

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 September 2026



POPE LEO ON THE LITURGY

Pope Leo continued his teaching on the Vatican II document on the liturgy on June 3rd in Saint Peter's square. It was the third in a series of eight. This is how the Vatican excerpted his teaching:

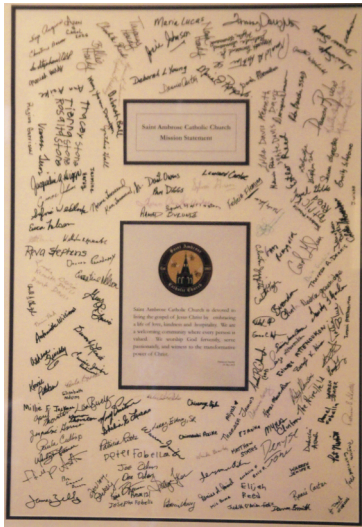
“Dear brothers and sisters, in our series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council, we continue our reflection

on *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, by looking at the elements of the rite, the sign, and the symbol found in the sacred liturgy. The rite of the Christian liturgy is the ecclesial mediation through which the divine gift reaches us. In the liturgy, we are invited to participate – body, mind, and heart – and enter into a dimension inhabited by the Holy Spirit. In order to enter into this dimension, the liturgy is woven with signs and symbols that have a performative and transformative dimension. Further, signs help us to recall the constitutive acts of the Sacraments as when we are sprinkled with holy water we remember our commitment to Christ. As we prepare for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, may each of us reawaken our openness to an encounter with God by rediscovering the signs and symbols of the sacred liturgy.”

The complete text is less than 800 words. It is available here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260603-udienza-generale.html>



PARISH MINISTRIES RETREAT DAY
with every parish ministry participating
Saturday, 19 September 2026



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

are set to participate in a retreat day on Saturday this week. That day we will spend several hours reflecting on how our new mission statement should shape service by our parish within each ministry and the ways our various ministries support each other.

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.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD



On Tuesday evening, September 8th Mr. Allen Davis of our parish passed away. His funeral Mass will be here on Thursday, September 17th at 2:00 pm.

The arrangements are being made by the Chatman-Harris Funeral Home at 4210 Belair Road. Public visitation takes place there on Wednesday the 16th from 3:00 - 7:00 pm; a Vigil for the Deceased will be celebrated at 6:00 pm.

Allen made his profession of faith in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil earlier this year. May the Lord now welcome him to the table of God's children in heaven. Please remember his wife, Carol, and all the family in your prayers.

The funeral Mass will take the place of the usual Thursday evening Mass at 6:00 pm.

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.

In just two weeks 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 – just two Saturdays from now. 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*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The archdiocese is implementing new policies, practices and training for all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. The archdiocese itself is conducting the training – and it is mandatory for everyone who distributes Holy Communion whether in church, or to the sick and homebound. Every extraordinary minister should have received an email message from Father David last Sunday. Print copies of the new policy and new norms are being distributed after Mass. Please register for a training session:

<https://archbalt.regfox.com/aob-emhc-formation-sessions>



BISHOPS IN THE NEWS

- Read an article here in the *Catholic Review* where newly-ordained Bishop Robert Boxie declares: "Some people may believe I've been selected ... because I'm Black. You know what, I'm actually okay with that." 
<https://catholicreview.org/black-catholics-need-stronger-voice-in-catholic-church-bishop-boxie-says/>
- Read this article about Archbishop Coakley's September 8th letter to President Trump. 
<https://www.americamagazine.org/news/2026/09/10/top-us-bishop-writes-letter-to-trump-urging-end-to-mass-deportations-of-haitians/>
- This article analyzes the dynamics behind the strong voice the U.S. bishops are using to urge government leaders toward moral obligations of respecting human dignity, particularly in regard to immigration. 
<https://www.americamagazine.org/features/2026/09/08/us-bishops-trump-immigration-iran/>

FINANCIAL REPORT

This weekend's print bulletin has an insert with a summary report of the parish's financial statement for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2026. It is accompanied by a letter from Father David. Parishioners who read the bulletin online can receive a copy of the report and the letter by sending a request to the parish office:

rsvp@saintambrose.com

September 17

There is no evening Mass on Thursday
There are no confessions that day

MASS INTENTIONS

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:	Funeral Mass for Allen Davis at 2:00 pm
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
09/27:	Gloria Jiggetts on the 1 st anniversary of her passing, requested by her loving husband, Clinton, and family
10/01:	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>	

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

06 September 2026 – online contributions	\$2,909.40
06 September 2026 – envelope contributions	\$2,947.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,856.40
OTHER COLLECTION TOTALS, AUGUST 2026 <i>Online and envelope contributions combined</i>	
<i>Continuing Our Mission</i>	\$993.60
<i>Utility Fund</i>	\$346.10
<i>"What You Did For the Least"</i>	\$20.40
<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	\$356.10
<i>Black and Native Americans</i>	\$514.00
<i>Gun Buyback</i>	\$76.10
<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.

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

Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 9

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: 1 - 4, 9 - 12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

SECOND READING

Romans 14: 7 - 9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

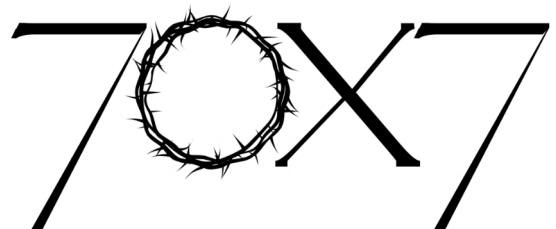
GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

"That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



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2:00PM - 5:00PM

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

DINNER

Food • Fellowship • Community

Come enjoy an evening of good food, great conversation, and fellowship with our Young Adult Ministry!

Tuesday,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

6:00 PM

Saint Ambrose Rectory
 ST. AUGUSTINE ROOM

DINNER IS FREE!

Please confirm your attendance in the Young Adult Ministry group chat or by email: stonetierra549@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER IS
SUICIDE PREVENTION
 AWARENESS MONTH

SAINT AMBROSE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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WARNING SIGNS

- Talks about wanting to die or kill themselves
- Feels hopeless, trapped, or like a burden
- Withdraws from people or activities
- Major changes in sleep, mood, or energy
- Gives away possessions, says goodbye, or has a plan

ASK • LISTEN • STAY • GET HELP

Your presence, compassion, and prayers matter.

IMMEDIATE DANGER? CALL 911

You matter. You are loved. You are not alone.

MYTHS vs. TRUTHS

MYTH People who talk about suicide won't really do it.	TRUTH Many people who die by suicide gave warning signs.
MYTH Asking about suicide puts the idea in someone's head.	TRUTH Asking shows you care and opens the door to help.
MYTH Suicidal people are just seeking attention.	TRUTH Suicidal thoughts can signal deep emotional pain.

LOCAL RESOURCES NEAR SAINT AMBROSE

LifeBridge Health / Sinai Hospital
 2401 W. Belvedere Ave • 410-601-9000

Catholic Charities of Baltimore
 320 Cathedral St • 667-600-2000

Bon Secours Community Works
 26 N. Fulton Ave • 410-801-5100



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