

11th Sunday Ordinary Time June 13th, 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 Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its top-most branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high

the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 92

Response:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. R.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. R.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong. R.

Reading II: 2 Cor. 5: 6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

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

R. Alleluia. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said,

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,

or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it

springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

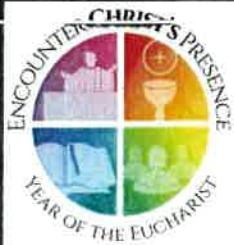
With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

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

June is the month of the Sacred Heart





Year of the Eucharist

Archbishop Lori has designated Sunday, June 6th, 2021 until June 19th, 2022 as the **Year of the Eucharist**.

Archbishop Lori's desire is for the faithful of Baltimore to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist in a time when many have been removed from receiving the Sacrament regularly.

Ways to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist here at St. Ambrose:

- Monthly Holy Hours throughout the year on the third Sunday of each month at the same time.
- Each month a Eucharistic Minister will give a brief reflection on what their ministry means to them.
- Adult Education Sessions on the Meaning and Theology of Eucharist.
- Later in the year a pilgrimage to The Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
 - June, 2021, a Concert in Honor of the Eucharist.
 - Even more activities are being planned by the liturgy committee.



Please check out the archdiocesan website for more info and materials:

www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-eucharist

Archbishop Lori Lift Dispensation

I hope you saw the letter in last week's bulletin from Archbishop Lori lifting the dispensation from Catholic from attending mass during the pandemic beginning **June 26/27th**. Archbishop Lori feels the time has come for all Catholic of the Archdiocese to return to in-person worship. I encourage everyone who is vaccinated and healthy to consider returning to us, if you are not, or for whatever reason in good conscience cannot—then remain home. Please continue to watch the mass online. **We are maintaining our safety protocol to make everyone feel safe and will continue the mask requirement, rsvp for mass and social distancing while in the church.** Thank you!



Mary Adderly, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Fr. Bill Graham, OFM Cap., Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, 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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

June 13th, Ms. Stephanie K. Augins, on the 9th Anniversary of her passing, at the request of aunts Mrs. Shelley Tyler & Faye Augins. 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

Our Graduates:

Camille Noelle Smith, Univ. of MD, Bachelors Degree in Kinesiology & Bachelors in Psychology.
Deneen Walker, CCBC, Associate Degree



Sanai Jackson, George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology High School
Brielle Singley, Kindergarten, St. Agnes School
Elijah Reed, Catonsville Co-op Preschool
Congratulations to all our Graduates!



Happy Father's Day

Next Sunday, June 20th is Father's Day weekend, a special blessing for all the Father, Godfathers, grandfathers, etc. at masses. Please invite the men in the family to come and join us!

You are Invited

You are cordially invited to the Liturgy of the Eucharist & Rite of Perpetual Profession of **Sr. Stella Ogonnia Kanu, OSP & Sr. Mary Ngina, OSP** on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11am at Mt. Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227. As you are aware, Sister Stella directs our Religious Education program here at St. Ambrose. We will celebrate with Sr. Stella and her family members and friends, here at St. Ambrose on Sunday, August, 15th, The Feast of the Assumption. We thank God for Sister responding to the Lord's call and saying, YES!!



Juneteenth Celebration

St. John Lutheran, 4403 Pimlico Rd. invites us to join them for their Juneteenth celebration, Saturday, June 19th, 11am to 3pm. Our own Ms. Tierra Stone will present the Spoken Word. All are welcome!



Faith Formation Corner

Registration for Religious Education has commenced. Please contact Sister Stella at srstella@saintambrose.com or 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.

Last week's in pew tithes: \$3,355.00