

**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

***Liturgy of the Word***

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 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.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. R.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. R.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. R.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. R.

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

**R. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

**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, per-

turbed 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 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!

## Weekly Mass Intentions

March 17th, Mrs. Barbara Brown, beloved mother to our Mrs. Karen Brown-Berkley, on the 35th anniversary of her passing and her 85th birthday.

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.

## 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.



## Operation Faith Lift

**St. Anthony's Closet Free Flea Market & St. Vincent de Paul Free Produce Giveaway**  
**St. Ambrose Street Disciples**

We need folks to do some evangelization in the neighborhood and here on our property.

We invite you to join in any of these or all on Saturday, March 23rd, Noon to 2PM. Please sign up at the info table.

## Church Cleaning

Join us on **Saturday, March 30th**, Holy Saturday Morning for our annual **CHURCH CLEAN UP!**

Donuts & Coffee at 10:30am followed by the **BIG CLEAN AT 11am!** BYOB Bring your own bucket!

Sign up for all of these activities at the info table in the back of church.



## Time with the Pastor: Understanding the Real Presence of the Eucharist

Saturday, June 8th, 2024, 10am to noon,  
Sign up now!



## Change is Coming?

Last Friday, Fr. Paul & our Leadership Team members attended a new model meeting for our City Church. The meeting was intense but it seems St. Ambrose will survive but may be challenged to welcome others. The next stage in the process is a meeting to be held **Friday, Mar. 22th at Our Lady of Victory Parish, Wilkens Ave. when the draft models for each region will be revealed.** Prayer continues with the last Citywide Lenten Pilgrimage Journey on 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.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

The Sacrament will be celebrated today after 10am mass in the confessional and Chapel in back of church.

## We celebrate our Elect:

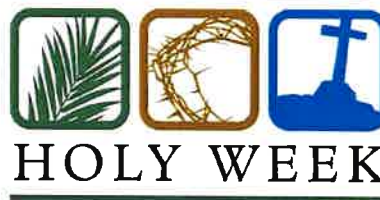
Our FIVE Candidates for Full Communion at Easter:



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

Today we celebrate the **Second Scrutiny of the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer.**

## Holy Week Schedule:



**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, March 29, 2024, Service, 3PM**  
**Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024, No Vigil Mass.**  
**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, Mass at 10AM.**

## Attention All Missionary Disciples Current and New!

Retreat with Fr. Paul, Saturday, May 18th, 10am to 11:30am here in Church. A time of renewal of our commitment and assisting the new members coming into the ministry. Sign up at the info table.



**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.