



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 13, 2019 – The Baptism 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

3901 Woodburn Road
 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-280-4400

Website: www.stambroseva.org

E-mail Address:

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

Business Manager

Carla Yaglou 703-280-4400
businessmanager@stambroseva.org

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Don Cotton 703-698-0374
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Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road
 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-698-7171

Website: www.stambroseschool.org

E-mail Address:

info@stambroseschool.org

Principal:

Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

Youth Ministry

Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
cym@stambroseva.org

Plant & Facilities Manager

Paul Moeller 703-280-4400
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 January 14: Weekday
 7:00am Dr. Patrick Correnty †
 9:00am Eleanor Krzemienski

Tuesday January 15: Weekday
 7:00am Renate Nicewicz †
 9:00am Laura Mead

Wednesday January 16: Weekday
 7:00am Giuliani & Gemma Families
 9:00am Natalie Chanfreau

Thursday January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
 7:00am Heybet
 9:00am Larry Pillion †

Friday January 18: Weekday
 7:00am Patricia Burke †
 9:00am Dana Barczynski

Saturday January 19: Wkdy; BVM
 9:00am Vivian Shaffer †
 5:00pm Vigil Johnny Crowley †

Sunday January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Richard Delaney †
 12:00Noon Joseph McGarrigle †

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

Monday January 14
 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL)
 3:00pm Kolby's Kids (PL)
 7:00pm RCIA Classes (PH)
 6:30am RCIC Classes (PL)

Tuesday January 15
 7:00pm Tips for Organizing (PH)

Wednesday January 16
 10:00am Bible Study (PL)
 7:00pm Bible Study (PL)

Thursday January 17
 No scheduled events

Friday January 18
 10:30am Bible Group (PL)

Saturday January 19
 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
 9:30am/3-4pm Confessions (CH)

Sunday January 20

January 19-20 is our Food Collection.
February 2-3 is our Diaper Drive.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Irene Anderson, Nancy Blanco, David Carothers, Terry Castro-Perez, Josephine Crosby, Michael Everard, Greg Farrell, Therese Fruet, Janet Gaydos, Amy Hobbs, Robert Koldys, John Rivoire, Fr. Spsychala, Laura Sutherland, Fr. Edwin Tewes

We are updating our sick list. If you would like to continue being on the list to receive prayers, please contact the Parish Office this week at 703-280-4400. Or email Donna Vasilakos at dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

Please Pray For Your Priests

January 14 Rev. Joseph D.Q. Vu
 January 15 Rev. Robert J. Wagner
 January 16 Rev. Steven R. Walker
 January 17 Rev. Kevin B. Walsh
 January 18 Rev. Jason Weber
 January 19 Rev. Michael D. Weston
 January 20 Rev. Gerald Weymes

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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 we began round two of our standardized testing. Please keep our students – and teachers - in your prayers over the next two weeks. As we settle back into the routine we anticipate Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. This will kick off with an open house on Sunday, January 27 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Please spread the word about our wonderful school.

We are continuing to follow Fr. Jim Hinkle around the globe. This is a fun project for our students, incorporating geography, service and vocations. Our school was featured in a great Catholic Herald article, describing the project: https://www.catholicherald.com/News/Local_News/Students_track_Arlington_priest_aboard_U_S_aircraft_carrier/

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

Life is a sacred gift



PRO LIFE CORNER

46th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019
St. Ambrose Bus For Life -
Meet in the Parking Lot at 11:30,
the bus will leave at 11:45.

Call the Church Office to sign up at 703-280-4400

Jesus tells us that, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did for me."

The unborn have no ability to plead their own case. No leverage with which to protect themselves. They are voiceless and defenseless. The people in the pro-life movement know that we have the responsibility to protect those who cannot protect themselves. That's why we go marching year after year and decade after decade. We will not go away and we will not give up because 'Every Life Deserves a Lifetime'.

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



MARCH 4 LIFE-

8th-12th grades-Save the dates!

Thursday January 17, 2019- Life is Very Good Eve of Prayer 6-10pm at Eagle Bank Arena
Friday January 18, 2019-LIVG Rally and March 4 Life in DC. WE have room on the bus for you!
Come and speak for all the victims of abortion!
See Website, email or contact cym@stambroseva.org for more details!

Walking humbly with our God...

***Please pray for our young Church who:**
-Witnessing to life this month in a special way!
-Striving to encounter our Lord in the Sacraments!
-Preparing for their Mission Trip to WorkCamp and pilgrimage to Rome w/Fr. Fisher!
This is...THE POWER of
YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!

Weekend WorkCamp Sat. Feb. 9th
Martha's Table Sandwich making!

Works of Mercy & donuts!
7th-12th graders 8:45-12:30pm

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

*****FRIDAYS-7am Mass and 1st Friday Breakfast!**
God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
5:45-8pm GS-Jesus Time!
Sunday, January 13th- Life-Movie night!!
Thursday January 17th-Life is Good Eve of Prayer
RSVP for tickets!
Friday January 18th- Mass, Rally & March For Life! RSVP for tickets & a seat on the youth bus!
Sunday, January 20th-Mamma Beth 4 Life!

*****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!**

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

Religious Education Calendar

January 13 regular class
January 20 no class
January 27 regular class

Thank you to all who generously supported our outreach projects of coat drive, Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Gabriel Project, and the toy drive for children in hospitals .

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God! Listen on **Formed.org** today!

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

FREE THROW COMPETITION

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, February 3, from 10:00am-12:30pm in the St. Ambrose School GYM.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the jurisdiction-level competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Entry forms will be available at the time of the competition. For additional information contact:

Tom Svercl, TSVERCL@YAHOO.COM.

St. Ambrose Council #8403 is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

Removing Christmas Decorations from Church. This weekend, after the noon Mass, the decorations will be removed from Church. Volunteers are needed! Please show up after the noon Mass if you are able to help. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, January 13, 2019:
Afternoon Tea, 2:00pm in Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 15, 2019:
Tips for Organizing, 7:00pm in Parish Hall

Saturday, March 2, 2019:
Gala, 6:00pm in Parish Hall

More info to follow!

Pray 9 Days for the Protection of Life!
 All are invited to pray from January 14-22, 2019 the annual novena sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee of Bishops, 9 Days for Life. It is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. Each day, a different intention will be highlighted, along with a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. To learn more or to sign up go to www.9daysforlife.com.

WorkCamp 2019

Check out:
<http://www.stambroseva.org/diocesan-workcamp> for more information about Diocesan WorkCamp and <http://www.stambroseva.org/youth-for> the St. Ambrose WorkCamp application! Questions? Contact Andy Stoss, our 2019 WC Stakeholder at 703) 383-3429
SAStakeholder@stambroseva.org.



Discernment Events for Women. Finding your place in God's plan requires building solid relationships with God, yourself and others. Come to one of our upcoming events for women and start exploring your vocation. For women 18-35: Sunday January 20, with the Sisters of Life, deadline to register January 14. For high school girls: Sunday February 3, with the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, deadline to register January 26. Both days include Mass, talks and workshops, and opportunities for prayer and confession. Contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514, or visit ArlingtonVocations.org or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT for more information.

CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE HOURS OF 9AM TO 4PM.

Start the New Year off right with your St. Ambrose Friends
 Just in time to help with your resolution to clear the clutter and get organized,
 The Women of Saint Ambrose Present:

Tips on Organizing

With our Parishioner and Professional Organizer,

**Karen Sullivan of
 Organizing Maniacs**

Join us on Tuesday evening, January 15 at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Learn new techniques for decluttering your space and get tips from members of the WSA on decluttering your spiritual life from Mary Elizabeth Sperry's book: *Making Room For God*

Wine and cheese will be served

Open to all. Come, spend an evening with your friends, make some new ones, and learn how to declutter so you have the important things always with you!

Questions? Email womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com

Afternoon Tea

Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
St. Ambrose Church Parish Hall

Invite a friend! Grab a date!

Enjoy a variety of tea, plus a delicious assortment of tea sandwiches, scones & cakes, Devonshire & clotted
creams, jams & jellies and fresh fruit

Be sure to wear a Fabulous Hat!

Fabulous Fellowship • Fabulous Entertainment • Fabulous Prizes

Proceeds will benefit the St. Ambrose Building Fund

Adult \$20 • Child (5-12) \$10

Sponsored by St. Ambrose Choir

ST. AMBROSE BUS FOR LIFE

Join us for the 46th Annual March for Life!

Friday, January 18th, 2019

Please make a commitment to work to end abortion so that every life will be protected from conception to natural death.



We will meet at the parking lot at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale, Virginia at 11:30. The bus leaves at 11:45. Sign up by calling the church office at 703-280-4400. For more information call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.



Please Join us For

A MARDI GRAS KNIGHT

Saturday, March 2, 2019

6 PM – 11 PM

St. Ambrose School Annual Gala

Dinner & Dancing!

Live & Silent Auction!

Delicious Desserts!

Raffles & More!!

Take Advantage of our Limited Pre-sale Window and Purchase your Tickets now!!

\$45 per person thru January 20th

\$50 per person January 21st – February 17th

\$60 per person February 18th – March 2nd

Table Sponsorship:

Bronze: \$250 for 4 seats and 1 bottle of wine or 6-pack of beer

Silver: \$500 for 8 seats and 2 bottles of wine or 12-pack of beer

Gold: \$750 for 10 seats and 2 bottles of wine or 12-pack of beer;

10 extra minutes to bid after close of silent auction

Additional perks include reserved seating and sponsor names advertised in the program

Tickets can be purchased by returning this form to the school office with cash or check (payable to St. Ambrose School) or,

Online with a credit card at: <https://bit.ly2SK8Hyp>

Gala Reservation Form

of Individual Tickets: _____ Name of Attendees: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Table Sponsorship (circle one) Bronze (\$250) Silver (\$500) Gold (\$750)

Name of Table Sponsorship attendees: _____

Table Sponsor Beverage Choice: (Circle one): Beer Wine

Total Amount enclosed: _____