

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130

Response:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans: 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

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Gospel John 11: 1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him.



So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. **The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Confiteor (I Confess)

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; 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!

Adult Education Session with Sr. Seton

The next session with Sr. Seton is set for Monday, March 27th at noon in the rectory. The topic: Nutrition. Please sign up at the info table is you plan on attending.

Happy Retirement
Thank you
Mrs. Barbara Brown
18 years of dedicated
and heart-felt service



Mass Intentions

March 26th, Ms. Denise Brooks, on her birthday, requested by her mother, Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.

April 2nd, Mrs. Deborah Young asks us to remember her family members: Leanna Pinkley, Margaret Allen, Alfred Pope, Howard Pope and Alfred Rogers. God rest her soul.

Masses in the Friary Chapel:

Mrs. Sharon Jones— requested by Mr. Clinton Jiggetts was offered Mar. 13th by Fr. Ignatius

Mrs. Ella Thornton at the request of Mr. Vernon Thornton, was offered Mar. 15th by Fr. Patrick

Next week two masses will be offered for Mr. Kenneth Tate at the request of his beloved wife, Mrs. Gloria Tate.

If you would like the friars to remember one of your intention at daily mass please use the envelopes on the info table and drop in the collection basket.

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

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 envelope 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 Trina at: 410-367-9918

A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Paul: Even though we could not bring Geraldine Smith back to St. Ambrose for her funeral service, we all recognized how much she loved her church and congregation. At her sickest moments she would speak of you and the Church.

Geraldine had a beautiful service. The proclamation read by Enoch Attenoukon was very meaningful. Thank you. Keep us in prayer because we all miss her warm spirit. May God bless you and St. Ambrose. The Family, Carol Holt & Family. (Geraldine's sister)



Tithe Update

3/12/23: Reg: \$3,745.00 Continuing Mission: \$480
Utilities: \$10.00 Catholic Relief: \$225.00



Holy Hour for Vocations

The next Holy Hour will be Sunday, March 30th, 2023 from 8:45 to 9:45am in the church. The hour will end with Rosary at 9:30am followed by benediction.

Parish Lenten Prayer Reflection

Monday to Friday until Easter, 8:30pm. Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 889 5970 1865 Passcode: 123456 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 305 224 1968 US Meeting ID: 889 5970 1865 Passcode: 123456

Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023

We will begin at Edgecomb Circle with the Blessing of Palm with Rev. Karen Mercer and the Faith Community of the Holy Nativity



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3rd, Tenebrae, 7:45pm

Holy Thursday, April 6th, 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 7th, 3pm

Holy Saturday— NO VIGIL

Easter Sunday, 10am

Bishop Lewandowski will visit on
Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 to
celebrate the Sacrament of

Confirmation on:

Cia Allen Shaniya Buruss
Rhrianna Blake Mariah Hardy
Darius Martin



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Tonya Crowder, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, Frances Gladden,

JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Jack Livers, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Rhonda Rumbra, Ronald Schnurr, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, William Young, Sr., and Alice Zaborowski.