

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

3901 Woodburn Road  
 Annandale, VA 22003

**Phone:** 703-280-4400

**Website:** [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

**E-mail Address:**

[dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

## Office Hours:

Mon. – Fri.: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary  
 Laura Cameron, Receptionist

## Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road  
 Annandale, VA 22003

**Phone:** 703-698-7171

[www.stambroseschool.org](http://www.stambroseschool.org)

**E-mail Address:**

[info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

## Principal:

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[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

## Religious Education

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[lmead@stambroseva.org](mailto:lmead@stambroseva.org)

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## Youth Ministry

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[cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)

## Plant & Facilities Manager

Paul Moeller 703-280-4400  
[facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

## 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**      **April 8: Lenten Weekday**  
 7:00am      Joseph Luo †  
 9:00am      Hazel Jeffries †

**Tuesday**      **April 9: Lenten Weekday**  
 7:00am      Irene Gaynor  
 9:00am      Felix & Bena Moy

**Wednesday**      **April 10: Lenten Weekday**  
 7:00am      Howard Gaynor  
 9:00am      Ann Sill

**Thursday**      **April 11: Lenten Wkdy;**  
                     **St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**  
 7:00am      Emmanuel Salvador Castro †  
 9:00am      Mrs. Ida Smith

**Friday**      **April 12: Lenten Weekday**  
 7:00am      Father Edwin Thayer Tewes  
 9:00am      Andy Edwards †

**Saturday**      **April 13: Lenten Wkdy;**  
                     **St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr**  
 9:00am      Thelma Chita Joseph  
 5:00pm Vigil      Amy Leachtenauer Miller †

**Sunday**      **April 14: Palm Sunday of the**  
                     **Passion of the Lord**  
 8:00am      Thomas, Stephen, & Jerome  
                     Trierweiler †  
 10:00am      People of the Parish  
 12:00Noon      Richard Mulhern †

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

**Monday**      **April 8**  
 9:45am      Legion of Mary (PL)  
 3:00am      Kolby's Kids (PL)  
 6:30pm      RCIC (PL)  
 7:00pm      RCIA (PH)

**Tuesday**      **April 9**  
 No events planned

**Wednesday**      **April 10**  
 10:00am      Bible Study (PH)  
 7:00pm      Bible Study (PL)

**Thursday**      **April 11**  
 7:00pm      Lightworks (PL)

**Friday**      **April 12**  
 9:30am      WSA Coffee (PH)  
 10:30am      Bible Group (PL)

**Saturday**      **April 13**  
 9:00am      Mass and Novena to Our Lady  
                     of the Miraculous Medal (CH)  
 9:30am/3-4pm      Confessions (CH)

**Sunday**      **April 14**  
 No events planned

*April 6-7 is our Diaper Drive.*  
*May 18-19 is our Food Collection.*  
*Thank you for your generosity*  
*and support.*

**LENTEN EVENTS THIS WEEK AT**  
**ST. AMBROSE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 7:30 PM**  
**COME WALK WITH ME**  
 Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor (Church)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**  
 2:30 pm      Stations of the Cross (Church)  
 6:00 pm      Lenten Soup Supper (School)  
 7:30 pm      Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish**

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

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

April 8      Rev. Daniel F. Hanley  
 April 9      Rev. Edward C. Hathaway  
 April 10      Rev. Christopher H. Hayes  
 April 11      Rev. Andrew J. Heintz  
 April 12      Rev. John F. Heisler  
 April 13      Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Ret.)  
 April 14      Rev. James C. Hinkle

*One of the greatest gifts you can give*  
*someone is to have a Mass said for them,*  
*living or deceased.*  
*Please stop by the Parish Office,*  
*we have many dates available.*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**Robin Allen Rudder**



**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."*



This week our students celebrated "Faith and Science" week. The purpose is to bring an awareness and celebration on the beauty of faith and science in the Catholic tradition; that there is no conflict between faith and science. We learned about scientists who were devout Catholics, enjoyed daily science trivia, and ended the week with "Faith and Science Jeopardy!" A fun and informative week!

Please keep our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers this week as they sit for the ACRE testing, an annual assessment of Religious instruction in the Catholic schools. Our registration process for the 2019-2020 school year is continuing! If you are new to the area or looking for an alternative educational environment for your children please stop by our parish school or call 703-698-7171 to schedule a personal tour.

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

Thank you to all who continue to support our school with time, talent or treasure. Our students benefit immensely.

Life is a sacred gift



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**PRO LIFE CORNER**  
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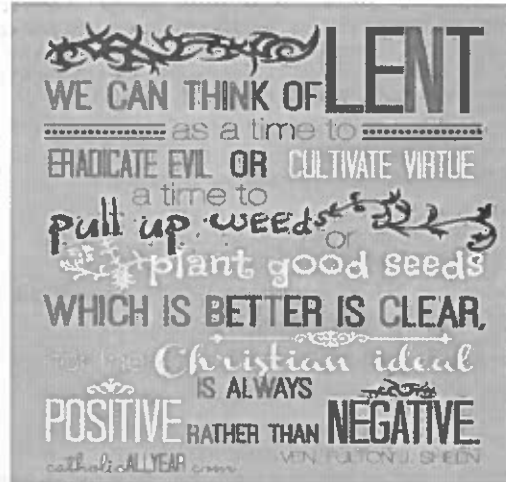
40 Days for Life March 6 - April 14  
**HELP SAVE LIVES IN FALLS CHURCH!**  
 Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:  
 Vigil Location: Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA.  
 Vigil Hours: St. Ambrose will pray on Wednesdays after the 9 A.M. 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

**St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY**

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)  
 It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact Director of Youth Ministry:  
 Therese Ryan [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)



**\*\*\*WORKCAMP\*\*\***

**Soup Suppers to support WorkCamp**

- April 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Lenten Soup Supper
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Friday Lenten Soup Supper

**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 already training for their summer 2019 mission trip!

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

**WeekendWorkCamp Sat. April 13th**

Works of Mercy & donuts!  
 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders 8:45-12:30pm Parish Hall

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

- \*\*\*FRIDAYS-7am Mass and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Breakfast!
- God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!**
- Sunday, April 7- Dinner and Adoration-**
- \*\*\*Special Time 5:45 - 8:30pm!
- Sunday, April 14-Triduum Explained - Fr. Fisher**

**\*\*\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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/10c0a4ba4aa2da13-meals1>

**St. Ambrose Collection for Catholic Charities Mobile Response Center, March 31st—April 11th.** Through Catholic Charities USA, Arlington Diocese will be able to provide curbside assistance to area homeless and poverty-stricken communities for one week each month. How can you help? Donate any of the following items: Laundry Soap, Feminine Products, House Hold Cleaners, Bags (trash bags & sandwich bags), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Baby Diapers, Body Wash. Your donated items may be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the school lobby. Questions? Contact Joe Gaziano at [joegaziano@yahoo.com](mailto:joegaziano@yahoo.com).

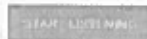
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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.



**Walk with Jesus**

This powerful meditation from Saint Alphonus 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](http://www.stambroseva.formed.org)

**Friday Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross.**

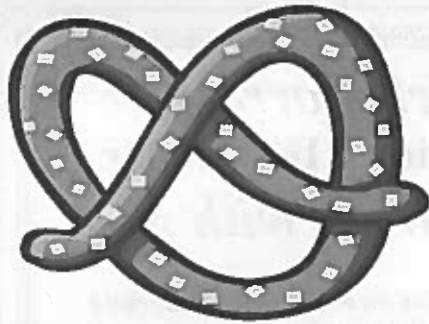
All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays throughout the Lenten season. Meals will be served in the school gym 6-7pm. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:30pm in the church. Donations will be accepted. Each week a different group will host.

**Apr 12 Women of St Ambrose: Nicki Coss**  
[womenofstambrose@gmail.com](mailto:womenofstambrose@gmail.com)

Questions may be directed to Laura Mead at [Lmead@stambroseva.org](mailto:Lmead@stambroseva.org). If you would like to help, please contact the group in charge for the week.

**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.**



**Lenten Pretzel Sale to support our  
2019 St. Ambrose WorkCampers**  
*A huge*

**THANK YOU**

To everyone who stopped by after Mass last weekend to support the Pretzel Sale for our WorkCamp Crew...You helped us raise enough to send 2 young adults to WorkCamp!!!

**THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU!**

**Diocesan WorkCamp 2019**

May 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.** Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the 5-car raffle. If you haven't gotten around to it, there's still time to do your part! The deadline for ticket returns to All Saints is April 30. If you did not receive tickets or would like more tickets, please email Terry Hines at [trthines@verizon.net](mailto:trthines@verizon.net).

**Women of St. Ambrose.** Please join the Women of St. Ambrose on Friday, April 12, after the 9:00 am Mass for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring a friend!

**The Light is On for You.** Are you having difficulty forgiving an acquaintance or a loved one? Have you considered seeking God's healing first in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? To help you do that, every Catholic parish across the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington, including our own, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings. This year you can view all the confession times across the region by using the Confession Finder map online at theLightisON.org and look for additional Lenten resources in the back of church.

**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 an 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 [L.Mead@stambrosva.org](mailto:L.Mead@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](mailto:joegaziano@yahoo.com). To order the materials and register for the class follow this link.

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



***Mark Forrest***  
**International Irish Tenor**  
***Come Walk with Me***

Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, meditation, music, prayer, and healing

***This Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 7:30pm***

***St. Ambrose Catholic Church***  
***3901 Woodburn Road***  
***Annandale, VA 22003***

For more information about Mark Forrest  
 Please visit [www.markforrest.com](http://www.markforrest.com)

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

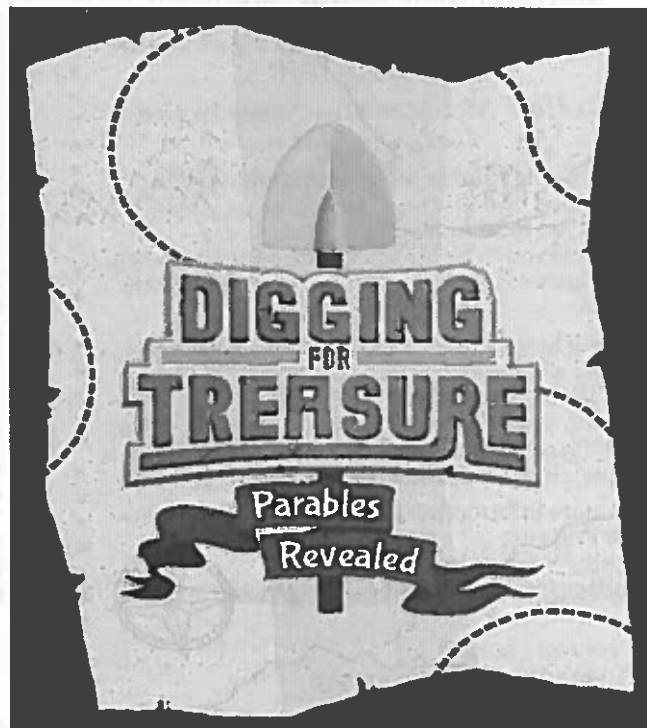
**Listen Up! Dig Deep!**  
**Jesus had a lot to say.**  
**And those who listened discovered a treasure in his words.**

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.

[rugbyatch2@aol.com](mailto:rugbyatch2@aol.com)



**2019**  
**COME SPEND YOUR LENT WITH**  
**SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Wednesday evenings: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturdays after the 9 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

**LENTEN SUPPERS**

Fridays in the School Gym: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays in the Church: 6:30 pm – 8 pm  
(March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays in the Church: 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH – COME WALK WITH ME**

Mark Forrest, International Irish Tenor  
Adoration and Eucharistic Procession

Please join us for an evening of meditation, music, prayer, and healing.

**MONDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:15 PM IN THE CHURCH - LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Portrayed by St. Ambrose School



**2019**

**COME SPEND YOUR WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY  
EVENINGS IN LENT WITH YOUR ST. AMBROSE PARISH FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY, ST. AMBROSE PARISH WILL OFFER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION. THIS IS A PERFECT TIME TO TURN OFF THE WORLD, TUNE INTO THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, AND RECEIVE HIS LOVING MERCY AND FORGIVENESS. EACH OF THE FIVE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THERE WILL BE A REFLECTION OF ONE OF THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY (ONE EACH WEEK – MARCH 13, 20, 27, APRIL 3, 10, 17).**



**The Light is ON  for You**

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS 2:30PM & 7:30PM**

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 6:00-7:00PM**

**ON FRIDAY EVENINGS, JOIN WITH OTHER ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS FOR OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS HELD IN**

**THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA FROM 6:00 TO 7:00PM. THEN COME TO THE CHURCH FOR OUR 7:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**



*Each Week a Different group will host the Lenten Suppers.*

**Mar 13: Religious Education, Laura Mead – [LMead@stambroseva.org](mailto:LMead@stambroseva.org)**

**Mar 20: Work Camp/YM, Therese Ryan – [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)**

**Mar 27: Knights of Columbus, Mike Coss – [michaelcoss09@gmail.com](mailto:michaelcoss09@gmail.com)**

**Apr 3: Scouts, Phil Coady – [pack115annandale@gmail.com](mailto:pack115annandale@gmail.com)**

**April 5: Choir, Mary Tropea – [MaryTropea@aol.com](mailto:MaryTropea@aol.com)**

**Apr 12: Women of St. Ambrose: Nicki Coss [womenofstambrose@gmail.com](mailto:womenofstambrose@gmail.com)**

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