

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion 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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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 7:00am 9:00am	April 15: Monday of Holy Week Claire Banaszak Betty Price
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 16: Tuesday of Holy Week Father Msgr. William T. Reinecke † Father Dominic P. Irace †
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	April 17: Wednesday of Holy Week Father Mark A. Pilon † Katherine Bushman †
Thursday 7:30pm	April 18: Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) <i>No Morning Mass</i> Janet O'Hagan Bushman †
Friday	April 19: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) <i>No Masses on Good Friday</i>
Saturday 8:00pm Vigil	April 20: Holy Saturday <i>No Morning Mass</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon	April 21: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Stan Urynowicz † Father Paul G. Wynants † Mary Gilligan †

May 4-5 is our Diaper Drive.
May 18-19 is our Food Collection.
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

FAST AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES. Everyone over the age of 14 years is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone over the age of 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, therefore, are the only days of both fast and abstinence.

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

Monday 9:45am 2:15pm 3:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	April 15 Legion of Mary (PL) Living Stations of the Cross (CH) Kolby's Kids (PL) RCIC (PL) RCIA (PH) Confession (CH)
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm	April 16 Confessions (CH)
Wednesday 6:30/8:00pm 7:00pm	April 17 Eucharistic Adoration & Confession (CH) Bible Study (PL)
Thursday 7:30pm 9:00pm-12:00am	April 18 Mass of the Lord's Supper (CH) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (PH)
Friday 1:00pm-2:00pm 3:00pm 7:30pm	April 19 <i>Parish offices will be closed</i> Confessions (CH) Stations of the Cross (CH) Celebration of the Lord's Passion (CH)
Saturday 11:00am-12:00Noon 12:00Noon 8:00pm Vigil	April 20 Confession (CH) Blessing of the Easter Food (CH) Easter Vigil Mass (CH)
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon	April 21—Easter Sunday Mass (CH) Mass with Parish Choir and Brass Quartet (CH) Mass with Brass Quartet (CH) <i>No Youth Group or Religious Ed</i>

Parish offices will be closed Good Friday.
We will reopen on Monday, April 22.

Holy Week Schedule

Please check the Holy Week schedule in today's bulletin and our website for the confession schedule, Mass times, and special events planned at St. Ambrose for this holiest of times in our liturgical year.

Please Pray For Your Priests

April 15	Rev. Stephen Holmes
April 16	Rev. Patrick Holyroyd
April 17	Rev. Edward R. Horkan
April 18	Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos
April 19	Rev. James C. Hudgins
April 20	Rev. Michael C. Isenberg
April 21	Rev. Joel D. Jaffe

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Emmanuel Castro,
Maria Theresa Bell, and
Jadwiga Balczevska



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."



Our school office will be closed at noon on Holy Thursday and will reopen after Easter break on Monday, April 29. Please join us on Monday, April 15 for Living Stations, portrayed by our 8th grade students. What a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

Next week we have a couple of field trips planned: 2nd and 3rd grades will go to the National Zoo on Tuesday, and on Wednesday our 7th grade class will travel back in time to Gettysburg during the Civil War, led by tour guide extraordinaire, Captain Don Ditko. Please pray for good weather for both those days.

On Thursday morning, our oldest students will (grades 5-8) will prepare sandwiches for Martha's Table as a Holy Week service project. Items have been collected for this by the whole school. We are grateful to Our Leadership and Service Team for coordinating this under the direction of Sra. Cummins.

We are still collecting Box Tops. Please save these as our school can turn them into money!

Life is a sacred gift



PRO LIFE CORNER

40 Days for Life March 6 - April 14
HELP SAVE LIVES IN FALLS CHURCH!
Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:
Vigil Location: Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA.
Vigil Hours: St. Ambrose will pray on Wednesdays after the 9 A.M. Mass from 10-12 P.M.
Contact: Donna Hores 703-354-5280
What we do: Peacefully pray outside the abortion facility to help protect mothers and babies.

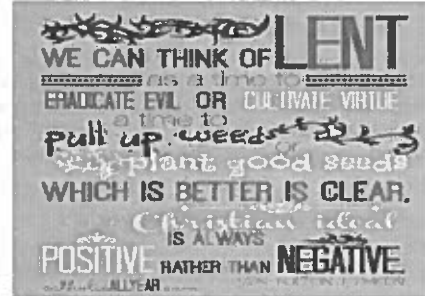
Here are the proven results from 23 coordinated campaigns:
15,256 babies saved from abortion
186 abortion workers changing their minds about abortion and it's harmful effects
99 abortion centers closed

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*****

Soup Suppers to support WorkCamp
- April 12th Final***Friday Lenten Soup Supper!

Walking humbly with our God...

- God bless our young Church who encountered Christ in Adoration last weekend and those who brought Jesus' love out into the community at Weekend WorkCamp yesterday!
 - 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 already training 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, April 14-Triduum Explained - Fr. Fisher
Monday, April 15- LIVING STATIONS 2:15pm in the Church...Come join us!
Thursday, April 18- Holy Thursday 7 Church Adoration Run 7:30pm- 12am. Meet in the Church for Mass and we will leave for Adoration Run and breakfast at the Ryan's from the PH. Watch email!
Friday, April 19- PASSION of the CHRIST-noon til 3pm in the PH! We will have a simple lunch and watch the movie, then end in the church at 3pm with our Lord.

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

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**
Mondays 3:15-4:45 pm PHL 9/17-5/20
***Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service* With Our Lady!**

***Thank you for your prayers and support!-Mrs. Ryan

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

Aide for Grade 3 and High School

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/10coa4ba4aa2da13-meals1

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Stations of the Cross



Walk with Jesus

This powerful meditation from Saint Alphonsus Liguori features the chanting of the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater. It's sure to help you better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.



We're featuring some of our best Lenten content all in one place!




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



Go Behind the Scenes of Unplanned

Get an inside look at Unplanned, the new movie about Abby Johnson's inspiring true story of transformation.

Diocesan WorkCamp 2019
 May 4th Saturday, 1:00-4:00 p.m., school gym: Tool training (required on this date with our parish). ***If you cannot make this date, you will have to go to another parish's training. Questions? Contact Mr. Andy Stoss SAstakeholder@gmail.com
 ***We will have St. Ambrose' WorkCamp Crew T-shirts for sale as a fundraiser. Watch for more info on how to get yours here!



Car Raffle Update. Car Raffle update. There are only two weekends left before the April 30 deadline. Enter soon for a chance to win one of five vehicles or 20 cash prizes and support the parish. Leave your tickets in the church vestibule on weekends, turn them in at the parish office on weekdays, or mail them to All Saints. To request more tickets, email Terry Hines at trhines@verizon.net

Afternoon Tea, Sunday, May 5th. Please join us for "Afternoon Tea" on Sunday, May 5th from 2 pm to 4 pm in St. Ambrose Parish Hall. Enjoy a variety of tea, plus a delicious assortment of tea sandwiches, scones and cakes, Devonshire and clotted creams, jams and jellies, and fresh fruit. Tickets will be on sale **after all Masses April 13th and 14th.** Proceeds will benefit the St. Ambrose Building Fund. For more information, please contact: **Michaele Fath - (703) 300-1643 or email michaelefa@aol.com**

Morning Bible Study beginning
Wednesday April 3-May 29 at 10am in Parish Hall
Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
 Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ,
 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>
 or contact Laura Mead at LMead@stambrosva.org

Evening Bible Study beginning
Wednesday April 10-May 29 at 7:00pm in Parish Library
Galatians: Set Free to Live
 Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice.
 In the new study by *Galatians: Set Free to Live* by Jeff Cavins, learn what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how He honors us as His children, and how we must honor Him as our loving Father.
 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.

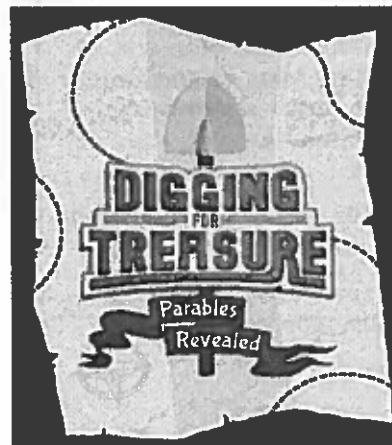
And those who listened discovered a treasure in his words.

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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Jesus I Trust in You

**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 2019
3:00 TO 4:00 PM**

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

Saint Ambrose parish will host a Special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 28, 2019 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, April 19th. 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

HOLY WEEK



2019

CONFESSION DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 15th: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16th: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17th: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday, April 18th: no confessions
Good Friday, April 19th: 1:00 -2:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20th: 11:00^{a.m.}-12:00^{Noon}

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
*There are no Morning Masses on Thursday,
Friday, or Saturday*

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Monday, April 15th – 2:15pm in the Church

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m. *Parish Choir*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

Confessions: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:30 p.m. *Parish Choir*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

Confessions 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Blessing of the Easter Food: 12:00 Noon

EASTER

Mass Schedule

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

8:00 p.m. *Parish Choir*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. *Parish Choir and Brass Quartet*
12:00 Noon *Brass Quartet*