

Just Say "Yes" To JESUS

Feb. 16, 2020

6th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

"Say, Yes when you
mean Yes!"

Peace Walk with Bishop Madden

Bishop Madden's next Prayer Walk is scheduled here at St. Ambrose, this **Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 5:30pm**. There will be a lite meal and fellowship followed by the walk through our neighborhood. Unfortunately we will not have to walk far. **Parking:** school yard will be open for your convenience. Please sign up if planning on attending. All are welcome!



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI SEPTEMBER 22-30, 2020 Have Prayer & Fun with Fr. Paul

In ROME. Trip includes: Papal audience afternoon walking tour including Navona Square, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain. Full day tour includes visits to Cathedrals Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (steps of the passion), catacomb San Callisto, walking tour of Colosseum & Roman Forum. In Assisi: enjoy this medieval city, home of Saints Francis and Clare. Grab a gelato (Italian Ice Cream, shop, enjoy all the sights, Full day excursion to Spello, Montefalco, Spoleto and Perugia. On Sunday, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. **Price: \$3,500.00 (\$3,400.00 if reservation made before March 15th, 2020) \$100.00 non-refundable deposit for reservation. See flyer on the info table for more info. Contact Rose Marie at FAR CORNERS TRAVEL 744 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD, SUITE 2, TOWSON, MD 21204 Tel: 410.337.7700 EMAIL: FARCORNERS.TRAVEL@VERIZON.NET**



Saint Ambrose Parish Fish Fry

Thanks to our own Chef Benson Blake we sponsor a Fish Fry on Friday, March 6th & 27th from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the lower rectory kitchen. Price: \$12.00 per

dinner includes: **Menu: Fried Whiting Filet, Kale favored with smoked turkey, cornbread** **Choice of: Iced tea, Ginger Ale or Bottled Water** Available condiments: Hot sauce, salt, pepper, Ketchup and butter. Donation: \$12,00. Sign up at info table to reserve plate. Pick up at the back lower entrance to rectory. (Sunday School Entrance) Take out only.



Sister Mary Loretto Service Award



During this Black History Month we celebrate the Sister Mary Loretto Service Award with the nomination of two of our parishioners who have excelled in Service to Jesus and the parish community:

**Mrs. Jacqueline Wouldridge - Diggs
Mrs. Wanda Brewton**

This week we Feature Jacquie:



Mrs. Jacquie Wouldridge-Diggs has been a life-long member (August, 1988) and baptized here at St. Ambrose in January of 1989. She grew up here in the faith and attended St. Ambrose Grade School.

What does Jacquie enjoy about being here at St. Ambrose? She says, "Because Saint Ambrose has taught and shown me the love of Christ, I am confident in sharing the love of Christ with everyone in the world.

St. Ambrose is all about equipping disciples so that more people can be brought to Jesus and that's what Christianity is all about. St. Ambrose is where I first started learning about Jesus and his teachings. Throughout my life, my St. Ambrose family has allowed me to grow within the faith. I have been allowed and encouraged to follow my religious callings without hesitancy. There is something amazing to be said about a church that accepts younger people into ministry without judgement.

What ministries does Jacquie hold? Jacquie has the following ministries: Youth Ministry, Catechist for Religious Education, Drama, Lector, Usher and serves on the Parish Leadership Team

What does Jacquie find most rewarding from her ministry and service?

Jacquie says, " My teaching ministries (youth, religious Ed and drama): Seeing younger people get excited about Jesus and also having the opportunity to see them grow in the faith as followers of Christ. I love teaching about God; but I also learn a great deal from our young people! They challenge me to be better in the things that I do and say, and the fact that they are ALWAYS watching and listening keeps me "practicing what I'm preaching".
About her Lector ministry: It is an honor to proclaim God's word
About her Minister of Hospitality (Usher) Ministry: I love welcoming people into the house of the Lord
About her Leadership: The ability to help plan for the future of a church that I will prayerfully grow old in. The fact that people have trusted me in this role as part of the younger generation speaks volumes in regards to the acceptance and encouragement of our church community.

Both will be celebrated at a dinner with the Parish Leadership Team and recognized at the 10am mass on Sunday, Feb. 23rd



Lent beginning

**Ash Wednesday,
February 26th.**

Ashes distributed at both serves:
Mass at 11am

Prayer Service with Ashes: 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays beginning March 28th at NOON.

Parish Lenten Theme:

Looking at Ourselves in this Sacred Season

Fr. Paul and the Liturgy Committee invite us to take this time of prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving to look inside ourselves and renew ourselves from within for the coming of Easter.



Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

By now, all registered members should have received the mailing for the Appeal. Fr. Paul asks that each and everyone of us read the info carefully and prayerfully decide what you can do to help continue the charitable work accomplished by the Church our city. The Annual Appeal helps to support all the works of Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, provides assistance to parents with children in Catholic Schools and funds chaplains in our hospitals and prisons.

"Passover: A Christian Perspective"

Deacon & Michelle Rubio,
Sunday, March 1, 2020



Leadership Training

(required) with Paul Cullings,
March 15, 2020

Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Theme: Insight—Hindsight—Foresight!

*We encourage all our members to enter into
Lent well prepared. Sign up Now!*



Mark your calendar for a prayerful and challenging day. Saturday, March 7th, 2020 from 9:30am to 3pm at the Mission Helpers Center, Joppa Road, Townson, MD. The speaker for the day will be Deacon Bobby White, from Washington, DC. Sign up at the info

table. Donation: \$10.00 for the day including a delicious chicken dinner.

Operation Faith-Lift

Saturday, April 4th, 11am Evangelization in the neighborhood.

St. Anthony's Closet Opened as well.

MOTHER LANGE CORNER

Good News



The Oblate Sisters of Providence announced this week that the "Positio" the document of the summary of Mother Lange's Life and Call to Holiness has been complete and in the hands of the Sacred Congregation for Saints in Rome.

If this document is accepted, and we pray it will, the announcement to declare Mother Lange **VENERABLE** should come soon and very soon!

Oblate Sisters of Providence

Annual Chicken Dinner & Bazaar

The Oblates Sisters Annual Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29th, 11am—3pm. \$10 Donation. New Items at Sale Prices. All proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Held at St. Frances Academy, 501 E. Chase Street, B, MD 21202 For info call: 410-536-5687. See Sr. Stephen for Tickets.



All Veterans and their Spouses.

Today Mrs. Augustine Stithe would like to meet with all veterans and their spouses for an information meeting in the church following mass.

Mass Intention

Today the mass is offered for Ms. Myra Clinton, on the 8th anniversary of her passing and next week we remember Mrs. Ardella Oliver, deceased mother to Michelle Rubio, on what would have been her 86th birthday. May they rest in peace!

Minority Money Matters

30 minute workshops on: Scholarships, financial Planning, Entrepreneurship, etc. Sat. Feb. 29th, Noon to 4pm, Anne Arundel Comm. College. See flyers on info table for more info or contact LaToya at 410-487-6052

In Need of Healing Prayer



Derek Bakon, Karen Brown-Berkley, Phyllis Butler, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Kai Thomas Dorsey, Krystal Dorsey, William Ford III, Earlene Forrest, Sarah Gamble, Sr. Reginald Gerdes, OSP, Fr. Bill Graham,

OFM Cap., Bertha Hawkins, Joseph Jones, Alice Manns, Kimberly Merrill, Laura Preston, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Jean Thomas, Arthur Swint, Stephen Swint, Brenda Williams and Rachel Williams.

Last week's Offering: \$6,597.00

Embracing Our Future Campaign Update:

Goal: \$310,000.00 Pledged: \$474,369.00

Total Amount of Gifts Received: \$249,375.21

Current Balance: \$73,609.61

News from Father Paul . . .

Dear brothers and sisters:

So much is happening in our parish.

News from our School Building: We were informed last week that Fortis Asset Partners have submitted a Letter of Intent to purchase our school building for \$300,000 to convert the building into 70 units of senior housing. Pray they follow through with the plan.

Sacred Purpose Workshops: The Archdiocese has invited the parish to take part in the Sacred Purpose Workshops. This workshop helps all of us to reflect on our parish and our call to holiness that comes fourth in this call through our ministry. The Parish Leadership Team and over the next few weeks all our parishioners will be invited to take part and everyone in ministry will have a formal workshop. I am sure you will find it rewarding and enriching as we approach Lent.

The Results of Parish Questionnaire:

127 Parishioners participated in the survey)

Christmas Mass attendance question:

39 Attended Christmas and New Year's Eve Mass

What would be the best time for mass on Christmas

Eve? The following represents the time considerations:

51 - 7pm

25 - 6pm

15 - 5pm

28 - 4pm

Do you take and read the weekly bulletin?:

123 Take the bulletin and read

16 Read bulletin on line

Would you be interested in online giving?

31 Welcome on-line giving

Do you receive envelopes from the parish?:

91 Receive envelopes

Zip Codes represented in the parish:

23 zip codes represented

Age response for questionnaire: from 10- 70 plus was represented

Observations from Questionnaire:

1. Many people in the parish are still not registered members
2. One quarter of the parish attends holiday celebrations
3. Majority seems to like mass at 7pm but 4 & 5 pm was relatively high as well. We could experiment?
4. Attendance is pretty far flung—zip codes show people traveling a distance to attend St. Ambrose.

Peace and all good, your beloved pastor,

Fr. Paul Zaborowski, OFM Cap.

THE LENTEN SEASON AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS---
FRIDAYS @ 12NOON**

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday
March 22nd, 2020

PARISH RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated
Sunday, March 15th & 29^h after 10am mass in the
St. Anthony Chapel in church.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR MISSION- ARY DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday, March 1st,

Deacon & Michelle Rubio presents:

"Passover: A Christian Perspective"

Noon to 2pm, Refreshments served

(ALL WELCOME & Missionary Discipleship Credits Available)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WITH PAULA CULLINGS

Sunday, March 15th, noon to 1:30pm

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Spend some time in prayer and reflection during
this season on being a Missionary Disciple.

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 9:30am to 3pm.

Held at Mission Helpers Center, Chestnut and Joppa Rds. Balt, MD
21212.

Deacon Bobby White, directing

Sign up now at the Info Table. Lunch Provided

OPERATION FAITH LIFT

Street and home evangelization on Saturday,
April 4th, noon to 2pm

CONSIDER GIVING:

+ Archdiocesan Archbishops Appeal or
Embracing Our Future Campaign
Envelopes on the info table.