



March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent
"Man does not live on bread alone"

Lent Begins. . . .
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.

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.

"Passover: A Christian Perspective"

Deacon & Michelle Rubio, Today, March 1, 2020 Join us after mass in the St. Augustine Room



Missionary Leadership Training (required for Missionary Discipleship) with Ms. Paul Cullings, March 15, 2020

Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Theme: Insight—Hindsight—Foresight!

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, Noon to 2pm Evangelization in the neighborhood. St. Anthony's Closet Opened as well.

Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Fr. Paul asks that each and everyone of us read the info that was mailed to us carefully and prayerfully decide what you can do to help continue the charitable work accomplished by the Church our city. The Annual Appeal helps Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society, provides assistance to parents with children in Catholic Schools and funds chaplains in our hospitals and prisons.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI
SEPTEMBER 22-30, 2020

Have Prayer & Fun with Fr. Paul

Join Fr. Paul and some of our other parishioners on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi to commemorate the Capuchin Friars 30th years of service to the parish. Sell the flyer on the info table for more information. **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

Peace Walk with Bishop Madden

Bishop Madden's next Prayer Walk is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30pm at Holy Cross, 110 East West Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.** The walk



will begin with a light meal and fellowship in the parish hall followed by the walk. Please come out and make a prayerful witness to the city.

Rite of Election



Today, the First Sunday of Lent, we will formally welcome into

The Elect: Mr. Robert Allen

Robert has been under instruction with Sr. Rita while deepening his relationship with Christ and the Church and will receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Welcome Robert!

Sacred Purpose—Sacred Space

A few months ago the Archdiocese, esp Bishop Madden's Office, approached Fr. Paul for St. Ambrose to take part in a special program offered to us by the archdiocese—**Sacred Spaces Workshop**. This program has a team of professional people who assist the parish in developing a



SACRED SPACES

Sacred Spaces Assessment. The process is simple. First over the next few weeks we reflect on our Sacred Purpose. We will reflect on our lives in faith and ministry: What am doing for the parish? Why am I doing this? How do I fulfil my ministry? And most importantly, for WHOM? JESUS! When we clarify the "Purpose" then we move to how can we make use of our "Space"—the church, convent, rectory, school in building the Kingdom, mandated by Jesus in the Gospels? How does our physical presence in the neighborhood help in building the kingdom?

After this process, with the help of the Sacred Spaces Team we move on to:

1. **Economic Halo Study**: How does the parish impact the neighborhood? We look at the parish in many ways to assess how we have and how we continue to have an impact on Park Heights.
2. **Community Asset Mapping**: This helps us look directly at how we effect the people in the community. What are the social services, community outreach and assistance do we give to the neighborhood?
3. **Discovery Study**: in this step they will conduct interviews with people in the neighborhood and see how we directly effect the people? What is the positive contribution of the parish being here in this neighborhood?

When we finish, we have a complete assessment of the parish and its effect on our parishioners and the neighborhood we have served for 113 years.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We have been approaching each ministry, but we invite the whole parish to take part in this process. We invite all those in the parish, especially those retired, and in ministry, and our Missionary Disciples, to take part in our first discussion on **Thursday, March 26th at 10am in the rectory**. Another meeting will be scheduled after Easter. We invite everyone to take part in this process and retreat. A good opportunity for us to reflect on our relationship with Christ through the eyes of our ministry. Please sign up at the info table to attend.

Chair lift in Rectory

Thanks to your generosity to our Embracing the Mission Campaign we were able to install the chair-lift from the main floor of the rectory to the lower level. Cost of the lift was \$13,265.00. Please if needed, please make us of the lift. Directions for use are posted and in the next few weeks, someone will be present to assist you until you are comfortable using the lift. Remotes are available for access when you are down and the lift is up. Well done, next the ramp for the front of the rectory.



MOTHER LANGE CORNER

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.



Mass Intention

Today the mass is offered for **Mr. Wouaffo Elio**, deceased father to our **Mrs. Augustine Dim**, who died in Cameroon on Dec. 23, 2019. Next Sunday the mass is offered for **Mrs. Sarah Gladden and Mr. Stevie Marris**, deceased mother and nephew of our **Mrs. Frances Gladden**. May they rest in peace!

Saint Ambrose Parish Fish Fry

Benson Blake we sponsor our next Fish Fry, Friday, Mar. 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.



Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display at the Blessed Mother's altar on Mother's Day, May 10th. Donation: \$3.00. If you would like to take the candle home, please take it after mass.

In Need of Healing Prayer



Derek Bakon, Karen Brown-Berkley, Phyllis Butler, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Maureen Crowley, 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, Aleash Stokes, Gloria Tate, Jean Thomas, Arthur Swint, Stephen Swint, Brenda Williams and Rachel Williams.

Last week's Offering: \$5,050.00

Embracing Our Future Campaign Update:

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

Total Amount of Gifts Received: \$262,758.71

Current Balance: \$73,609.61