

Pentecost Sunday

Saint Ambrose Parish

Welcome!



Opening Hymn: "Sing til the Power of the Lord Comes Down"

CHORUS- Sing 'til the power of the Lord comes down! Sing 'til the power of the Lord comes down! Lift up your hands! Don't be afraid! Lift up your hands! Don't be afraid! Sing 'til the power of the Lord comes down! **VERSE 1-** Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see. **VERSE 2-** Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Twas Grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Gloria: St. Ambrose Gospel Choir

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 (Proclaimed in Ibo by Mrs. Ann Azike)



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." The Word of the Lord. . .

Psalm Response: (Psalm 104) Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures. R.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. R.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. R.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13 (Proclaimed in French by Sarah Attenoukon)

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. . .



Easter Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill!
Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 Followed by the Homily: Deacon Rubio

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT



Pastor:

In Baptism and Confirmation you have put on JESUS CHRIST. You have been anointed and sealed with the HOLY SPIRIT, Who, with the FATHER and JESUS makes His abode within you.

Pastor: Do you COMMIT/RE-COMMIT YOURSELF to nourishing this life bestowed on you through feeding on the Eucharist and on GOD's Word, through dealing with the sin in your life and through relationships within the community of faith?
Community: I DO.

Pastor: The FRUITS of the HOLY SPIRIT are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Do you BELIEVE the HOLY SPIRIT is at work developing His fruit in your life? **Community:** I DO.

Pastor: The HOLY SPIRIT's gifts include: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord; Gifts of serving, exhorting, giving, administering, mercy; Prophecy, healing, miraculous powers, distinguishing of spirits; speaking with human tongues and angelic as well, having interpretation and the gift of faith to move mountains. The role of apostles, prophets, missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers and for some, celibacy and even martyrdom. So, do you SET YOUR HEART on these gifts and services, that you and your brothers and sisters will administer WITH LOVE for the building up of the body of CHRIST and the evangelization of the world?

Community: I DO.

Pastor: Do you SEEK EAGERLY after love, that you might bring to your sphere of influence: glad tidings to the poor, release to the captive, recovery to the blind?

Community: I DO.

Community Together: We ask for the strengthening of the HOLY SPIRIT that we would: follow where the SPIRIT leads, speak as the SPIRIT prompts, love with GOD's own love, HOLY SPIRIT, we believe You will complete the work You have begun in us. AMEN

Commissioning of Missionary Disciples

Fr. Paul Calls the following parishioners forward to be commissioned as Missionary Disciples and to receive their Missionary Disciple Pin:

Serge Attenoukon, Edwige Attenoukon, Imani Attenoukon, Sarah Attenoukon, Kaye Disch, Sherma Augustine, Jewel Gibbs, Louise Manning, Almeda Proctor and Regina Garrison.

Liturgy of the Eucharist



Offertory Hymn:

"In The Sanctuary"

CHORUS (2x): We lift our hands in the sanctuary. We lift our hands to give you the glory. We lift our hands to give you praise, and we will praise you for the rest of our days. Yes! We will praise you for the rest of our days. **BRIDGE:** Jesus, we give you the praise. Emmanuel, we lift up your name. Heavenly father. Coming Messiah. And we will praise you for the rest of our days. Yes! We will praise you for the rest of our days. **TAG:** Yes! Yes, Lord, for the rest of our days. **END:** And we will praise you for the rest of our days.

Communion Hymn:

"Praise Is What I Do"

Verse 1- Praise is what I do when I want to be close to you. I lift my hands in praise. Praise is who I am. I will praise him while I can. I'll bless him at all times. **Verse 2-** Praise is what I do even when I'm going through, I've learned to worship you and know my circumstance doesn't even stand a chance. My praise outweighs the bad. **CHORUS-** I vow to praise you through the good and the bad. I'll praise you whether happy or sad. I'll praise you in all that I go through because praise is what I do 'cause I owe it all to you. **TAG-** Praise is what I do! It's what I do!

Communion Meditation:

"You Are My Everything"

Closing Hymn: "The Holy Ghost"

Soloist: It was early one morning, just about the break of day. Jesus touched me and He washed my sins away. I started running. I started shouting. I found no time to doubt Him. **CHOIR:** I've got nothing but the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost. **CHORUS:** Holy Ghost saved me. Holy Ghost set me free. Holy Ghost changed my doubt. Holy Ghost brought me out. I've got nothing but the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost. **TAG (Repeat as directed):** The Holy Ghost moving down in my soul. **TAG 2:** Moving. **END:** The Holy Ghost.



A Word of Thanks. . .

Mrs. Ann Azike, Ms. Imani Attenoukon, Flagbearers, Parish Liturgy Committee & Parish Liturgical Ministers, Mrs. Paula Cullings, Mr. Jay DeVaghn, Director of Music, St. Ambrose Gospel Choir along with Tim, Nate & Gregory on instruments & St. Ambrose Dance Ministry

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. JUNE 11th, 2023

To celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood (Corpus Christi) we have planned a few events to celebrate the day:

1. **Holy Hour for Peace in our City and World at 8:45am to 9:45am** with Rosary at 9:30am

2. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament after mass through the neighborhood. Weather permitting we will process out the front doors, then over Sumter, right on Pimlico, right on Wylie and right on Park Heights Ave. With all the violence in our city, all the death, drugs and violence we need to bring Jesus to the STREETS!

If not able to walk, please remain in church in prayer until the procession returns.



Mass Intentions

May 28, Mrs. Valerie Cole-James, on the 3rd anniversary of her passing, at the request of the James, Cole and Nelson Families.

June 4, Mrs. Theresa Bayless, on her birthday, requested by her beloved daughter, Mrs. Norma Brooks-Perry.

June 11: Ms. Stephanie K. Augins, on the 11th anniversary of her passing at the request of her beloved aunts Ms. Faye Augins & Mrs. Shelley Augins-Tyler.

June 18: Mr. George Burris, on the 24th anniversary of his passing at the request of his beloved daughter, Mrs. Reva Stephens.

June 25: Mr. Vernon Thomas Thornton, on the 2nd anniversary of his passing at the request of his beloved father, Mr. Vernon Thornton and his sister, Ms. April Thornton.

Friary Chapel: 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

Juneteenth Celebration

African Descent Lutheran Association & Delaware Maryland Synod Chapter celebrates Juneteenth at People's Community Lutheran Church, 6200 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21239, Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10AM—2PM. Griot, **Sproken Word by our own Ms. Tierra Stone, All are Welcome!**



116th Anniversary of our Parish

On Friday, June 30th our beloved Saint Ambrose Parish will celebrate its 116th birthday. To celebrate special prayers will be offered on Sunday, July 2nd for the spiritual and corporeal well being of the parish.

Happy Birthday St. Ambrose Parish!

Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all those graduating from any school or program in a special way next Sunday, June 4th at mass. If you or someone in the family is graduating please sign them and their information at the info table to be recognized in the bulletin. The Catholic Daughters has a special gift for all the graduates present that day!



Our Graduates:

Esther Reed, Catonsville Co-op Preschool
Matthew Jones, Essex Elementary School
Mallanie Jones, Stemmers Run Middle School
Armonie Loudon, Lilly Mac Charter School MS
Elijah Lashley, Pikesville MS
Charlie Rae Erdman, Green Cove Spring Middle School
Amour Rouhlic-Swift, Southwest Academy, MS
Darius Martin, Tunbridge Public Charter MS
Schuvai McCarthy, Middle School
Tyler Kerr, Indian Creek HS Breyona Hicks, HS
Kyler Townsend, George Mason Univ. Masters Degree

Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day weekend, we will offer a special blessing for all the Father, Godfathers, grandfathers, etc. at mass. Please invite the men in the family to come and join us!



Faith Formation Corner

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you an adult 18years and up, if you have never been baptized, made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation please stop at the info table and take a brochure explaining the program and fill it out and give to Fr. Paul or one of our deacons and we will be in touch. Sister Rita will begin the next classes in September and will run to next Easter when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated. Accept the Challenge!



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, Linelle Russell, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Corey Williams, Charles Williams, Inez Yarborough, William Young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.



Seek the City Summary:

The power of listening continues through the launch of the Seek the City online and paper survey is complete and your voice and participation were vital! The survey was done here at St. Ambrose in march and Fr. Paul wrote a brief summary of your responses to send to the Archdiocese:

Here are some of the comments made at our Listening Sessions on March 4th and 18th:

What type of church? Christ centered, lots of ministries, live the Mission Statement, we stay with something until we get it done. We have very dedicated pastor, deacons and staff. Lay leadership in the parish is excellent.

Another person said, Church needs to be open and willing to change, mental health issues in city, Drugs, guns. Not judging people who are different in sexual orientation.

Racial indifference and many have left the church for racial reasons as well as clergy sexual abuse.

We are committed to our Catholic Faith and Traditions but we also respect the different worship style.

We continue to support our church financially, St. Ambrose physical plan is in very good shape because of the commitment of our pastor and the generosity of the people.

What type of church do I want?

Full of life and enthusiasm

Joyful and relates to TODAY.

Service oriented. . . Originality.

Our pastor, is a great person/leader. He brings his creativity and dedication to the proclamation of the Word and a total respect for the Eucharist. I have been to other parishes and the dedication doesn't seem to be the same.

What type of church do I need?

Hospitable Teaching Financially transparent
Community involvement and our Missionary Discipleship Program is flourishing.

One active and present in the community:

Ww have processions for Corpus Christi through the streets, palm Sunday.

Street evangelization for Christmas, Operation Faithlift, community day and mass on the grass, Free Flea Markets and giveaways, and more. We need to be in the community.

I hope this is helpful?

All in all, the meetings went very well. They were well received and the people openly shared. I was blessed with Deacon Rubio who was very familiar with group processing and listening skills.

Parish Leadership

The Parish Leadership team met last week so here is a summary of the discussion:

Opened with Prayer

- **Seek the City to Come**

Listening session Summary was sent
Parish Survey?

- **Parish Leadership Team:**

Each team member is responsible for each ministry and group in the parish. This team member will touch base with their group or ministry and report back to the Team. Attention will be given to fundraising and event planning.

- **Parish staffing issues:**

Trina Rawles was hired and adjusting well.
Barbara still helping.

Jay has resigned and replaced by Mr. Dietrick Goodwin? Karah Brown will serve as Youth Choir Director.

Rectory/church Cleaning still isn't settled.

Friary changes---Br. Connor will be a permanent resident.

Friary: Br. Connor Bannon will be coming to live at St. Ambrose and teach at St. Frances Academy.

Fr. Rigobel Answani will also be coming as a student studying and will reside at St. Ambrose.

This makes 5 friars in the Friary at St. Ambrose.

- **Finances/buildings:**

Regular Account amount

The parish will soon be switch from
Universal Giving to ZELL

Will be thinning the census soon and very soon.
Donation received Oakcrest: \$1,295.00

- **Need for Funeral celebrations to be renewed and formulated.**

Have everything set and one line to access?
Policy and procedures.

- **Lent/Easter evaluation**

How were the Holy Week celebrations?

Palm Sunday & Easter went well

Confirmation celebration went very well.

Pentecost coming.

- Capuchin Province of St. Augustine 150th celebration. Archbishop Lori invited by provincial to celebrate. Next year is 150th in the archdiocese in Cumberland.

- **Update of Missionary Discipleship**

- (Paula Cullings)

12 new MDs on Pentecost

Pentecost church Convention—May 20th, 2023. Deacon Robert White

Other issues?

Next Meeting: June 4, 2023