

## Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 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 5:30 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. Donations of new hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs are being collected til next Sunday. 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 collecting the following items: **Apostleship of the Sea, 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

### Calling All Angels!

Fr. Paul is asking for all our children to assist with the procession of the Baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve mass at 7pm. If you would like to help, please sign up at the info table.



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, Allan Noble, 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.



### 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**

**Saturday, Jan. 1st, (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](http://www.saintambrose.com)  
Available Parking in our School Yard

### Special Collection for Retired Religious

The collection to benefit retired and infirm religious is scheduled for Dec. 12th. 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

This 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!



### Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 9am, Sr. Mary Louise Brien, SSND

Dec. 12th, Mrs. Angelina Daniel, deceased mother to our Ms. Denise Daniel, on the 15th anniversary of her passing.

Dec. 19th, Mr. George Augins, Deceased father to our Faye Augins and Shelley Tyler, on the 6th Anniversary of her passing.

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

### Weekly Bulletin

We are averaging close to 120-160 people a week in-person at mass. The past few weeks we have had large numbers of bulletins untaken. This is an expense for the parish. Beginning this week we will post all the inserts and the program on our website for your convenience. You may use your phone to access all the needed readings, programs and announcements.

## 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](http://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**

**Today, 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](http://www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-eucharist)



**Thursday, December 30th, 6:30pm**

**Our Saint Ambrose Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jay DeVaughn.**

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

### **New Mass Book for 2022**

The new mass intention book for 2022 has arrived. Being that we have only one mass a week, Fr. Paul ask that we limit ourselves to 2 or 3 intentions for the year. This will allow everyone to have a chance to remember a loved one at the mass.

#### **Tithe Update:**

11/14/21: \$3,299.00 11/21/21: \$2,527.00

Thanksgiving: \$265.00

Continuing the Mission: \$285.00

## Adult Education Sessions

### "Holiday Safety"

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

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*Holiday  
Safety*

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.

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

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

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

### **New Missals**

A limited number of new missals have arrived and they are available on the info table for \$4.00

### **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. 26st after the 10am mass.



### **Christmas Greeting and Calendar**

With the cost of postage and the uncertainty of the postal system, Fr. Paul is asking all members to stop at the tables in the rear of church to pick up this year's Christmas greeting card and your new calendar for the year. Simply stop at the table and pick it up. The postage will cost us close to \$900.00 this year so this will help a great deal. Thank you!

*Happy  
New Year*  
**2022**

# SAINT AMBROSE PARISH



## **Opening Hymn: I got Peace flowing Like a River**

I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul I've got joy like a fountain I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got peace, love and joy like a river I've got peace, love and joy like a river I've got  
peace, love and joy like a river in my soul I've got peace, love and joy like a river

I've got peace, love and joy like a river I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul

## **PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE 2ND CANDLE— MAY WE BE FILLED WITH THE GIFT OF PEACE!**

**Loving God, We are your humble servants, We come before you today in need of PEACE.**

**There are times when we feel helpless. There are times when we feel weak.**

**So we pray for hope. We need hope for a better future. We need hope for a better life.**

**We hope for love and kindness.**

**Some say that the sky is at its darkest just before the light.**

**We pray that this is true, for all seems dark.**

**We need your light, Lord, in every way. We pray as we light the second candle that we be filled with your light from head to toe. May we live in the Light of your Glory to know that all is right in the world; as you have planned, and as you want it to be.**

**Help us to walk in your light, and live our lives in PEACE until you return. In your name. We pray, Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 40, 1-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. R.



Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. R.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. R.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire.

But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

**Alleluia, alleluia:** Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Gospel: John 1: 1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: ***Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."***

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

**Homily:**

**Deacon Rubio**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Preparation of the Gifts: "It is well with my Soul! Greg Nelson**

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well, with my soul It is well With my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Communion Hymn: "Peace Be Still" James Cleveland**

I don't want to be afraid, Every time I face the waves, I don't want to be afraid, I don't want to be afraid, I don't want to fear the storm Just because I hear it roar, I don't want to fear the storm, I don't want to fear the storm

**Reflection on PEACE given by Imani Attenoukon**

**Recessional: We depart in silence and peace. . . .**