

Fifth Sunday Easter May 2nd, 2021

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Acts 9: 26-31

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!" **R.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him. **R.**

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. **R.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. **R.**

Reading II: 1 John 3: 18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

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Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,

so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Archbishop William E. Lori Responds to the Verdict of the Derek Chauvin Trial

The just verdict reached in the Derek Chauvin trial should lead to more than a sigh of relief. On the contrary, it should spur us on in the peaceful but persistent struggle for racial justice, for genuine police reform, and towards the creation of peaceful cities and neighborhoods. As citizens, we must insist on the elimination of all forms of racism in our societal structures. Let us take personal responsibility in overcoming racism, prejudice, and other injustices. Let us also unite in praying for George Floyd, his family and all victims of racial violence and in praying for peace and calm in our communities





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 envelop and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on **Mother's Day, May 9th. Donation: \$3.00.** Ministers of Hospitality have envelopes. Simply email Barbara with your names at brown@saintambrose.com. Gift and Blessing for all mothers gathered here for the Day

Faith Formation Corner

Registration for 2021/22 faith formation program has commenced. Please enroll your children for our program. Registration is open for First Communion and religious education PROGRAM. We accept kindergarten, first grade and above, you can obtain the form at the parish office or email Sr. Stella at srstella@saintambrose.com or call 443-934-9244. Please be reminded that our sacrament programs are two year programs. Children must be in formation for the two years prior to receiving the sacrament.



Sacrament of Matrimony

With joy we announce the marriage of **Hugh Privette & Camille Brown**
Saturday, May 15, 2021
St. Ambrose Church

May God Bless them with many Happy Years!

4pm Mass Intentions

May 2, Mr. James Wilder & Mr. Jonathan Wilder, deceased husband and son to Mrs. Yvonne Wilder, deceased father and brother to Mrs. Damia James.
May 9th, Mrs. Edith Camp-Queen, deceased daughter to our Mrs. Fannie Harris.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

Easter Season Concerts

Please join us as we continue to Easter Joy with song and instrument. Mr. Jay DeVaughn and our choir will host Easter Season Concerts on **Saturday, May 1, 15, & 22 at 5pm.** Mark your calendars and join in the praise! Happy Easter!



Graduate Recognition

If you are graduating from a school, college, university or degree program please send the info to Barbara at bbrown@saintambrose.com or 410-367-9918 or write it out and drop it in collection and we will recognize you in the bulletin. All grads will be recognized with a special blessing at mass on Sunday, June 13th.

Resurrection Garden Dedication

Set your calendar for next Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day, for the dedication of our Resurrection Garden of Hope in front of the rectory. The dedication/blessing will happen after mass.

Tithe Update:

Electronic Collection for month of March: \$6,983.00
Last week in church: \$3,925.00
Continuing Mission: \$250.00

Mary Adderly, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Veral Jackson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Alice Manns, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Rhonda Rumbra, Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas and Alice Zaborowski.



Parish Communication



We remind everyone in these days to please communicate with Barbara in the office for your various needs. Mass intentions, envelop issues, schedules or any other regular parish business, Please contact Barbara, many call Fr. Paul for things that Barbara can easily take care of quickly. Thank you!

First Communion Sunday

On Sunday, May 16th, four of our young people will receive the Lord for the First time in Holy Communion. They are:

**Sarah Attenoukon
Imani Attenoukon
Nedra Greenidge**

Jasmine Hardy

Please keep them in prayer during this joyful anticipation.

