



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 29, 2018 – Fifth 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 3:30 pm **Benediction**

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	April 30: Easter Wkdy; St. Pius V, Pope
7:00am	Shaza Plunkett
9:00am	For Victims of Terrorist Attacks †
Tuesday	May 1: Easter Wkdy; St. Joseph the Worker
7:00am	Regina Verdijo
9:00am	Marion Elder †
Wednesday	May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:00am	Giuliani & Gemma Families †
9:00am	Mark Woziwodzki †
Thursday	May 3: Saints Philip and James, Apostles
7:00am	Jose & Lorna Atienza
9:00am	Edith Larsien †
Friday	May 4: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
9:00am	Stan Urynowicz †
Saturday	May 5: Easter Weekday
9:00am	Thomas Walsh †
5:00pm	Jim & Vera Meenan
Sunday	May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Anna Nysewander
10:00 am	People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Josie Wang

*May 5-6 is our next Diaper Drive.
May 19-20 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, 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, Delores Mountjoy, 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 Spsychala, Marlene Suarez, Joe Ranzzisi, 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 30
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
Tuesday	May 1
9:45am	Rosary Makers (PL)
Wednesday	May 2
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
Thursday	May 3
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	May 4—First Friday
9:30am-3:30pm	Adoration and Benediction (CH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
6:00pm	Knitting /Crochet Group (PL)
Saturday	May 5
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	May 6
8:45am	Religious Ed. HS (PL)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



Father Robert Hamel.



Friday, May 4th 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 30	Rev. David P. Meng
May 1	Rev. Charles W. Merkle III
May 2	Rev. Richard A. Miserendino
May 3	Rev. Daniel L. Mode
May 4	Rev. Mark E. Moretti
May 5	Rev. Noah C. Morey
May 6	Rev. John P. Mosimann

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."



Correction from last week: our wonderful choir did not travel to Kings Dominion last Tuesday as indicated; they are schedule to go next Friday, May 4 to participate in the choral festival, and to enjoy a day of fun!

Last Thursday our 5th and 8th graders took the National Catholic Education Association ACRE test in Religion. This is given in all diocesan schools in April.

On Tuesday our 4th and 5th graders took a field trip to Williamsburg to learn about colonial life, and on Friday our 7th graders made the annual trip to Gettysburg, under the expert guidance of Captain Don Ditko, St. Ambrose parishioner. They learned about the Civil War era and had fun as well. A lot of history was experienced this week! Next Monday our 8th graders will take their graduation trip to Philadelphia to visit the Franklin Institute, Independence Hall, and the Cathedral.

It looks like Spring has finally arrived so we anticipate good weather for the remainder of our field trips and other fun events.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

The Pro-Life Ministry will be preparing roses for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 12th. Please consider helping with this fun and worthwhile project. The preparation takes about two hours. This year proceeds will go toward Paul Stefan Home for Unwed Mothers. Call Donna Hores for more information and to sign up at 703-354-5280.

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

America has one of the most liberal abortion laws in the world. Far more liberal than western Europe. In Germany, women seeking first-trimester abortions are subject to a mandatory three-day waiting period and a counseling session. Abortions are not allowed after the first 12 weeks of pregnancy except for certain circumstances. The Netherlands mandates a five-day waiting period between initial consultation and abortion. Clinics must provide women with information about abortion alternatives. In contrast, the United States has no federal law governing abortion at any phase of pregnancy. In all 50 states abortion is legal through **all nine months of pregnancy**. Research polls show that most Americans think that there should be some restrictions on abortion and it should not be available throughout all 9 months. Let us all work to promote a culture of life—join the Respect Life Ministry, call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280 for more information.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Walking humbly with our God...

- *Please pray for the God Squad who are learning about Marian consecration this month!
- * God bless all the Jr. High kiddos that celebrated with Bishop Burbidge at the Bash last Saturday and for all the adult volunteers who made that wonderful day possible!
- *God bless our WorkCamp Adult Crew who selflessly dedicate their time and joy to preparing our teens!
- *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. May12th
7th-12th graders Service & Discipleship hours!
8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

2018 DIOCESAN WORKCAMP

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

Tool Training -May 5th 8:45-1:30 gym
Contact us at: SAstakeholder@gmail.com

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

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
Sun April 29th –33 Days Week3- St Teresa of Calcutta
Sun May 6th –33 Days Week4- St John Paul II and Kelly Niklason returns J
Sat May 12th- Mass, Confession & Prep for Consecration
Sun May13th – Happy Mother's Day –NO God Squad!

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

Jr High IGNITE- For all 7th & 8th graders!
Thursday May 18th
End of Year BBQ & Slip-n- Slide Kickball!

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

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Religious Education Calendar for April/May



"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

- 4/29 Regular Classes
- 5/6 Regular Classes
- 5/13 Regular Classes
- 5/19 First Communion 11am
- 5/20 Last day of Classes

Registration for 2018-2019 will begin soon! There will be 2 sessions offered ... first come first served. They will be Sunday 8:45am and Monday 5pm.

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.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?

The Truth of the Resurrection

Using a popular question-and-answer format, Carl Olson examines the historical evidence concerning Jesus's controversial fate. Whether you are a believer, a skeptic, or something in between, prepare to be challenged by the logical arguments in this provocative and insightful book.



"This book argues convincingly that the Resurrection actually occurred and that all the arguments against its historicity have fallen flat."

—Karl Keating, Catholic Answers

Read on formed.org



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**St Ambrose Catholic Church presents
Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018**



- Who:** rising K to rising 5th graders
- Cost:** \$60/child (includes tshirt; daily craft and snack) \$110/ 2 children; \$150/ 3 children
- When:** June 25 through Jun 29 from 9am-12 noon
- Where:** St Ambrose School gym

Jesus surprised the people he met. We can be surprised by Jesus too!
People in the temple were amazed by the conversations and questions that they had with a boy named Jesus.
Hungry people in a crowd had more than enough food to eat when Jesus provided plenty of food.
Two travelers were sad that Jesus died, but then they were surprised when Jesus started walking alongside them!
With each surprise, people discovered more about Jesus.

Is your child ready to be surprised by Jesus? Is your child ready to ask questions and discover more about him? Then he/ she should come along on the journey and see what can be found!

Registration form may be found on St Ambrose Church website or by contacting Laura Mead at Lmead@stambroseva.org

2018 Annual Car Raffle!!!

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win a vehicle or one of the cash prizes totaling \$20,000. St Ambrose had a cash winner last year! Car raffle tickets will be mailed to most parishioners to sell on the week of April 15. There will not be after mass sales this year. Selling All Saints tickets is a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! Please note that this year all purchases are by check (No Cash) and checks are to be made out to "All Saints Catholic Church." This is a change from last year. Our St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus support this fundraising activity with All Saints Parish and it benefits many St Ambrose parish activities throughout the year. Please prayerfully consider your participation.

Contact Patrick Roche at kofc8403@gmail.com with questions.

Faith Direct. Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church code, VA401.

Solemn Vespers and Conferral of Papal Honors. Please join Bishop Burbidge and his brother priests for Solemn Vespers and the Conferral of Papal Honors upon Rev. Msgr. Robert Avella, Rev. Msgr. John Cregan and Rev. Msgr. Stanley Krempa on Sunday, May 6 at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington. Each of these priests will receive the honor of being named "Chaplain to His Holiness" and be presented with the title of Monsignor as decreed by Pope Francis. A reception will follow in Burke Hall.

Domestic Church Day: Parenting in the Modern World. Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, May 5, from 1:00—6:00pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries." The retreat will also include fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food (a substantial snack, but not a full meal). The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.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, May 1, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Knitting Club meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 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, May 11, 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.** This is a new group that will meet the first Friday of every month at 6:00pm in the Parish Library. **The first meeting will take place on Friday, May 4, 2018.**

A Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia June 1-3, 2018. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30 PM and ends on Sunday at 2:30 PM. Fr. Tuck Grinnell and Fr. Bill Korpi will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The June retreat theme is "The King of Love my Shepherd Is". The retreat has been held in the Diocese of Arlington for the past forty years and now is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of the retreat is free for all retreatants. To register for the retreat and for more information, call Catholic Charities at 703 841-3830 or email retreat@ccda.net

**Serra Club of Arlington Virginia
Trip to Rome 9/24 to 10/4 2018
Chaplain – Rev. Robert Rippy**

Non-stop flights from Washington, Dulles to Rome
9 nights at the Guilio Cesare Hotel, including daily
breakfast
Two lunches and Two dinners included.
Daily Mass, Papal Audience and Ordination, transporta-
tion throughout.
Guided tours of Rome, as well as Assisi, Tivoli, Pompei ,
Castel Gandolfo and Albano.
Tour cost (based on 30 participants) \$3709.00 double
occupancy.

Deposit by May 1, 2018

Final payment June 22, 2018

Contact Maureen Cook, Liberty Travel
to confirm your trip.
215-972-0200 cookm@libertytravel.com,
1524 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Pilgrimage to Ireland
with Father St. Philip Catholic Church**

Join Father Steven Walker and members of St.
Philip Catholic Church (Falls Church) on a trip to
Ireland August 3–14, 2018. Cost is \$3,595. For
more information contact Mr. Joseph Long, Pilgrim-
age Director of ProRome Tours, at (570) 309-1346
or www.prorome.com.

Are You 50 or Better?

Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by
the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thurs-
day, **May 17th**, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at **Lord of Life
Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road,
Burke**. The guest speaker is Chap Peterson, Virginia
State Senator representing the 34th District. For
reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-
5730 **by May 11th**. The cost is \$10.00; checks
payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call
the SCFB office (703) 323-4788.

See www.scfbva.org for more information.

24th Annual Military Services Memorial

Mass. The Archdiocese for the Military Services
will hold its 24th Annual Memorial Mass on
Sunday, May 20 at 4:30pm honoring the men and
women of the Armed Forces. The liturgy will be
held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan
Avenue, NE Washington, DC. The principal
celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend
Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the
Military Services. Parking is limited and car pool-
ing is advised. Military personnel are encouraged
to be in uniform. Dress: Civilian, business attire;
Military, service dress please. To request seating
or to obtain additional information, please visit:
[https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/
laity-registration/](https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/)

**Run, Walk, Cheer, Donate and Pray to
support Our Seminarians.** There are
many ways to support the future priests of our
diocese in the Race for Seminarians campaign.
Runners and walkers of all levels can get
sponsored for their races; cheer squads can
encourage them as they log the miles, donors
can pledge to support specific runners, and
prayer warriors can back up their efforts. Visit
ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run to learn about
all these options and start building your team
today: Don't miss the Team Kickoff on May 8
at St. Agnes Parish in Arlington.

**HONOR ROLL AT
PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL**

The following is a list of St. Ambrose students at
Paul VI High School who have earned a place on
the honor roll during the third quarter.

**PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL
4.0 or above**

Meaghan Bornholdt
Julie Burkhardt
Nicole Franchi
John Frank
Ryan Phillips

**HONOR ROLL
Between 3.5 and 3.9**

Jack Brown
Rebecca Cameron
Maggie Gormley
Yujin Hong
Lydia Payne
Grace Westphall
Matthew Wood

Congratulations on your accomplishments!