

Sept. 26, 2021
26th Sunday Ordinary Time

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 Numbers 11: 25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, "

Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake?"

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"
The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19

Response: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. R.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. R.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults! R.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin. R.



Second Reading II : James 5: 1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

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Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mark:

At that time, John said to Jesus, out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.



For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose

his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

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



Year of the Eucharist

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

Check out the archdiocesan website for more info:

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

Holy Hour for Peace in our World

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

As part of our Year of the Eucharist celebration, we have asked our Eucharistic Ministers to reflect on their ministry.

This week Mrs. Michelle Barnes-Woodfolk shares her reflection on her ministry as a Eucharistic Minister:



Why do you serve the parish as a Eucharistic Minister?

"St. Ambrose Catholic Church has been my church home for 58 years and has nurtured me and my entire family. It holds a special place in my religious life spiritually. Serving is my way of giving a part of myself as a living sacrifice to my Lord and Savior. It also shows what I can and will do in the life of God's children so serving at St. Ambrose is what I love to do!"

What spiritual benefit do you receive from the ministry?

Satisfaction in knowing I can help! I show on earth what God can do and has done spiritually. The Holy Eucharist has provided me with strength in times I had none and to this day I continue to just TRUST. I haven't been able to receive so frequently because of transportation issues but I pray always that God will make a way and bring me closer to him.

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles." Pier Gorgio Frassati



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Fred Buchanan, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Linda Davis, 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, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Rhonda Rumbra, Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine and Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Alease Stokes, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas and Alice Zaborowski.

Transitus of St. Francis



The Capuchin Franciscan Friars of St. Ambrose Friary invite you to celebrate the Passing of our Holy Father, **Saint Francis of Assisi.**

Sunday Evening, October 3rd, 2021

Saint Ambrose Church, 6:30pm

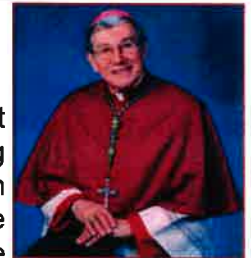
Refreshments will follow!

Pulpit exchange for the Feast of St. Francis.

Next Sunday, October 3rd, Fr. Paul will visit the Dominican Church of Sts. Philip and James to preach and Fr. Francis Jordan will preach here at St. Ambrose.

Farewell to Bishop Dennis Madden

We received word this past week that Bishop Denis Madden is stepping down after ten years as our Urban Vicar. Bishop Madden is a close friend to Fr. Paul and the St. Ambrose Family. He always loves to visit and be with us for various celebrations. He will be replaced by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski as our Urban Vicar. Bishop Madden will remain in the Archdiocese in a few other ministries. Thank you Bishop Madden for your ten years of service to the people of Baltimore City. We have a thank you card in the back of church for all of us to sign to Thank Bishop Madden for his service to us.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sept. 26th, Mr. Brian Christopher Pope, On the 17th anniversary of his passing, request by his beloved mother, Mrs. Barbra Swann.

Oct. 3rd, Mr. George Perry, deceased husband to our Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry on the 18th anniversary of his passing.

Mr. Anatole Tolo, deceased father to our Mrs. Colette Attenoukon, on the 4th anniversary of his passing.

Mrs. Gertrude Lewis-Ashby, deceased mother to our Mrs. Paula Cullings.

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

Parish Leadership Team meeting today after the 10am mass in the St. Augustine Room.

Welcome to the St. Mary Seminarians

We welcome the following seminarians to a year of ministry here at St. Ambrose:

Rev. Mr. Julio Granados (Diocese of Worchester)

Eugene Mitte, 3rd year, (Diocese of Hamilton)

John Callahan, 1st year, (Diocese of Buffalo)

Take a moment to introduce yourself! Welcome!

An Earth Angel Tea Party with the Oblate Sisters

The Oblate Sisters and the Mother Lange Guild is hosting a Virtual Tea to benefit the Cause of Beatification and the operating budget of the Sisters. The virtual tea is set for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at 3pm on Facebook. Tickets are \$25, \$30 or \$35, everyone entered into a raffle. For more info call Mrs. Paula Cullings at 443-858-4646



St. Vincent de Paul Society Commissioning

Monday, Sept. 27th is the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Apostle of Charity. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded to continue the corporeal works of charity that the gospel challenges us with. Today, the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, here in the parish, will be re-commissioned at the 10am mass.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

October 17th is **National Catholic Daughters Day** so the members of the St. Ambrose Court will be recognized that day at mass. Mrs. Pert Toins-Banks, the regent, will speak to the community regarding the works of the CDA here in our parish.



Our Sympathy. . .

We express our sympathy to **Mrs. Christine Barnes** on the death of her brother, **Mr. Allen Noble**, may he rest in peace.!

Tithe Update Last week's Tithe: \$2,406.00
Continuing the Mission: \$823.00



All Souls Day Novena of Candles

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. This Feast asks us to remember all the souls of our beloved dead. Those who have gone on before us who have been profound witnesses to the Faith. The Feast will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 31st. We will remember those who have passed during the last year as well as all our deceased parishioners, family members and friends. If you would like someone to be remembered in the Novena of Candles and Masses, please make use of the envelopes on the info table. Please give the name of the person you want us to remember and a candle will be prepared. Donation **\$3.00**. One name per envelope please. May they rest in peace! Please ask the Ministers of Hospitality for envelopes or email Barbara at bbrown@saintambrose.com One name per envelop.

We remember those who passed during the last year:

Wanda Allison
Robert Bruce
Barry Jenifer
Veral Jackson
Errol Gomez

Thursday, November 25th is Thanksgiving Day.

NOTE: Mass offered at 9:30am

We invite you to bring a bottle of wine and/or a loaf of bread or your favorite dinner rolls to be blessed. You in turn can take them back home to share at your Thanksgiving table.

The collection that day will go to support the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Join US to give Thanks!



Quotes from the Saints on the Eucharist:

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

- *St. Angela of Foligno*

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

- *St. Augustine*

"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."

- *from the writings of St. Augustine, Sermon 3, 2; circa A.D. 410 {original translation}*

"O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloe to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive."

- *St. Ephraem*

"When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food."

- *St. Francis de Sales*

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

- *St. Francis de Sales*