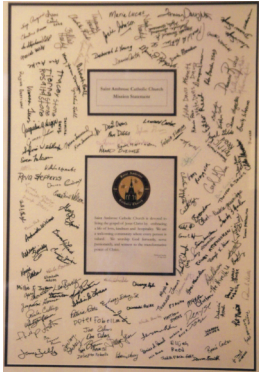
As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

- We remember those who work in the night.
- We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.
- We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.
- We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



PARISH MINISTRIES RETREAT DAYS



Our parish mission statement needs to be an instrument that helps shape our discernment about the things we do as a parish and how we do them. It needs to be a living document, helping us to be more faithful to all that God calls us to be.

All of the leaders of our parish's various and many ministries have been asked to participate in a retreat day on Saturday, September 19th. That day we will spend several hours reflecting on how our new mission statement should shape service by our parish.

Then, another retreat day will be held on Saturday, October 24th for everyone involved in any ministry in the parish and for any members who are interested in contributing to living the parish's mission more deliberately.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Please take a postcard from the Welcome table and be familiar with signs of risk and what you can do if you know someone who is at risk. Share the postcards with others.

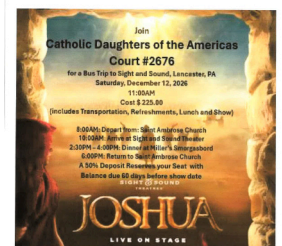
PAPAL HONORS TO BE BESTOWED

Notice the flyer in the bulletin inviting everyone to the conferral of certain papal honors next Saturday morning at the Basilica downtown. If you know anyone on the list or want to attend, the invitation is an open one.

MASS INTENTIONS

09/06:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/10:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/13:	Joshua Alexander Brown on the 24 th anniversary of his passing, requested by his mother, Trina Brown and his siblings, Gerald and Karah
09/17:	the people of Saint Ambrose Church
09/20:	Margaret E. Gross on the 16 th anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Patricia E. Shorter
09/24:	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 Catholic Daughters remind everyone who purchased a ticket for the December trip to *Sight and Sound* that payment in full is now due. Please look for Sylvia Wedlock or Trina Jones-Brown in the rear of the church after Mass.



TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

30 August 2026 – online contributions	\$634.00
30 August 2026 – envelope contributions	\$7,685.00
Sunday collection total	\$8,319.00
<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	Linda Davis	Angela Johnson	Corey Richardson	Kenneth Townsend, Sr.
E-Otree Allen	Kenneth Davis	Cornell (Nelson) Johnson	Carl & Bernice Shrieves	Tammy Vaughn
Phillip Ashton	Dante Davis	Josie Johnson	Patricia Simms	Rosalie Watkins
Denise Bannon	Dale Dyson	Joseph Jones	Danielle Singley	Sr. Ann Marie Whelan, SSND
Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe	Earlene Forrest	Lydia Lashley	Bryan Smith	Yvonne Wilder
Jean Bennett	William Ford III	Sheila Leary-Smith	Daniel Smith Sr.	Brenda Williams
Parrish Boyd	Eric Frazier	Ernest Livers	Archie Stith	William Young, Sr.
Karen Brown-Berkley	Sarah Gamble	Charles Manns, III	Rosalita Stone	
Michael Bruce	JoAnn Glenn	Kimberly Merrill	Gloria Tate	
Renee Bruce	Karen Gross	Danielle Owens	Ernest Thames	
Debbie Chase	Gloria B. Harris	Brenda Richardson	Jean Thomas	
Louis Cooper	Betty Jones	Charles Richardson Williams	Vernon Thornton	

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: 1 - 2, 6 - 9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

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SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8 - 10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

A BLESSING FOR OUR CATECHISTS NEXT SUNDAY

Each one of us bears a responsibility, by virtue of baptism, for handing on the faith and being a witness to the gospel.

During Mass next Sunday, we will offer a special blessing for our catechists for all that they do in our name; at the same time, we all rededicate ourselves to the mission of handing on our faith.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

<https://nbccongress.org>

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) represents African American Roman Catholics. Their website is full of engaging information and opportunities. Checking in with it regularly is worth your time. From the website you can also sign up to receive their regular e-mail newsletter.

THE DOROTHEA PROJECT

IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

WITNESS FOR OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS

TUESDAY, SEPT 15, 2026

10am MASS

followed by procession to Congress

St Peter's Church on Capitol Hill

313 Second St SE, Washington, DC 20003

Join Catholics standing in prayerful solidarity with our immigrant, migrant, and refugee neighbors and calling for their humane and dignified treatment.



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COME OUT and ENJOY the FUN

BINGO!

with the OBLATES!

SATURDAY,

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

2:00PM - 5:00PM

FUNDRAISER TO PURCHASE CARS NEEDED TO TAKE THE
SISTERS TO AND FROM DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS!



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

CALL 410-242-8500,

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT WWW.OBLATESISTERS.COM



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The Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore

invites all of the faithful to

Solemn Lauds (Morning Prayer)

*where, on behalf of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,
he will confer Papal Honors upon those listed herein.*

Saturday, September 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM

*The Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

409 Cathedral Street | Baltimore, Maryland 21201

PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE

Reverend Edward S. Hendricks

Sister Mary Seton, M.C.

Deacon William Nairn

Mr. Ralph Arnold, Sr. and Mrs. Christine Arnold

Mrs. Peggy Baldwin

Mr. Andrew Becker

Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod

Ms. Ligia Pappas

Ms. Ruth A. Puls

Mr. Santos Rene and Mrs. Rosa Belinda Quintanilla

Dr. A. "Skipp" Sanders

Dr. Thomas J. Lynch

Reverend William J. Watters, S.J.

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