



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor
 Rev. Christopher Hayes, Parochial Vicar

May 12, 2019 – Fourth 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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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 7:00 pm **Benediction**

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	May 13: Wkdy: Our Lady of Fatima 7:00am Hayes Family 9:00am Pilar Soto Kotwicki †
Tuesday	May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle 7:00am Elizabeth Foglietta † 9:00am John D. Washington †
Wednesday	May 15: Wkdy; USA: St. Isidore 7:00am Suzanne Scott † 9:00am Denise Phelan †
Thursday	May 16: Weekday 7:00am Father Andrew Fisher 9:00am Janet O'Hagan Bushman †
Friday	May 17: Weekday 7:00am Rose L. Pascale & Frank L. Pascale † 9:00am Glatts Family
Saturday	May 18: Wkdy; St. John I, Pope & Martyr 9:00am Father Stefan Starzynski 5:00pm Vigil Mindy Fracauer †
Sunday	May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Yen Ngoc Trieu † 12:00Noon Slavoy & Ivana Trost †

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

Monday	May 13 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL) 3:00am Kolby's Kids (PL)
Tuesday	May 14 No events scheduled
Wednesday	May 15 10:00am Bible Study (PH) 7:00pm Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	May 16 7:00pm Lightworks (PL)
Friday	May 17 10:30am Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	May 18 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH) 9:30am/3-4pm Confessions (CH)
Sunday	May 19

Please Pray For Your Priests

May 13	Rev. David L. Martin
May 14	Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Ret.)
May 15	Rev. Brian B. McAllister
May 16	Rev. Stephen F. McGraw
May 17	Rev. Martin McGuill (Ret.)
May 18	Rev. John H. Melmer
May 19	Rev. Francisco Mendez De Dios (Ret.)

May 18-19 is our Food Collection.
June 1-2 is our Diaper Drive.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Irene Anderson, Baby John Baxter, Nancy Blanco, David Carothers, Josephine Crosby, Conor Doyle, Michael Everard, Greg Farrell, Therese Fruet, Robert Koldys, Robert McGarrigle, Lewis Rhodes, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Fr. Edwin Tewes

May is the Month of Mary

"Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother.' Our Lady is always near her Son. The Magi are not received by a king on a high throne, but by a child in the arms of his mother. Let us ask the Mother of God, who is our mother, to prepare for us the way that leads to the fullness of love... Her sweet heart knows the surest path for finding Christ."
—St Josemaria Escriva,
*"The Epiphany of Our Lord"*CPB



A Mother's Prayer

O loving Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were given all the graces of motherhood. You also are powerful in praying for mothers who seek your help. Pray for me now, that I may be the kind of mother you want me to be, and the kind of daughter you want me to be. Mother Mary, keep my mind focused on the love of your Son, in whose name we both pray. Amen.
(Courtesy of Project Gabriel, the Gabriel Prayer Book)

God bless all mothers on this Mother's Day

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 had a busy week this week! While we continue with Scantron online testing, we had a few exciting events. On Tuesday our 6th graders went on a field trip to NASA. A good – and informative – time was had. On Thursday we celebrated the Bard himself, with our annual Shakespeare performance by the 8th graders. This was followed by dinner for the faculty and families. This year they performed "A Winter's Tale," ably directed by our Middle School Language Arts/Literature teacher, Mrs. Alexis Greshock. Saturday was a special day as we celebrated the First Communion of school and parish second graders. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. On behalf of all at St. Ambrose School, we wish all mothers and mother figures in our community a very happy and blessed Mothers' Day.

Life is a sacred gift



PRO LIFE CORNER

Mothers Day Novena (May 4–12)

God of tender love and life,
You compared your love for humanity
To the love a mother has for her own child.

You are the Lord and Giver of Life,
And you knit each of us together
In our mother's womb.

You provide for the world
The example of Mary, your own mother,
Who said yes to life amid her confusion and surprise.

We thank you, then, for our mothers.
Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God.
They are your gift to us.

We pray for all mothers today.
May they realize the greatness of their vocation
And have the strength to live it without fear.
Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.

To those who still make this earthly journey with us,
Give us the grace to love them as we should;
And to those whom you have called from this life,
Give a special place of honor in your Kingdom of endless life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Hour is the second Tuesday of the month and is at St. Leo the Great. Please call 703-273-5369 for information.
If you are interested in joining the Pro Life Ministry please contact Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.

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



*****WORKCAMP*****

June 1st & 2nd DONATIONS WEEKEND
Att: WC '19 Crew members: Help needed after all Masses! See e-mail for Sign-up! Questions?
Contact Mr. Stoss SAstakeholder@gmail.com

Walking humbly with our God...
- Please pray for our young Church who are bravely engaging a culture who does not know God. May their witness to the Gospel by joyful and uncompromising!
- Thank you to all the prayer warriors who keep our young Church among their intentions!
- God bless the Kolbe's Kids who are learning how to ponder the mysteries of the Rosary with our Lady!
- God bless our WorkCamp Crew who are preparing their hearts for their summer 2019 mission trip! This is THE POWER ...
of YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!

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

***FRIDAYS-7am Mass and 1st Friday Breakfast!
God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
Sunday May 12th – Happy Mother's Day!
NO God Squad tonight!
Sunday May 19th – LAST OFFICIAL GOD SQUAD of this school year!!!!-Sr. Honoring and Volunteer Appreciation night!

*****Junior High Youth Ministry*****

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**
Mondays 3:15-4:45 pm PHL Ends: Mon. 5/20
***Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service* With Our Lady!**

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.

All volunteers MUST become VIRTUS compliant. REGISTRATION for Religious Education.

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

Grade 7: Monday 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

Providing Meals for participants in Jobs for Life Course at Lamb Center April 4-May 30.

As in the past, we are going to be providing meals for the participants in the Jobs for Life 9 week course at the Lamb Center. Dinner before each class helps build community among the participants.

We are asked to provide a healthy meal for 15-20 people. Food should be brought to the Lamb Center at 6pm. Then, we will need a couple of people to stay to set up, serve and clean up until about 7:30 pm. Here is a link to the Sign up Genius in order to volunteer for a manageable part of this outreach ministry.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba4a2da13-meals1>

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Father Gaitley makes the Divine Mercy message present in our lives and our times in 10 days of reflections starting Divine Mercy Sunday! Sign up now to renew your heart through love and mercy.

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Book Club

A Community to
Inspire Spiritual
Growth



Looking for a community in which you can learn and grow spiritually? Introducing FORMED Book Club, an online community for learning and discussion about exciting Catholic books.

For more information about the Book Club visit FORMED.org and search Book Club.

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

Diocesan WorkCamp 2019

June 1st & 2nd DONATIONS WEEK-END Thank you for your continued support of our Diocesan Work-Camp Mission Trip!



See email for Sign-up! Questions? Contact Mr. Andy Stoss SAstakeholder@gmail.com
*****We have St. Ambrose' WorkCamp Crew T-shirts for sale!!! Come see us after all Masses June 1st and 2nd!**

DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS' SECOND

COLLECTION! There will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend of May 18 & 19. This collection aids in caring for our retired priests who have served our diocese so faithfully over the years. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 23 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

May 12, 2019 is the 56th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which was instituted by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The entire Church, including lay people, are charged with the work of fostering priestly and religious vocations. Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God's call in their lives. Show your commitment to praying for vocations by enrolling at invisiblemonastery.com or joining the St. Therese Society through the Diocese: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/> If you just type **St. Therese Society of Arlington**, you may join for free online and receive a pocket size brochure of names for which to pray who are currently discerning a religious vocation. The brochure comes every four months and a name is there for each day. Once you have joined, the Office of Vocations will send this to you for free and there is no need to re-register.

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen



On Sunday, May 19, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the School Gym after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. We will use this occasion to recognize the St Ambrose Young Man of the Year, Young Woman of the Year, Family of the Year, and Knight of the year. We will also be recognizing the youth of the parish who are winners in the Soccer and Free Through Tournaments. Please plan to attend.

Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families! Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!

Mike McAleer from Liturgical Publications, St. Ambrose's new bulletin company, will be in our office the week of May 13, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin, as well as converting existing advertisers to the new format. We need your help. Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Mike before his visit at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to mmcaleer@4lpi.com.

Congratulations to our priests who celebrate the anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood during May and June!

On Monday, May 16,
 Father Fisher will celebrate 21 years of priesthood.

On Friday, June 8,
 Father Hayes will celebrate 6 years of priesthood.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care for many years to come.
 We are thankful for your service to our parish and the Church!

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Listening Session on Racism. Join us for a Listening Session on Racism, a diocesan response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts; the Enduring Call to Love." Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism) host the listening session. The event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Burke Hall, Arlington, Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is very limited and RSVPs are required on or before Friday, May 17. Please email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org to RSVP.

Ordination Events - Come Pray for Our Future Priests. The ordination of men to the priesthood and diaconate are beautiful and inspiring events for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the transitional diaconate for seminarians Peter McShurley, Joe Moschetto and Charles Pavlick is Saturday June 1. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr and Will Nyce is Saturday June 8. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11:00 a.m. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception. Come and pray for our future priests!

#LoveOurMothers Campaign. In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch #LoveOurMothers, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers, and share who you love your own mother by using the #LoveOurMothers hashtag. A special webpage, www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers will be launched in early May!

Morning Bible Study

Wednesday April 3-May 29 at 10am in Parish Hall

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

We will begin *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* on Wednesday April 3 at 10am.

This is a 9 session study. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

For more information or to register, visit Ascension Press at

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/38232/registrations/new>

Evening Bible Study

Wednesday April 10-May 29 at 7:00pm in Parish Library

Galatians: Set Free to Live

Join us for *Galatians: Set Free to Live* at St. Ambrose Parish Library beginning April 10 at 7:00pm until May 29. For more information or to register for the study contact Joe Gaziano at joegaziano@yahoo.com. To order the materials and register for the class follow this link.

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/38088/registrations/new>

ST. AMBROSE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 24-28 FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

**Listen Up! Dig Deep!
Jesus had a lot to say.**

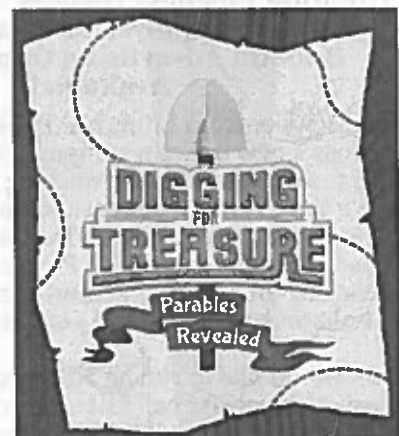
And those who listened discovered a treasure in his words.

At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. Of course we know that the type of soil in which seeds are sown is important for plants to grow, but what does that have to do with us? And if someone asked us for food, we wouldn't be rude and give a stone instead. Or, what if we lost something important to us? Of course we would look high and low and celebrate when it was found.

It turns out, however, that the parables have a greater meaning beyond what we first see. So come along, listen, and dig deeper for the treasures of the kingdom of heaven!

Registration information will be coming soon, First we are lining up volunteers to help with different aspects of the VBS. Please contact Jenn Charist for more information and to volunteer.

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May 12, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serve and guide the faithful on our life-long journey of faith. They have administered the sacraments, preached the Gospel, encouraged and prayed for us and our families. When their full-time service ends, they need a suitable place to live in retirement.

Currently there are 184 diocesan priests faithfully serving Jesus Christ and you, the people who form our diocesan Church. Of these, 22 priests are retired; and over the next ten years 23 additional priests will reach retirement age.

Next weekend, May 18 and 19, at all Masses, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place in parishes in our diocese.

The funds from this annual collection assist several special needs including the ongoing operational expenses of the *Saint Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa*, a residence that includes common areas and private suites for up to 15 priests. This special collection also will provide funds for clergy post-retirement health care, nursing home care and the priests' pension fund.

I ask you to be as generous as possible, so that our priests, who have faithfully served the People of God in our diocese may be cared for in their retirement years.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with the gift of His peace and watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Please Support Our

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Special Collection:

Next Weekend

Retired Diocesan Priests

"My retired brother priests and I are truly blessed to know of the care and compassion shown by parishioners through this special collection which helps to support us in our retirement years. As a resident of St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa, I am most grateful for their kind generosity."

~Msgr. John Cregan



St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa - Dedicated August 2010

BY THE NUMBERS:

- There are currently 22 retired diocesan priests
- Eight priests are currently living at the Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa.
- Over the next 10 years, 23 more priests will reach retirement age.
- Retired diocesan priests may choose to live on their own, with family or friends, at a parish rectory, or at The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa.
- The Villa can currently accommodate up to 15 retired priests.



AREAS OF SUPPORT:

- The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future needs such as health care during retirement and Nursing Home Care
- The Priests' Pension Fund

"This special collection offers us an opportunity to honor our retired priests and their faithful and dedicated service to Our Lord Jesus, His Church and our diocese." ~ **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT RETIRED PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH