

**February 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

***Liturgy of the Word***

**First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-18**

God put Abraham to the test.

He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied.

Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command." The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25**

**Response:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. R.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. R.

My vows to the LORD I will paying the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34**

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

**Gospel:**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.



And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them

along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. The Gospel of the Lord. . . Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Mark 9: 2-10**

**Women's Day Planning Meeting**

The planning team for Women's Day will meet after mass today, Feb. 25th in the St. Augustine Room. Not too late to join in!

**Baptism Preparation Class**

Deacon Rubio will be conducting a Baptism Preparation class for all parents and Godparents on Sunday, March 17th at 8:30am in the rectory. If you have an infant or young child below the age of seven, please contact Deacon to register for the class. Parents and Godparents NEED TO ATTEND. At Least One Godparent MUST BE A WORSHIPING CATHOLIC, the other may be Catholic or of another Christian denomination. Please call Deacon Rubio at 410-207-8591 to register, Baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday, March 31st at the 10am mass.



**Black History Live Wax Museum**

The St. Ambrose Youth Ministry invite you to join us as we gather to honor the variety of praiseworthy achievements of black leaders, past and present at our live wax museum. Take time to meet and learn about distinguished individuals. Join us today Feb. 25th after mass.



## Weekly Mass Intentions

Feb. 25th: Mrs. Sarah Gladden on the 6th anniversary her loving children.

March 3th: Ms. Kim Young, deceased daughter to our Mrs. Deborah Young.

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

**Friary Mass Envelopes** available on the info table, If you would like have mass offered for a loved one in the friary chapel.

On Feb. 2, 2024 Fr. Patrick remembered Mrs. Geraldine Smith at the request of her friend, Mrs. Colette Attenoukon.

## Missionary Discipleship Program

Once again we will be offering our Missionary Discipleship Program for those desiring to deepen their relationship with Jesus and His call for Discipleship.

**Please stop at the MD table** at the back of church or call Paula Cullings at 443-858-4646

## In Sympathy. . . .

In your prayers please pray for the soul of **Mrs. Dorothy Spriggs** who passed rather suddenly last Sunday. Funeral will happen at a later date. May she rest in peace.

## 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 12th. Donation: \$3.00. Envelopes on info table or call Faye to give information.

## Tithe Update for 2/11/24

Regular: \$3,827.00 Utilities: \$125 Cont. Mission: \$305

## PLEASE READ! Seek the City Update

Over the next month the Archdiocese Seek the City Process is moving through the Parish Modeling Phase. Fr. Paul & Leadership Team members will be attending the next few meetings to help develop a new model for our City Church. Here is the process:

- Next Session #2:** Fri., March 8, Regional Model discussion to provide critical feedback in refining draft options. (Team Only) St. Mary's Seminary
- Session #3:** Fri., Mar. 22, Based on feedback, participants to review draft models for each region and then build consensus.
- Citywide 2024 Lenten Pilgrimage Journey - A time to gather, reflect and pray each Wed. during Lent. This is an open invitation to all who wish to participate.
  - Wed. Feb. 28, "Believing in the Eucharist", St. Bernardine Parish, 7pm to 8:30pm.
  - Wed. Mar. 6, "Living the Eucharist", Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 7pm to 8:30pm.
  - Wed., Mar. 13, "Hope in the Eucharist", Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 7pm to 8:30pm.

## Lent at Saint Ambrose

**Stations of the Cross** throughout Lent, Sundays at 9:30am in place of the rosary.

**Bible Study for Women** Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, 7PM on ZOOM, Meeting ID: 751 9795 7055 Password: 123456 or dial in: 301-715-8592

## Parish Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick

Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 24th, after the Revival.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

The Sacrament will be celebrated, Sunday, March 3rd & 17th after 10am mass in the confessional and Chapel in back of church.

## We celebrate our Elect:

Last Sunday at the Rite of Election our FIVE Candidates we accepted by Archbishop Lori for Full Communion at Easter:



Deitrick Goodwin  
Vanessa Lewis  
Hugh Privette  
Larry E. Veney, Sr.  
Patricia Veney

The First Scrutiny will be celebrated March 10th with the Presentation of the Creed and the 2nd Scrutiny of Presentation of the Lord's Prayer will occur on March 17th.

## Holy Week Schedule:

### Operation Faith Lift:

Saturday, 23rd, Street Evangelization, Noon to 2PM

**Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24th**, We join our brothers and sister from St. John Lutheran & Holy Nativity for Blessing on Palm at Park Heights Ave & Cold Spring Ln. 10:15AM

**Tenebrae Service, Monday, March 25th, 7:15PM**

**Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2024**

**Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet/Hands, 6:30PM.**

**Good Friday, Service, 3PM**

**Holy Saturday, No Vigil Mass.**

**Easter Sunday, Mass at 10AM.**

**Healing Prayer:** Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Jean Bennett, Parrish Boyd, Karen Brown-Berkley, Annie Bruce, Renee Bruce, Al Butler, Debbie Chase, Eric Cullings, Dale Dyson, Earlene Forrest, William Ford III, Eric Frazier, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Angela Johnson, Cornell (Nelson) Johnson, Josie Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Eric Manns, Sr., Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Charles Richardson Williams, Corey Richardson, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Veronica Spears, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Rosalie Watkins, William Young, Sr., Maxine Witherspoon, Eugene Zaborowski and Alice Zaborowski.

