

## 4rd Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

### *Liturgy of the Word*

#### **First Reading     I Samuel 13: 3-16**

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm     Psalm 23**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### **Second Reading:     Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." **The Word of the Lord. . Thanks be to God!**

#### **Gospel     John 9: 1-41**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had

seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight

until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said,

"He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes.

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

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



## 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 8th.** **Donation: \$3.00.** Envelopes on info table or call or simply email Barbara with your names at: [bbrown@saintambrose.com](mailto:bbrown@saintambrose.com). Or call 410-367-9918

## Weekly Mass Intentions

March 27th, Mr. Archie Stith on his birthday, requested by his beloved wife, Mrs. Augustine Stith.  
April 3rd, Mrs. Theresa Borig, on the 4th anniversary of her passing, requested by good friend, Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.  
April 10th, Mrs. Joyce Ann Roberts, deceased sister to our Myra Clinton, on the 10th 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

## Parish Leadership Team

The Team will today, March 27th after mass in the St. Augustine Room of the rectory.

## Last Week's Tithe

Sunday: \$4,260.00

Continuing the Mission: \$25.00 Collected to date: \$26,841.00

## Attention All Parents/Guardians

If you were not present the past few weeks please take the time to read the letter on the info table from Fr. Paul concerning our Religious Education program for our children in grades K-5. Fr. Paul is asking parents to: 1. register their children for Religious Ed ASAP, please fill out the form and drop in the basket at the info table. 2. All parishioners to consider being CATECHISTS (Religious teachers). If willing to help instruct our children, please fill out a form and indicate your desire. Thank you!



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Linda Davis, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Melissa Ringgold-Benson, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Sherria Waters, William young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.

## Lent at St. Ambrose

### Stations of the Cross to End Racism:

ZOOM on Fridays at Noon

Meeting ID: 845 9514 6476 Passcode: 005442

### Bible Study for Men and Women

**Women's Bible Study**, Wednesday, 7:30p,pm, ZOOM

Meeting ID: 837 6566 1019 Password: 123456

**Men's Bible Study**: Thursday, 7:30pm, ZOOM

Meeting ID: 837 6566 1019, Password: 654321

### Lenten Prayer Reflection Group

In need of some prayer to strengthen your day. Join the prayer chain.

(Monday to Friday):

Morning Prayer: 8:30AM to 9AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 959 9617

Dial in: 301-715-8592

Evening Prayer: 8:30PM to 9:15PM

Zoom ID: 892 4928 6283

Dial in number same as above

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation after mass today.

Come back with all your heart!



### Holy Week Schedule:

**Monday, April 11th, Tenebrae, 7:30pm**

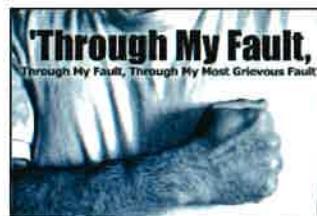
**Holy Thursday, April 14th, 7pm**

**Good Friday, April 15th, 3pm**

**Holy Saturday— NO VIGIL**

**Easter Sunday, 10am**

We are blessed on Easter to have our Urban Vicar, Bishop Bruce Lewandowski as our presider and preacher.



## The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*[All strike their breast thrice]*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen!