

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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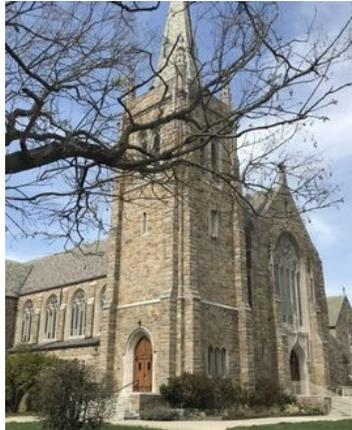
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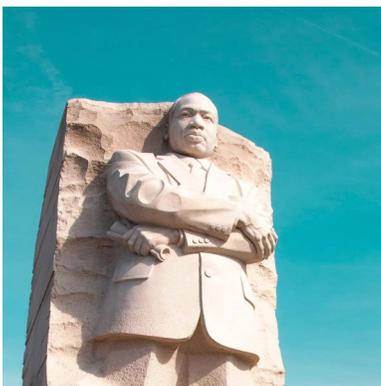
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 January 2026

PEACE WALK



Tomorrow at noon is the 13th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Rev. Msgr. Edward Michael Miller Peace Walk at Saint Bernardine Church at 3812 Edmondson Avenue.

This annual tradition includes a prayer service, a walk dedicated to peace, justice, and unity and a community gathering with chili and refreshments afterwards. Pulitzer Prize winner Taylor Branch is the guest speaker.



BBC FACE TO FACE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INTERVIEW

The newsletter of the National Black Catholic Congress recently offered a link to a 1961 interview of Dr. King. *BBC Face to Face* was a television interview program that ran in the United Kingdom from 1959 – 1962.

In the interview Martin Luther King talks about his childhood experiences and the incidents that led to the Montgomery bus boycott.

You can watch the 30 minute recording at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df4fycfda10>

February 1st is the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family. A prayer brochure and suggested activities will be available next weekend.

RECEIVE THEM AND PRESENT THEM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH



The funeral Mass for MRS. FRANCES GORDON will be celebrated on Thursday, January 29th at 10:30 am in church. The Vigil for the Deceased and visitation hours will be held from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Wylie Funeral Home on Liberty Road in Randallstown on Wednesday, January 28th.

GEORGE STANLEY WARFIELD, JR. (Arnetta's husband) passed away on New Year's Day. A memorial celebration will take place at Saint Veronica's Parish Hall (806 Cherry Hill Road) on Saturday the 24th from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Please come and share memories and support the family.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORD OF GOD

Plans for an in-person weekly Bible Study in our parish are in the works. If you're interested, you are invited 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.

VENERABLE MARY LANGE ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Oblate Sisters of Providence are commemorating the 144th anniversary of the death of Venerable Mary Lange. We are invited to join the sisters in prayer and celebration to continue to lift up the cause of canonization and to continue the work of Mother Mary Lange through their ministries.

*Saturday, January 31
2:00 pm*

*Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent
701 Gun Road*

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

If you need a statement of your contributions to the parish as you prepare your 2025 tax return, please leave your name and contact information on the list at the Welcome table or leave a message at the parish office. We will promptly prepare a statement for you, but only upon your request.



Each January the archdiocese comes alive with a shared purpose. Through the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, Catholics, from every corner of our state and beyond, unite to support more than 100 ministries that change lives, strengthen parishes, and serve our communities.

Last year, that generosity raised over \$7.7 million. From Catholic education and vocations to outreach for those most in need, the Annual Appeal helps ensure that our Church is present, active, and responsive.

INTRODUCING:

Lift Up Your Hearts, United in Hope and Service
the 2026 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries

Please take advantage of this opportunity to join a mission that extends far beyond any single parish, to make a real, lasting impact across our Catholic community, and to help ensure that hope, service, and faith continue to flourish.

January 25th is the announcement weekend when the appeal will be presented to us and we will be invited to consider making a pledge or gift. February 1st will be the in-pew giving day when we are asked to fill out the pledge envelope and commit to making the gift we have decided upon. Use this QR code to donate now:



To give by mail, checks made payable to *Annual Appeal* should be sent to:

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Department of Advancement
320 Cathedral Street 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

To make a gift by phone call 443-263-1912. At that same telephone number you can obtain information on how to make your gift of stock, cryptocurrency, IRA distribution or from a donor-advised fund.

PLEASE NOTE: *Your gift will be allocated only as you intend and never to cover legal costs incurred by the Archdiocese of Baltimore for any reason. Every gift, large and small, is a blessing for our Church and those we serve.*

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL BUILDING

St. Ambrose is planning an adaptive reuse of its former school building into a community resource facility. St. Ambrose requests support for a community engagement process and feasibility analysis to determine what uses in an adapted school building best serve Park Heights and pathways to funding and executing the project.

These two sentences introduced our parish’s request for a grant of \$45,000 from funds set aside to support and strengthen the Pimlico - Park Heights area beyond the rebuilding of a track for horse racing.

Since February last year the Parish Mission Council and the Finance Council have been actively discerning a plan to make the best use of our vacant school building. We recognize that we need some space for larger parish gatherings. We want to make space available to our neighborhood for the benefit of local residents and programs that may be of particular service in our area. To make sure we develop plans that respond to real needs, we plan to engage in a broad study with various stakeholders. In short, what does our neighborhood need? Is our school building a place from which that need can be addressed?

This week, the board overseeing the funds has recommended to the mayor’s office that we receive the funds we requested to pursue this feasibility study. Next Sunday, Mr. Patrick Jordan (who has been advising us) will meet with the Parish Mission Council, and we will be planning next steps which will include a parish-wide town hall meeting for any interested parishioner.

If you’re interested in other entities requesting funding, you can see the entire list of recommendations here:

<https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/FY27%20PCDA%20Recommendations%20Letter.pdf>

MASS INTENTIONS

- 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;
- 01/25: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 01/29: the people of Saint Ambrose Church;
- 02/01: Jean and Darrell Kotchka, requested by their daughters;
- 02/05: 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.

RETURN YOUR PALM



According to custom, the ashes we will use on Ash Wednesday are from the palm which was blessed last year on Passion Sunday. There is a basket at the front door of the church to collect palm branches that you received last year. Over the next few weeks, you may return that palm and it will be burned in preparation for use on Ash Wednesday next month.



TITHES AND COLLECTIONS

<i>11 January 2026 — online contributions</i>	\$1,787.90
<i>11 January 2026 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,722.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$4,509.90
<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 | Frances Gordon | Kimberly Merrill | Gloria Tate |
| E-Otree Allen | Linda Davis | Karen Gross | Brenda Richardson | Ernest Thames |
| Phillip Ashton | Kenneth Davis | Gloria B. Harris | Charles Richardson Williams | Jean Thomas |
| Kimberley Barnes-Ohanwe | Dante Davis | Angela Johnson | Corey Richardson | Kenneth Townsend, Sr. |
| Jean Bennett | Dale Dyson | Cornell (Nelson) Johnson | Carl & Bernice Shrieves | Tammy Vaughn |
| Parrish Boyd | Earlene Forrest | Josie Johnson | Danielle Singley | Rosalie Watkins |
| Karen Brown-Berkley | William Ford III | Joseph Jones | Bryan Smith | George Warfield |
| Renee Bruce | Eric Frazier | Sheila Leary-Smith | Daniel Smith Sr. | William Young, Sr. |
| Al Butler | Sarah Gamble | Ernest Livers | Archie Stith | Alice Zaborowski |
| Debbie Chase | JoAnn Glenn | Charles Manns, III | Rosalita Stone | |

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 3, 5 - 6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 40: 2, 4, 7 - 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

John 1: 29 - 34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

