

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 1, 2018 –Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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 Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary
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Parish School

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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	April 2: Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:00am	Romeo Satsatin †
9:00am	Rita Frugoli †
Tuesday	April 3: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00am	Louise Kormos †
9:00am	Patrick Finnigan †
Wednesday	April 4: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00am	Donna Hores
9:00am	Charlene Miller †
Thursday	April 5: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
9:00am	Donald Carson †
Friday	April 6: Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:00am	John Kelly †
9:00am	Helena Mae Howard †
Saturday	April 7: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:00am	Eileen Theresa Boland Long †
5:00pm	Victor Senese †
Sunday	April 8: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
8:00 am	Harry Burke
10:00 am	David Frank †
12:00 Noon	People of the Parish

*April 7-8 is our next Diaper Drive.
April 21-22 is our next 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, Elliott Bloxom, Norinne Browning, Alfred J. Cammarata, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Josephine Crosby, James & Joan Dooley, Caroline Doyle, Conor Doyle, Rosie Ekshian, Natalie & Ed Habert, Helen Hargenrader, Mia Fernanda Hernandez, Amy Hobbs, Betty Hunt, Neil Keefe, Edwin Keitz, Frank Killelea, James Robert Lewis, Stacey Lindholm, Vicki Lorenc, Jim Kenna, Audrey Martinez, Raymond Mele, La Davian Mills, Arvilla Moyers, Miguel and Julita Pascual, Francine Proulx, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Spsychala, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

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

Monday	April 2
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
Tuesday	April 3
9:30am	Rosary Makers (PL)
Wednesday	April 4
<i>No planned events</i>	
Thursday	April 5
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	April 6—First Friday
9:30am-3:30pm	Adoration and Benediction (CH)
10:30pm	Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	April 7
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	April 8
8:45am	Religious Ed. HS (PL)

Friday, April 6th is First Friday. Please consider spending time with our Lord in adoration. The sign-up book is in the back of the church.

Please Pray For Your Priests

April 2	Rev. John D. Kelly
April 3	Rev. Michael J. R. Kelly
April 4	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
April 5	Rev. Anthony J. Killian
April 6	Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann
April 7	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi
April 8	Very Rev. Stanley J. Krempa

✠ *Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Mark A. Pilon who was Pastor of St. Ambrose from 1990 to 2000.* ✠

Enternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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."



We are wrapping up our Design for Excellence re-accreditation process. This will be complete with a visit from a group of educators from April 10-13. Please keep us in your prayers.

Registration is continuing. Please help spread the word about our excellent Blue Ribbon school. We will be on Spring Break from Holy Thursday, 11:30am through Sunday, April 8.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of St. Ambrose School, may I wish you a peaceful and happy Easter season, filled with all the blessings that come from the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

The Diaper Drive for the month of April will be on April 7th and 8th. Thank you in advance from Borrmeo Housing who says that St. Ambrose parishioners are most generous with our continued donations of diapers. Please bring your diapers so we can fill up the Pack N Play for the moms and babies in need. As you plan your week, remember to put diapers on your shopping list!

Tens of millions of lives in this nation have been directly touched by abortion. If a friend, family member or co-worker shares a previous abortion experience, and seems to need help:

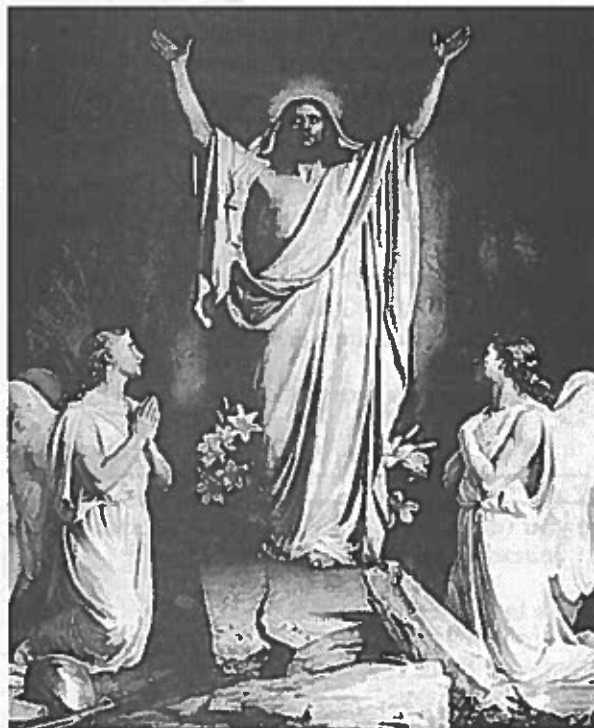
- 1: assure them of God's unconditional love
- 2: encourage them to seek healing and peace
- 3: Explain that the Church's Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing can help and refer them to www.HopeAfterAbortion.com.

April 11: Memorial Mass for the unborn at St. Mark Catholic Church, 7:30pm. This Mass is to allow family members to grieve for their unborn children lost either through miscarriage or abortion.

April 21: Respect Life Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 9:00am.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all activities below contact: **Therese Ryan** cym@stambroseva.org



HE IS RISEN!

Walking humbly with our God...

- * Please pray for our young Church who are:
- Preparing their hearts for heaven!
- Seeking holy friendships and serving others!
- Preparing for their WorkCamp mission trip!
- Witnessing to their friends, families, schools and communities!

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

WeekendWorkCamp – Sat. April 14th

All 7th-12th graders Service & Discipleship hours! 8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

2018 DIOCESAN WORKCAMP

The greatest, toughest, most amazing week of your life!!! June 23rd-29th.2018!

Contact us at: SAstakeholder@gmail.com

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

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

Sunday April 1st- NO God Squad Happy Easter!

Sunday April 8th- Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 15th- 33 Days to Morning Glory

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

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

Next meeting Saturday April 28th Kayaking?

***Save the Date! BASH-April 21st!!!!

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

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL

*Fun*Friendship*Service*

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Religious Education Calendar for February



"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."

We are in need of Substitutes. If you feel God is calling you to share faith with His Children please contact Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or Lmead@stambroseva.org.

Religious Education News

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?

All who are interested in discovering the Catholic faith are invited to join us in the RCIA classes on Monday evenings from 7pm-8pm. The classes are lead by Father Fisher and Father Hayes.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process through which the Church welcomes new adult members. It is a journey that involves conversion of the heart and formation into discipleship. Come join others in learning about the Catholic Faith and discern if this is the path that God is calling you to be on.

These classes are for anyone who is of a different faith tradition as well as for people who were baptized Catholic and are interested in deepening their understanding of the faith. Please contact Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or Lmead@stambroseva.org.

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.

Jesus, Mary, and a Cup o'Joe . Please join us on Sunday mornings in the School cafeteria from 8:45 am until 9:45 am.

- We will meet every Sunday and follow the Religious Education calendar.
- No registration required.
- We are currently discussing the Catholic Church through the ages.
- A perfect place to ask questions about your faith and meet new people.

Contact Lori Prendergast at loripren@yahoo.com or Laura Mead at Lmead@stambroseva.org with questions.

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DIVINE MERCY

Experience the Power of God's Mercy



Join Father Michael Gaitley on a breathtaking journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the prophetic apparitions of Fatima, and the world-changing witnesses of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. Paul II.

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

Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges.

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds diocesan Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you made a pledge that is still being paid, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements. You also may go online to make a payment at www.arlingtondiocese.org. For questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.



Jesus I Trust in You

***DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 8, 2018
3:00 TO 4:00 PM***

Saint Ambrose parish will host a Special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8, 2018 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the Church.

- **Exposition and Benediction**
- **A reflection on Divine Mercy**
- **Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- **Veneration of the Image**
- **Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Confessions WILL NOT be offered at this time. Please avail yourself of the many opportunities to go to confession during Holy Week.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena to The Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, March 30th. Please pick up a white pamphlet at the back of the Church. It includes prayers for each of the nine days. Join us for this beautiful devotion!

“As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!”

Misericordia, 13 Bl. John Paul II

Celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was declared by Pope John Paul II following the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska in the Jubilee year 2000^{AD}.

A very special day of prayer and celebration, Divine Mercy Sunday offers us the opportunity for extra-ordinary and unlimited graces.

To receive the special graces of mercy that day, the following are required:

- Place complete trust in God’s mercy
- Repent of all your sins and go to confession on or 20 before/after Divine Mercy Sunday
- Celebrate God’s mercy by attending Mass on the Sunday after Easter and receive communion in the state of grace
- Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others by actions, words, or prayers
- Recite the Chaplet

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April 1, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Our Savior's triumph fill your hearts with peace, joy and hope this sacred day and always!

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus manifests His saving victory over the powers of sin and death. This sacred event filled the Apostles with new life and grace, which gave them hope after experiencing grave fear at His crucifixion. In turn, the Apostles spread the message of this wondrous mystery so that others might experience the freedom of His saving grace and joy and consolation in His promise of eternal life.

As disciples of Jesus, we are renewed once more in the hope that Christ's triumph brings to us. He reminds us of the new life of grace that we have received, which no darkness or despair can overcome. He assures us that all sufferings united to His will lead to glory and that not even death can defeat us. May we spread this Good News by our commitment to the faithful and consistent living of our faith and the compassion we extend to others, especially those most in need.

I pray that you and your families will be filled with God's abundant blessings during this sacred Season of Easter and always. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, may you live in the newness of life that we share in Our Risen Lord, now and forever.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington