

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor
 Rev. Christopher Hayes, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Stefan Starzynski, In Residence

September 30, 2018 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacramental Information

Baptism: First-time, expectant parents must attend a prior instruction on the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 12:00 pm Mass.

Matrimony: Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the parish Office for an appointment.

Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process by which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please contact Mrs. Laura Mead in the Office of Religious Education. 703-280-1122

Sick Calls: Contact the parish office to schedule visits to the sick or homebound, for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

Returning to the Church: If you are Catholic and returning to the sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the parish office or after Sunday Mass. We are happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

Parish Membership: Parish Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. **In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.** Please notify the office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the parish office or the vestibule of the Church.

Parish Office

3901 Woodburn Road
 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-280-4400
Website: www.stambroseva.org
E-mail Address:
dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

Office Hours:
 Mon. – Fri.: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary
 Laura Cameron, Receptionist

Religious Education
 Laura Mead 703-280-1122
lmead@stambroseva.org

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 Carla Yaglou 703-280-4400
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 Don Cotton 703-698-0374
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Parish School

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 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-698-7171
www.stambroseschool.org
E-mail Address:
info@stambroseschool.org

Principal:
 Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

Youth Ministry
 Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
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 Paul Moeller 703-280-4400
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Mass Schedule

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 pm, Saturday
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
Weekdays:
 Monday - Friday.....7:00 & 9:00 am
 Saturday 9:00 am
Holy Days:.....as announced

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 9:30 am & 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

After 9:00 am Saturday Mass

Adoration

Following 9:00 am Mass First Fridays until 3:30 pm **Benediction**

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Patricia Burke † Pat E. Sobun
Tuesday	October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels Harry & Sylvia Rosen † Pamela Greenleaf †
Wednesday	October 3: Weekday MaryJo Tomaselli † Bob Elder
Thursday	October 4: St. Francis of Assisi Bernie Nicewicz † Rita Frugoli †
Friday	October 5: Wkdy; USA; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Lucy Hawkins † The Carson Family
Saturday	October 6: Wkdy; St. Bruno, Priest, USA; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin, BVM Ray & Cecilia Thierry † Donald E. Carson †
Sunday	October 7: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Helmut Mueller Weisensee † People of the Parish Diana Lindahl

Parish Schedule of Events
CH- Church, PH-Parish Hall, PL-Parish Library, SCH-School

Monday	October 1 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL) 3:00pm Kolby's Kids (PL) 7:00pm RCIA Classes (PH) 6:30am RCIC Classes (PL)
Tuesday	October 2 9:45am Rosary Makers (PL) 2:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (PH)
Wednesday	October 3 10:00am Bible Study (PH) 7:00pm Bible Study (PL) 7:30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting (PH)
Thursday	October 4 <i>No Events Scheduled</i>
Friday	October 5—First Friday 9:30am-7:00pm Adoration and Benediction 10:30am Bible Group (PL) 6:00pm Knitting/Crochet Group (PL)
Saturday	October 6 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
Sunday	October 7

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, October 5. Please sign up throughout the week in the binder in the Church Vestibule. Adoration starts at 9:30am and Benediction will be at 7:00pm. You can also sign up online with SignUpGenius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba4aa2da13-first3>

The flowers by Our Lady of Fatima are in memory of Tony Stein.

Please Pray For Your Priests

October 1	Rev. Edward C. Hathaway
October 2	Rev. Christopher H. Hayes
October 3	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
October 4	Rev. John F. Heisler
October 5	Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick
October 6	Rev. James C. Hinkle
October 7	Rev. Stephen Holmes

**ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
1 PM TO 4 PM**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>

*October 6-7 is our Diaper Drive.
October 20-21 is our Food Collection.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Irene Anderson, Moises Avila, Suzanne Bercier, Nancy Blanco, Carole Boland, Elliott Bloxom, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Josephine Crosby, James & Joan Dooley, Conor Doyle, Rosie Ekshian, Michael Everard, Janet Gaydos, Natalie & Ed Habert, Helen Hargenrader, Mia Fernanda Hernandez, Amy Hobbs, Betty Hunt, Neil Keefe, Edwin Keitz, Frank Killelea, Robert Kolbys, James Robert Lewis, Stacey Lindholm, Vicki Lorenc, Jim Kenna, Audrey Martinez, Raymond Mele, La Davian Mills, Arvilla Moyers, Miguel and Julita Pascual, Charles Peck, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, John Rivoire, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Chase Schradder, Father Spsychala, Laura Sutherland, Father Tewes, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

Saint Ambrose Catholic School

Mission Statement

"Fostering a faith-filled and academically strong environment, Saint Ambrose Catholic School works with families and the faith community to encourage the formation of the whole child through the examples and teachings of Jesus Christ."



Most of our after school activities are now in session! We are delighted to be able to offer enrichment and clubs for all interests, from Chess Club, to Kolbe's Kids, from CYO sports to band and strings. We also offer drama, poetry, running club, etc.

We are always grateful for the help of our tuition angels. If you can spare a little – or a lot – to help give a child the gift of a Catholic education, we would be most grateful. You can find a tuition angel sponsor form at the following: <http://stambroseschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Tuition-Angel-sponsor-form2018.pdf>

I will be on retreat with the other principals in the diocese from Wednesday to Friday. Please be assured of my prayers for you while I am gone.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGAN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. HELP SAVE LIVES AND JOIN ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS OUTSIDE THE ABORTION FACILITY AT 900 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET IN FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA. ST. AMBROSE CHOSE OUR PEACEFUL PRAYER VIGIL TIME EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 1-3:00 P.M. STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 4TH. Call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280 for more information.

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DIAPER DRIVE. PLEASE PUT 'DIAPERS' ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST THIS WEEK!

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at www.stambroseva.org

It takes a Church...Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact Director of Youth Ministry: Therese Ryan cym@stambroseva.org



Walking humbly with our God...

***Please pray for our young Church who are:**

- Preparing to be Confirmed!
- Growing in holy friendships!
- Seeking TRUTH!
- Serving God and their neighbor at Weekend WorkCamp each month!
- Striving to live the Sacramental life!

This is...THE POWER of YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!

WeekendWorkCamp

Sat. Oct. 13th

Works of Mercy & donuts!

7th-12th graders 8:45-12:30pm Parish Hall

*****High School Youth Ministry*****

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!

Sunday September 30th – Gym night/ Dinner

Sunday October 7th- Pilgrimage/Dinner

*****JR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY*****

Jr High IGNITE- For all 7th & 8th graders! Starts October 2018

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL 9/17-5/20

***Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service*With Our Lady! (*Service Hours Opportunity)**

Religious Education



"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."

Religious Education News

Do you need a way to get involved in our parish? Then **consider becoming a religious education volunteer catechist or aide!** Catechists and aides are people who love their Catholic faith, can work with children, and are willing to dedicate a few hours each week to their faith formation.

We are currently in need of the following volunteer positions for the **2018-2019 Religious Education Calendar:**

Sunday (8:45 – 9:45)

- Catechists for Kindergarten
- Aides for K, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Hall Monitors

All volunteers **MUST** become **VIRTUS** compliant.

REGISTRATION for Religious Education.

Grades K-HS: Sunday 8:45am-9:45am

Grades 7-8: Monday 7pm-8pm

For information, please contact:
Lmead@stambroseva.org

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Join us for RCIA classes Monday evenings from 7pm-8pm in the Parish Hall

To inquire about the life, beliefs, and teachings of the Catholic Church or to register for RCIA you are invited to contact:

Laura Mead, Director of Religious Education
703-280-1122; Lmead@stambroseva.org



ACTS

The Spread of the Kingdom

JOIN US for the Study of the Book of Acts

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**
There will be two sessions :

- The morning session is 10 am—noon**
- The evening session is 7 pm—8:30 pm**

There are **20 sessions**, so the study will run until sometime in March.

If you are interested the preferred method of registration is by using the link below to order your binder of material. If you prefer, you may register with me. The cost is \$35.00.

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/30862/registrations/new>

Contact: **Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or**
Lmead@stambroseva.org

FORMED.org

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Discover the Incredible Story of Our Lady of Fatima! When the world was torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope. The film, *The 13th Day*, dramatizes the true story of the six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13.

Looking for an easy way to educate yourself and explore your faith? **Formed** is a website designed for you — movies, presentations, podcasts, audiobooks, etc. Sign up now! www.stambroseva.formed.org

Memorial Mass for the Deceased,
Saturday, November 3, 2018,
9 a.m.

Parishioners who have deceased family members and relatives between November 2017 and October 2018 are invited to attend the Memorial Mass and reception hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9 a.m. Invitations will be mailed by October 15, 2018 to families whose loss we are aware of. If you have lost a family member since November 2017, and would like to add a name or names of the deceased to the program, attend the Memorial Mass and reception or if you need more information about the Memorial Mass, please call **Cory Elder at 703-425-9857 or email cory.elder@verizon.net**. You can also call the **parish office at 703-280-4400** to add a name or names of your deceased family member. **Please respond by Tuesday, October 30, 2018.**

The Refiner's Fire

Being Purified With — and For — the Church

The 20th Annual Men's Day of Recollection in honor of Christ the King. Sponsored by the Women's Apostolate to Youth for the sake of Christ's little ones.

Rev. Paul D. Scalia

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9:15am—1:15pm

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church beginning in Parish Hall (located in the School) 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean

Contact Robin Maas at robinmaas@verizon.net. Or go to www.waywomen.com or send a check, payable to **WAY to Jennifer Lawler, 5464 Mersea Ct., Burke, VA 22015.**

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for

Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held **on Saturday, October 13, 2018.**

Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at **888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org**.

Please hold the date!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men's Retreat for all men of St. Ambrose, on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

The Retreat will begin with 9:00AM Mass, followed by a light breakfast, talks by Father Hayes, and ending with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 1-2 PM. Lunch will be provided. The Retreat is open to all men 18 years of age or older. Please plan to join us for prayer, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith and how to live that faith in our daily lives.

St. Ambrose Fall Wine Tasting. Please join us for "*Great Wine and Great Times*" at the St. Ambrose Fall Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the School Gym. Catch up with old friends and make new ones, learn more about the wines you enjoy, munch on hors d'oeuvres, and bring home a commemorative St. Ambrose wine glass! Come try your hand at blind tasting 10 wines, play fun trivia, vote for your favorite desserts, and win prizes.

Tickets are \$25 per person and \$45 per couple. Ticket sales will be after mass on September 29th-30th or you can send in checks to the school.

Support our Runners in Race for Seminar-

ian. St. Ambrose parishioners Jeff McCormack (Marine Corps Marathon) and Carol Petroski (Marine Corps 10K) will be running on October 28th to support the Seminarians of the Arlington Diocese. Please consider making a donation in their name to defray the cost of educating the seminarians in our diocese. We are blessed to have two St. Ambrose parishioners (Jeff Petroski and Ryan Switzer) who will greatly benefit from your contribution as well as other seminarians who may one day serve at St. Ambrose. Thanks for your consideration.

Use the following link to make a donation online: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/support/race-for-seminarians/>. Or make a check payable to Catholic Diocese of Arlington with a short note specifying you are pledging Jeff McCormack and/or Carol Petroski for the race on October 28th and mail to:

Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Race for Seminarians, PO Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116-1960

The 26TH International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am – 4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

The **Celebrant and Homilist** for the noon mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and **Colleen Willard**, a prolific speaker on life and healing and **Ted Flynn** author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers.

For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

The Paul Stefan Home Presents its 11th Annual Black-tie Optional Gala "I Can Only Imagine" on Saturday, November 10th, 2018 at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, Fairfax, VA Jackson memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033. Cocktail Hour is from 6:00pm–7:00pm, with Complementary Wine and Appetizers. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm. Auction, Raffle, DJ, and Dancing!!! To purchase tickets, select dinner, sponsor a table, or sponsor this event go to: www.paulstefanhome.org.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Ages 21 to 65-plus; most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call **Tricia at 301-460-9195.**

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED? The Coping Program helps people who are separated, divorced, or widowed who are still dealing with the trauma of that loss. The six week program starts Sunday, October 14 and meets Sunday evenings 6:00–8:00pm at St. Philip Catholic Church in Falls Church, Virginia. Please contact Gerri Ellenberger at **703-670-4845** for more information or go to <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

Invitation to Join!!!

Legion of Mary. Put your faith into action! Come be a visitation person! Visit our Legion of Mary meeting. Monday mornings at 9:45am in the Parish Library.

Rosary Makers meet the 1st Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 2, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Knitting Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 25, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) meet the 2nd Friday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting will be Friday, October 12, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

Bible Study Group meets every Friday from 10:30 to noon in the Parish Library. We discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading. No prior reading required—please drop in as your schedule permits. Leader is Vee Murray and email is bobveeM@aol.com.

Knitting/Crochet Group meets the first Friday of every month at **6:00pm** in the Parish Library. The next meeting will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018.

Divine Mercy Care's 2018 Blooms of Joy Gala The pro-life non-profit Divine Mercy Care will be holding its annual Gala on November 10th at 6pm at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. The Gala helps support DMC's mission to advance pro-life healthcare through programs that serve, inspire, and unify. DMC's primary program is support for Tepeyac OB/GYN, one of the largest private pro-life OB/GYNs in the nation. Gala tickets are \$150 for individuals before Oct 10th and \$175 starting Oct 11th. Table sponsorships start at \$2,000. Register or donate towards the event at divinemercycare.org/gala. If you can help by giving auction items like sports tickets or vacation homes, contact info@divinemercycare.org.

Future with Hope Women's Conference. For Catholic women 40+. October 12-13, 2018 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Learn more at www.futurewithhopewomen.com, email info@futurewithhopewomen.com, or call **703-863-3940.**

Calling all Bakers!

Put your aprons on and plug your mixers in.

Put your culinary skills to use and help defray costs at this year's Fall Wine Tasting!

PRIZES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS WILL BE AWARDED!

To sign up, please fill out the form below and submit it to the school no later than Thursday, October 4th.

If you can provide a dessert at this year's Fall Wine Tasting, please fill out this form and return it to the school office. Thank you!

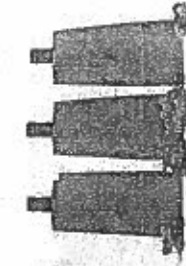
Name: _____

Dessert Name/Description: _____

Dessert contains _____ Nuts _____ Dairy _____ is Gluten free

Please join us for Great Wines &
Great Times at the

St. Ambrose School
FALL WINE TASTING



Saturday, October 13th

St. Ambrose School Gym

7:00 PM

\$25 per adult/ \$45 per couple

Catch up with old friends and make new ones, learn more about the wines you enjoy, munch on hors d'oeuvres, enjoy delicious homemade desserts and bring home a commemorative St. Ambrose wine glass!

Beer and soft drinks will also be served.

Reserve your tickets today using the attached reservation form!

**GREAT WINE GREAT TIMES
FALL WINE TASTING
RESERVATION FORM**



Saturday, October 13th
St. Ambrose School Gym
7:00 PM

\$25 per adult/ \$45 per couple



YES! Count me in!

Name/s: _____ Email: _____

of tickets: _____ Total: \$ _____

Enclose cash or check payable to St. Ambrose School and return to school office by Friday, 10/5