



# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## August 5, 2018 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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

### Religious Education

Laura Mead 703-280-1122  
[lmead@stambroseva.org](mailto:lmead@stambroseva.org)

### Business Manager

Carla Yaglou 703-280-4400  
[businessmanager@stambroseva.org](mailto:businessmanager@stambroseva.org)

### Director of Music

Don Cotton 703-698-0374  
[dcotton@stambroseva.org](mailto:dcotton@stambroseva.org)

### Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road  
 Annandale, VA 22003

**Phone:** 703-698-7171

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

**E-mail Address:**

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

### Principal:

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

### Youth Ministry

Therese Ryan 703-280-4400  
[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 3:30 pm **Benediction**

**This Week's Masses and Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 7:00am Frederick Charles Goins † 9:00am Morris MacGregor †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 7: Wkdy; St. Sixtus II, Pope, &amp; Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest</b> 7:00am Mrs. Virginia Francis † 9:00am C. Dudley Brown †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 8: St. Dominic, Priest</b> 7:00am LTC Jay Thoman † 9:00am Jim Ryan †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 9: Wkdy; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> 7:00am Autumn York 9:00am Janet O'Hagan Bushman †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr</b> 7:00am Dennis Webb † 9:00am Shirley Swain †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 11: St. Clare, Virgin</b> 9:00am Frank Nicewicz † 5:00pm Joseph M. Domzalski †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am John Oosterholt † 12:00Noon Father Mark Pilon †

*August 4-5 is our Diaper Drive.  
August 18-19 is our 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, Carole Boland, Elliott Bloxom, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Josephine Crosby, James & Joan Dooley, 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, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, John Rivoire, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Spychala, Father Tewes, 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*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 6</b> 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 7</b> 9:30am Rosary Makers (PL)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 8</b> <i>No scheduled events</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 9</b> <i>No scheduled events</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 10</b> 9:30am WSA Coffee (PH) 10:30am Bible Group (PL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 11</b> 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 12</b>

*Please stop by the Parish Hall today after the 8am and 10am Masses for Coffee and Donuts and to say "goodbye" to our summer Seminarian, Charles Pavlick. Charles will be returning to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD to continue his studies.*

*The flowers by Our Lady of Fatima were donated by Joe and Linda Bolognesi in thanksgiving and celebration of 50 years of marriage.*

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

August 6	Rev. Joseph D. Bergida
August 7	Rev. Dort A. Bigg
August 8	Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Ret.)
August 9	Rev. Vincent P. Bork
August 10	Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan
August 11	Rev. Robert C. Brooks (Ret.)
August 12	Rev. James C. Bruse

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**



**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."



Summer school office hours will be 9:00 am-1:00 pm during the month of July. We are continuing to register new students, so please spread the word about our wonderful school. Our preschool offers 2-day and 3-day classes for 2 1/2-3 year olds, and a five day class for 4 year olds. We also have some openings in our elementary and middle school grades. If you are new to the area, or just looking for a change, please stop by the school. We would love to show you around.

We are looking for Extended Day assistants for next school year. The hours are 3-6 pm, Monday-Friday. If you are looking to work a few hours a day, please let us know. The school office number is 703-698-7171.

Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who have supported our school throughout the year. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful, giving community.

Have a blessed week.



**PRO LIFE CORNER**

The Diaper Drive is today. Please be generous. Your donations are always appreciated. Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of each month so we can continue having a great collection.

*We can do no great things, only small things with great love. Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Want to learn more about the parish-based Gabriel Project? Contact Sarah LaPierre, Program Director for Gabriel Project and Project Rachel at: 703-841-3813.

Topic: Help Without Enabling: Balance and Boundaries—Friday, August 17, 2018 from 10-11am. St. Theresa Catholic Church, 21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147.

Join Dr. Michael K. Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, as he speaks on how to help without enabling through balance and boundaries.

**St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY**

For information on all activities below contact:  
Therese Ryan [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)



"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure."

- Saint John Paul II

**\*\*\*On Vacation? – [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) for everywhere you go... HE is already there!**

**Walking humbly with our God...**

**\*Please pray for our young Church who are:**

- Bringing the joy and zeal for the faith they experienced at the Franciscan Youth Conference last weekend back home!
- Growing in holy friendships!
- Seeking TRUTH!
- Serving God and their neighbor!
- Striving to live the Sacramental life!

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

**WeekendWorkCamp Sat. Sept. 8th**

**NO WWC in August!**

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders Service/Discipleship hours!  
8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall**

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

**God Squad Ultimate Wednesdays**

**Every Wednesday evening 7-9pm at the parish hall rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders - grads class of '18!  
Pizza, firepit and Ultimate Frisbee! Bring \$5**

**LOVED AS I AM!- Sr. Miriam Heidland**

**HS women's Summer Book Club  
Mondays July 2<sup>nd</sup>- Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Dominion Deli Annandale 2:30-4pm. Bring \$ for drink/snack!**

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

**Jr High IGNITE-**

**For all rising 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders!  
And...**

**\*Kolbe's Kids\*- Our Lady's Little Army**

**\*Faith\*Fun\*Friendship\*Service\* 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

**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 & Aides  
Aides for K, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Hall Monitors

**Monday (5:30pm-6:00pm)**

Catechists Grades K & 1  
Hall Monitors

**All volunteers MUST become VIRTUS compliant.**

**REGISTRATION for Religious Education.** The registration form may be found on our website. Due to anticipated construction on our K-HS parking lot and Church we will offer two sessions:

**Grades 1-6:** Sunday 8:45am-9:45am as well as Monday 5:30pm-6:30pm.

**Grades 7-8:** Monday 7pm-8pm

For information, please contact:  
[Lmead@stambroseva.org](mailto:Lmead@stambroseva.org)

**Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?**

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in the Parish Hall  
beginning September 10

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)

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

**The Bible and the Virgin Mary**  
*Episode 11: The Assumption*

How Much Do You Know About Mary's Assumption?



Celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven with this beautiful and engaging episode by Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center. Discover the rich Scriptural foundations for the Church's teaching on Mary's Assumption, and grow in love for Our Blessed Mother in the process!



"My devotion to Mary is forever transformed!"  
—Michelle R.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



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)

**Invitation to Join!!!**

**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](mailto:bobveeM@aol.com).

**Knights of Columbus** support many parish programs and activities. If you are interested in joining please contact Frank Petroski at [gk.ambrose.council@gmail.com](mailto:gk.ambrose.council@gmail.com).

**Knitting Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in the Parish Library.

**Knitting/Crochet Group** meets the first Friday of every month at 6:00pm in the Parish Library. The next meeting will take place on Friday, September 7, 2018.

**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, August 7, 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, August 10, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

**St. Ambrose High School  
God Squad 2018**

**Summer schedule**

**Girls Book Club**

St. Ambrose-n-St. Philip

*LOVED AS I AM*

Sr. Miriam Heidland

Monday afternoons 2:30pm-4pm  
beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ultimate Frisbee**

Wednesday evenings 7pm-9pm

Frisbee\*Pizza\*Firepit  
beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Knights of Columbus Donuts & Coffee.**

Please plan to join us after the 8:00AM and 10AM Masses on **Sunday, August 12** to say farewell to our summer seminarian Charles Pavlick. Charles will be returning to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md to continue his studies.

**USCCB Call to Prayer.** The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nation-wide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3—September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others.

Sign up at [WWW.usccb.org/pray!](http://WWW.usccb.org/pray!)

**Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) Coffee.**

Please join the Women of St. Ambrose for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall on Friday, August 10, after the 9:00 am Mass. All women of the Parish are welcome. Please bring a friend!

**Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend**

Upcoming weekends: August 23-26, Sep 30-23, Oct 18-21, Nov 15-18

Are You Ready?! You're not just planning a wedding, you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. **FOCCUS Inventory** included and we are a partner of the **Witness to Love** program! The cost for the retreat is \$295 per couple.

Registration required. [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org), or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, **7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.**

**Lighthouse CD's.** Going on a trip this summer? Do you sit in traffic with nothing to do? Please stop by the Parish Office to see our Lighthouse CD Collection. At only \$3.00 per CD your trip will be faster and the traffic will seem lighter!

**Silent Retreat Weekends.** Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers retreats based on Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Visit our website to register for these or other upcoming retreats at [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call **301-365-0612.**

**Women's Retreats:**  
Sept 7-9, 2018/3-day/\$225 per person  
Sept 27-30, 2018/4-day/\$300 per person  
Nov 2-4, 2018/3-day/\$225 per person  
Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018/3-day/\$225 per person

**Men's Retreats:**  
Aug 17-19, 2018/3-day/\$225 per person  
Dec 7-9, 2018/3-day/\$225 per person

**What a Week!** Thank you to all who made the 29th Annual Diocese of Arlington Work-Camp such a success! WorkCamp 2018 in late June saw 830 of our diocesan youth partner with 181 contractors to provide services from roof replacement to weatherproofing to building wheelchair ramps for those less fortunate in eight southern counties in our Diocese. Representing 43 parishes, 160 crews completed 135 projects. The Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries is now planning for WorkCamp 2019!

**Future with Hope Women's Conference**

Catholic women over 40: Register now for the Future with Hope women's conference Oct. 12-13, 2018, at St. Agnes Church in Arlington! Speakers include Mary Elizabeth Sperry, author of *Making Room for God: Decluttering and the Spiritual Life*; Maria Suarez Hamm, former executive director of Centro Tepeyac; Alejandra Segura, a children's rights advocate Catholic blogger Anthony DeCristofaro; and Virginia Storytelling Alliance member Erin Benbennick. \$159, July 1—Labor Day; \$175 thereafter. Learn more at [www.futurewithhopewomen.com](http://www.futurewithhopewomen.com) or email [info@futurewithhopewomen.com](mailto:info@futurewithhopewomen.com). Sponsors include the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Joyful Spirit Gifts.

**The Visit of the World Youth Day Cross.**

Come take part in this once-in-a-generation celebration of the visit of the World Youth Day Cross as it makes its first pilgrimage to the United States in twenty-five years. Youth, young adults, and families are all invited to take part in this historic event. Register today! For more information visit [wydunite.com](http://wydunite.com)

**Spend Sunday with the Sisters—For Women Discerners.**

Ever thought about religious life? Come pray, chat and brunch with the Daughters of St. Paul to learn more about it. Sunday, August 12, 9:30am—1:00pm, at their convent in Alexandria. Morning includes Mass, brunch and a reflection. Cost is \$15, and the deadline to register is Friday, August 3. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

**Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact; Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext 111, or via email ([dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org)).

**Day of Prayer for College-Age Student—**

2nd Sunday in August—Please pray for our college-age students as they prepare for college or vocational training, and other young adults who are in the Military or pursuing other endeavors. They are our future and need our united prayers, so they will know God is present in their lives, and they will remain faithful to God and their Catholic values. For more information about Praying College Moms, visit <http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org>.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter.** Like to feel the sparks of love again in your marriage? Come receive the tools to keep your marriage full of love and passion! The next worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Aug 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

**RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

**Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke Summer Announcements**

Below are activities sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) for seniors .

**Lunch N'Life**—Thursday, September 20th (12:00-2:00) at St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Entertainment will be "Let Me Tell You What It's Really Like", a one act play about living with bipolar disorder. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by **September 14th**. The cost is \$10.00, checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office at 703-323-4788. See [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) for more information.

**Family Fun Bingo**—Saturday, September 22. For info call Lisa Carroll at (703) 426-2824.

**Demential Caregive Support Groups**—For information contact Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or [Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com](mailto:Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com)

**Exercise Classes**—For information see the website, [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org), or call 703-323-4788.

**Transportation Program**—For information please call 703-323-4788.

**Volunteers**—For information please email Shavaun Wall at [recruiter@scfbva.org](mailto:recruiter@scfbva.org) or call 703-323-4788.

**Vehicle Donations**—For information call 1-855-500-7433.

**Purchase Grocery Gift Cards**—For information call 703-323-4788.

**A Handy Helper Program**—For information email Michael Hampton at [handyhelper.mh@gmail.com](mailto:handyhelper.mh@gmail.com).

# Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?



**Join us for RCIA classes  
Monday evenings from  
7pm-8pm  
in the Parish Hall  
beginning September 10**

The RCIA process includes periods for growing in faith. These periods are stepping stones marked by liturgical rites, such as the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Election, that are celebrated by the Church and within each parish community.

RCIA also provides education in the faith (*catechesis*) which consists of the teaching of Catholic Christian doctrine.

RCIA encourages prayer and builds a community of faith so that those entering the Church and those already Catholic can learn and grow in the faith together.

RCIA provides a path to enter the Church, most commonly at the Easter Vigil Mass, through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism (if not already received), Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

The RCIA program is available for those who are currently Catholic and wish to receive more education in the faith, especially in preparation for sacraments. The program is also open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith. The full program begins in September and continues through May. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling.

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)