



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

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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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 9: The Annunciation of the Lord
7:00am	Betty Drazenovich †
9:00am	Cora Jones †
Tuesday	April 10: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Guiliani & Gemma Families †
9:00am	Cora Jones †
Wednesday	April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
7:00am	Corey Echard †
9:00am	Cora Jones †
Thursday	April 12: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Keith E. Weide †
9:00am	Carson Family
Friday	April 13: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Gordon & Tablet Families †
9:00am	Thelma Chita Joseph
Saturday	April 14: Easter Weekday
9:00am	Eileen Theresa Boland Long †
5:00pm	Dr. Juan J. (Pepe) Blanco †
Sunday	April 15: Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Ann Dau †
10:00 am	People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Col. Richard Mulhern †

This weekend, April 7-8, is our Diaper Drive. 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, 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, Charles Peck, Francine Proulx, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Spychala, 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 9
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA Mystagogy (PH)
Tuesday	April 10
Wednesday	April 11
Thursday	April 12
7:00pm	Lightworks (PH)
Friday	April 13
9:30am	WSA Coffee after Mass (PH)
Saturday	April 14
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	April 15
8:45am	Religious Ed. HS (PL)

Please Pray For Your Priests

April 9	Rev. John D. Kelly
April 10	Rev. Michael J. R. Kelly
April 11	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
April 12	Rev. Anthony J. Killian
April 13	Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann
April 14	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi
April 15	Very Rev. Stanley J. Krempa

The St. Ambrose Spring Food Drive will be April 14-15. This weekend the Knights of Columbus will be handing out Blue Bags for the food collection. There is a List of Non-Perishable Food Items in the Bulletin this weekend.

Feast of Divine Mercy

The message of Divine Mercy is not just about our devotion to God—it is about His love for us!

“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy...On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.”

- Diary of St. Faustina, 699



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.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Memorial Mass for the Unborn at St. Mark Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181 on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:30pm. There will be a mass to celebrate all unborn lives lost for any reason; miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. This event is about love and healing. Anyone who has experienced the heartache of losing a child in the womb, or who wishes to remember an unborn child, is invited to come join us for a special Memorial Mass. Participants are encouraged to bring a flower for each child being remembered. The flowers will be gathered during the offertory and placed after Mass at the Monument to the Unborn. For more information contact: Maureen Barrett at mbarrett25@gmail.com.

Respect Life Mass with Bishop Burbidge immediately followed by a rosary at the Falls Church Abortion facility will be held on Saturday, April 21. Mass begins at 9:00am at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. **Please save the date and plan to attend.**

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

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



HE IS RISEN!

Walking humbly with our God...

- * Praise God for all those who were Baptized and Confirmed and received their 1st Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil! You are in our prayers as you continue this beautiful journey!
- * God bless all those who served during the Holy Week Liturgies! It was beautiful!
- * 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!

Weekend WorkCamp – 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 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!*****

Jr High BASH-April 21st

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**
Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL
th*Fun*Friendship*Service*

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Liturgical services and celebrations during Holy Week. What a beautiful way to prepare for Easter!

Women of St. Ambrose. Please join the Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) on **Friday, April 13**, after the 9am Mass for food and fellowship along with their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Men's Spiritual Retreat. Come strengthen your faith with a morning of talks by our Pastor, the Very Revered Andrew J. Fisher. **WHEN: Saturday, April 14, 2018** beginning with the 9am Mass. Light breakfast and lunch served at conclusion. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 8403. **All men are welcome**, please come and bring a friend! See the information in this week's bulletin.



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

Men's Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, April 14, beginning with 9AM Mass

Retreat Leader

Very Reverend Andrew J Fisher

Pastor, Saint Ambrose Parish

Open to all men - bring a friend

Morning Refreshments and Lunch provided

St. Ambrose Parish, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA

Organized by St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council 8403

Please direct questions to michaelcoss09@gmail.com



St Ambrose Spring Food Drive

April 14 - 15

The St. Lucy Project

“Feeding the Hungry, Nourishing the Soul”

Please note: We cannot accept glass items

List of Non-Perishable Food Items:

Priority Items: Cooking Oil, Jelly, Juice

Canned Meat: chicken, ham, beef

Canned Tuna

Beef Stew

Canned Pasta

Soup

Canned Fruit

Peanut Butter

Cereal, Oatmeal

Canned vegetables, tomatoes

Crackers (peanut butter, cheese, etc.)

Shelf Stable Boxed Milk

Bottled Water

Baking Items: Bisquick, Flour, shortening

Monetary Gifts are also accepted. Please make checks payable to CCDA with The St. Lucy Project in the memo. Gift cards from Giant, WalMart, and Aldi's are welcome as well.



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