

Saint Ambrose Parish Mission

is to live and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our acts of love, kindness and hospitality.

MASSES:
Sunday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 6:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm



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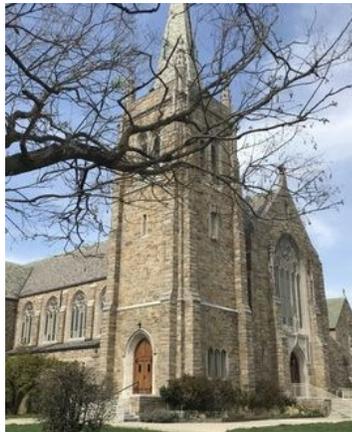
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04 January 2026



HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

On Christmas Eve one year ago, Pope Francis pushed open the holy doors of the Vatican Basilica, opening the worldwide church to a year of pilgrimage, faith, and mercy designed to remind us all of the great hope to which we are called.

On Tuesday this week Pope Leo will close those same doors, bringing this year of grace to an end. But God's mercies are never exhausted. They are renewed every day. EWTN is scheduled to broadcast the closing Mass from Saint Peter's Basilica live at 3:30 am.



24 December 2024 - 06 January 2026

MARY ELIZABETH LANGE DAY

When the Maryland legislature begins its next session on January 14th, an official hearing date will be assigned to consider legislation that would make February 3rd (the anniversary of Mother Lange's death) an official state holiday. It would be similar to Rosa Parks Day which was created by the Michigan

State Legislature in 1998 and has since spread to eight other states.

The holiday will honor this trailblazer in education, who led the way in educating Black children in Maryland from 1818.

House Delegate, Terri Hill, who received the Mother Mary Lange Leadership Award from the archdiocese in 2012, is leading the effort in the Maryland House of Delegates. Senator Mike McKay is doing the same in his chamber.

The public may offer written or oral testimony; such testimony should be a personal statement of what Mother Mary Lange means to you and why you believe a state holiday should exist to honor her. For more information contact Jennifer Johnson at jenniferelsiejohnson@hotmail.com.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Frances Gordon died peacefully at home on Saturday, December 27th. As this bulletin goes to print, the day and time of the funeral Mass and visitation have not been finalized; please watch your email for an announcement. If you do not receive notification of funerals in your email inbox, please notify the parish office. The Wylie Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

May Frances rejoice in being embraced in God's loving arms. Please hold her family close in your prayers.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

About 31 people participated in the Monday noon-time Advent reflections throughout Advent, which prompted some inquiry about beginning again an in-person weekly Bible Study in our parish. It wouldn't be a classroom type lecture or teaching; the idea is to have an open conversation about Scripture in a prayerful atmosphere, engaging the Bible as a privileged place where God speaks to us, as a community and as individuals.

If you're interested, you are welcome to help shape it and the topics to be discussed. Please fill out this form: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintambrose/forms/bible-study-survey>.

The form will be available until January 26th.



This week we return to the regular schedule of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Thursday Mass.

Every Thursday
Confessions: 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Mass: 6:00 pm

THE DUTIES OF HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME

Everyone around here works very hard to pay attention to newcomers to our church and to make them feel at home from their first step inside. We do that amazingly well. We regularly receive emails, notes and other expressions of gratitude for the hospitality our guests experience; they are touched by it. This past week we received one such card, the sentiments in it are in no way unique to this visitor, but the handmade card, complete with her own photography on the cover is.

Every once in a while, it is encouraging to know how greatly our efforts at being welcoming are appreciated. Well done, brothers and sisters. May we never stop.

The card is displayed on the Welcome table.





SPECIAL CARE FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS
"Well done, my good and faithful servant." -Mt

The first second collection of 2026 is next weekend and supports the retired priests of the archdiocese. The archdiocese provides a variety of services to the retired priests regarding ministry, residence, medical, and personal needs. Your gift will help care for these men who have devoted their lives to advancing the Church's mission. Thank you for honoring their commitment with your support. There is a link on the online giving page of our website.

PEACE WALK

Saint Bernadine Catholic Church with Historic Saint Peter Claver is hosting its 13th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Rev. Msgr. Edward Michael Miller Peace Walk, to be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, at 12:00 noon.

This annual tradition gathers community members, civic leaders, clergy, and neighbors from throughout the region for a prayer service, a walk dedicated to peace, justice, and unity and a community gathering with chili and refreshments afterwards. This year's event will feature Pulitzer Prize winner Taylor Branch as the guest speaker. He is recognized for his award-winning trilogy chronicling the life of Dr. King and the American Civil Rights Movement.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 01/04: Josephine Forte on the 10th anniversary of her passing, requested by Millie Jackman-Forte;
- 01/08: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/11: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/15: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/18: Theresa Pope on the 26th anniversary of her passing, requested by her daughter, Deborah Young;
- 01/22: the people of Saint Ambrose Church.

Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS TITHES AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The ability to make these contributions online was very late in being placed on our online giving page. If you have made, or are making, the transition to online giving, please notice that the ability to make special Christmas donations and to help pay for the Christmas flowers is now available. Your generosity is noticed and deeply appreciated.

Also this is the time of year when your extra contributions for heating the church are so helpful. Please visit our website or use the QR code below.

TITHES AND COLLECTIONS	
28 December 2025 — online contributions	\$1,268.20
28 December 2025 — envelope contributions	\$6,717.00
Sunday collection total	\$7,985.20
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	



Use this QR code to make a donation or to sign up for online giving.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor, a deacon, or a eucharistic minister, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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| Mary Adderly | Louis Cooper | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | George Warfield |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Renee Bruce | Eric Frazier | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Al Butler | Sarah Gamble | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |
| Debbie Chase | JoAnn Glenn | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate | |

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72: 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 10 - 13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.



SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.