

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

Christmas Caroling

We invite everyone, especially our children and youth, to join us for Christmas Caroling through the streets around our parish. Saturday, evening, **Dec. 18th from 5 to 7 pm.** We gather in the rectory for prayer and go around the neighborhood singing and inviting everyone to join us for Christmas. It is always fun spreading some Christmas Joy. Missionary Disciples especially welcome or gain credits for Missionary Discipleship Program!



Catholic Daughters Winter Gear for Kids

St. Ambrose CDA is hosting a winter clothing drive to help students at Park Heights Academy Elem/Middle School (formerly Edgecombe Circle Elementary) Please help us by donating new hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs to this cause. Donations are now being accepted and will continue until December 12th. Please place your items in the boxes located in the back of the church Thank you for your support.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ambrose Parish is collecting items for the

Apostleship of the Sea (Seafarers),
the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**
and **Women Veterans.**

The seafarers are in need of:
socks, gloves, hats, playing cards,
men's deodorant, soap, toiletries,
disposable razors, nail clippers,

mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, address books,
scotch tape, travel size games, reading material and
nonperishable candy. Religious items as well: rosaries,
medals, prayer cards.

For the **Oblate Sisters of Providence** please purchase
a \$10 or more gift card for Walmart, Rite Aid or Giant.

For **Women Veterans** please purchase toiletries. Drop
them in the basket at the back of church by
December 19, 2021



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Christmas Season at St. Ambrose

Mass for Christmas Eve,
Friday, Dec. 24th, 7pm
(NO Mass on Christmas Day)

Sunday, Dec. 26th, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family, Blessing for all Families
present, 10am

Mass for New Year's Eve

Friday, Dec. 31st: 7pm
(NO Mass on New Year's Day)

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, Mass at 10am

Please join us!

All celebration live streamed and on our website:
www.saintambrose.com

Available Parking in our School Yard

St. Nicholas Visits St. Ambrose

St. Nicholas will visit the parish **Sunday, Dec. 5th** at the 10am mass. St. Nicholas will gather the children for a special blessing. He brings a small gift for each child and in turn asks them to make a donation to the **Chrysalis House** for their Christmas activities. Please invite the children of the family to attend.



Special Collection for Retired Religious

The collection to benefit retired and infirm religious is scheduled for Dec. 5th. Envelopes are in your packets. The Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Oblate Sisters of Providence and School Sisters of Notre Dame benefit greatly from this collection. So please be as generous as you always are.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, Dec. 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States. This feast is also a day of obligation for all Catholics. Mass will be celebrated at 9am in the church. Please come and join us!

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Nov. 28th, Sister Philomena Chizea, OSP.

Dec. 5th, Mr. Leonard Cole, on the 2nd anniversary of his passing. Requested by the Cole, Nelson, Wouldridge & James Families. 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

Year of the Eucharist

Year of the Eucharist end June 19, 2022.

Check out the 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, December 19, 2021 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

"Advent and the Eucharist"

Explore the many connections between the themes of Advent and the Belief we hold in the Eucharist.

Sister Therese Marie Dougherty, SSND

Sunday, December 5th, 2021

After the 10am mass in the St. Augustine Room
Please sign up at Info Table ASAP —Light Refreshments served

Check out the Archdiocesan Site: www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-eucharist

Adult Education Sessions

"Holiday Safety"

Saturday, December 11th, 2021, &
Monday, December 13th, 2021

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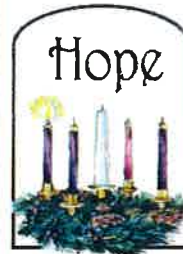


Gather in St. Augustine Room with Sr. Marie Seton, 11:30am for light refreshments then class at noon til 1pm.

Please sign up at the info table in the back of church or call Barbara (410) 367-9918 to reserve a space, space is limited to 25 people per session

Advent Begins

We celebrate this season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we await the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ! !



Each Sunday at mass a quest speaker will be present to speak on one of the various themes of the **Advent Season: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. After the reflection we join Jay and the Choir in singing and giving praise.

Our Speakers: November 28th,

Mrs. Barbra Swann will reflect with us on HOPE!

December. 5th: Ms. Imani Attenoukon, Youth of the parish, will reflect with us on PEACE!

Dec. 12th, Sister Annette Beecham, OSP, will reflect with us on JOY!

Dec. 19rd, Mrs. Norma Townsend will reflect with us on LOVE!



Thursday, December 30th, 6:30pm

Our Saint Ambrose Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jay DeV Vaughn.

Come continue the Christmas spirit and enjoy an evening of Song!



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New Missals

A limited number of new missals have arrived and they are available for \$4.00 on the info table in the back of church. We will not be ordering any more than what we have. If you come late, check out Amazon or St. Jude Shop downtown.

Christmas Raffle—4 Chances to win!

Fr. Paul's Mom, Alice, was at work again and made a crocheted Afghan Blanket to raffle here in the parish. It will be part of the three prizes offered in the Christmas Raffle. 1st Prize: Afghan Blanket. 2nd Prize: Christmas basket and Third Prize; Nativity Figurine. Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Drawing, Sunday, Dec. 26nd after the 10am mass.



Tithe Update:

10/31/21: \$4,651.00 All Souls: \$85.00

Seminarian Collection: \$85.00 Continuing the Mission: \$36.54

11/7/21: \$4,610.00 Continuing the Mission: \$1,825.00

Thanksgiving: \$100.00

SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



Opening Hymn: *Soon and Very Soon!*

Soon and Very Soon!

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

2 No more crying there, We are going to see the King, No more crying there, We are going to see the King. No more crying there, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King. # 3: No more Dying there.

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE 1ST CANDLE--HOPE

We ask you to bless this wreath, may it be a source of light and hope. With its light, we ask, O God, that you bless the community surrounding our parish. Bring its light to those in the darkness of addiction, gang activity, violence and abuse. May its eternal light fill the hearts of those who have lost their lives on our streets and give hope and peace to those still mourning. May it bring justice where justice is needed. We pray for the conversion of heart for all who choose death over life.

Give us, O God, the Depth of Soul to constrain our might, to resist temptation and to understand that vengeance begets violence and that we stand for PEACE--NOT VIOLENCE wherever we go. For you, O God, have been merciful to Us! For you, O God, have been patient with Us! For you, O God, have been gracious to Us! And so may we be merciful, and patient, and gracious, and trusting, and be true instruments of Your Peace. We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus! AMEN!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." The Word of the Lord. . . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm (25) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day. R.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. R.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction. R.

Second Reading: 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. The Word of the Lord. . . .

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." The Gospel of the Lord. .

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts and preparation of the Altar



Hymn: "There's a Bright Side Somewhere" Margaret Jenkins

Well there's a bright side somewhere, there's a bright side somewhere

Don't you rest until you find it. There's a bright side somewhere.

When your way seems dark and drear; don't have to worry cause God is near. If in your heart there in no song, just keep the faith and keep holding on. Turn you plate, fast and pray. Jesus will always make a way. There's a bright side somewhere.

Communion: "I Don't mind waiting"

Juanita Bynum

You, know, sometimes in life, situations are going to occur where you may look to the left or the right and you can't find any answers and you can't find anybody to help you but I'm reminded of the Word that says they that wait upon the Lord, He shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint. Come on. You've got to learn how to wait.

I don't mind waiting. I don't mind waiting. I don't mind waiting, on You Lord.
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Reflection after Communion: Mrs. Barbra Swann on HOPE

Recessional: We depart in silence and reverence for the season. . . .