

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany 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

Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road
 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-698-7171

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Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
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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 January 7: Wkdy: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
 7:00am Gatchalian Family
 9:00am Mary Marrazzo †

Tuesday January 8: Weekday
 7:00am Sabido Family
 9:00am Patricia Burket †

Wednesday January 9: Weekday
 7:00am Anthony Pomilla
 9:00am Ray & Cecilia Thierry †

Thursday January 10: Weekday
 7:00am Mary Gilligan †
 9:00am Janet O'Hagan Bushman †

Friday January 11: Weekday
 7:00am Souls in Purgatory †
 9:00am Edward Raeke †

Saturday January 12: Weekday
 9:00am Emeht Alan Wood †
 5:00pm Vigil Danny Foley †

Sunday January 13: The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00am People of the Parish
 10:00am Lt. Col. Joseph V. Monachino †
 12:00Noon Greyson Holden Cameron

*January 5-6 is our Diaper Drive.
 January 19-20 is our Food Collection.
 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. Spychala, Laura Sutherland

*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*

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

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

Tuesday January 8
 No scheduled events

Wednesday January 9
 10:00am Bible Study (PL)
 7:00pm Bible Study (PL)

Thursday January 10
 7:00pm Lightworks (PL)

Friday January 11
 9:30am WSA Coffee (PH)
 10:30am Bible Group (PL)

Saturday January 12
 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
 9:30am/3-4pm Confessions (CH)

Sunday January 13
 2:00pm Afternoon Tea in (PH)

Please Pray For Your Priests

December 31 Rev. Nhi Dinh
 January 1 Rev. Clarence M. Trinkle (Ret.)
 January 2 Rev. John T. B. Trong (Ret.)
 January 3 Rev. James A. Tucker
 January 4 Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro
 January 5 Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro
 January 6 Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 resumed on Thursday and we are back at work. Our New Year resolution is to make every instructional moment count and to be thankful for our faith, family and friends, and the gift of a Catholic education!

Next week we are beginning round two of our standardized testing. Please keep our students – and teachers - in your prayers over the next three weeks.

As we begin this new calendar year we express our gratitude to all of our parishioners for your continuing support for our school. May God grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year, and may the faith and persistence of the Magi be our model, always seeking the Christ Child in our lives.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Show your support for life by switching to the Choose Life license plates for Virginia. Go to <http://www.vachoose-life.org/> or google 'Choose Life Virginia' for more information and for the link to the DMV. Virginia pregnancy center locations that have agreed to a 'Commitment of Care' standard receive part of the proceeds from the sale of the license plates. Advertising the Pro-Life message is a quiet way to witness to the value of each human life. It only takes a few minutes and you may help someone make a life decision just by seeing your license plate!

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



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!



Live Nativity

Attention all 7th-12th graders!
 On Monday, December 24th after the 5pm Mass, we are bringing Bethlehem to Annandale to make the wonder of Christmas present for our parish family! We need shepherds, angels and lots of beautiful voices as well! Meet at the parish hall at 5:15 to get into costume!

MARCH 4 LIFE-8th-12th-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!

Weekend WorkCamp Sat. Jan.12th

Works of Mercy & donuts!

7th-12th graders 8:45-12:30pm Parish Hall

*****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 6th- WorkCamp meeting 4:30 Gym
Sunday January 6th – God Squad -Happy New Year
Sunday, January 13th- Life!
Thursday January 17th-Life is Good Eve of Prayer
 RSVP for tickets!
Friday January 18th- Mass, Rally & March For Life!
 RSVP for tickets & to reserve a seat on the youth bus!

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

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 6 regular class
- 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 .



JOIN US for the Study of the Book of Acts

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**
There will be two sessions :

- The morning session is 10 am—noon**
- The evening session is 7 pm—8:30 pm**

There are **20 sessions**, so the study will run until sometime in March.

If you are interested the preferred method of registration is by using the link below to order your binder of material. If you prefer, you may register with me. The cost is \$35.00.

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/30862/registrations/new>

Contact: Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or
Lmead@stambroseva.org



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



The Story of the Nativity

Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

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

Women of St. Ambrose. Please join the Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) in the Parish Hall on Friday, January 11, after the 9:00am Mass for Coffee and Fellowship. All are welcome! Please bring a friend!

Requesting Tea Sets for the Afternoon Tea on January 13, 2019. The Afternoon Tea, sponsored by St. Ambrose Choir, will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. In preparation for this event the Choir is requesting Tea Sets from any Parishioners which they could use on that day. If you are able to loan them a tea set, please call **Michaela Fath** at 703-300-1643.

Tips on Organizing. To help with your New Year's Resolution of clearing the clutter and getting organized, the Women of St. Ambrose present: Tips on Organizing by our very own Parishioner and Professional Organizer, Karen Sullivan, Tuesday evening, Jan 15th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. As a bonus, WSA Members will share highlights from Mary Elizabeth Sperry's book, *Making Room For God*.

Open to all. Wine and cheese will be served.
Questions? Email

womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com

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!

Local Musicians Lead Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing. Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The holy hours will feature popular musical artists: Valerie Repetski on January 8; The Miller Daughters on February 12; and Kenny Kohlhaas on March 12. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office for Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling 703-841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion

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.

Next WorkCamp meeting is January 6th, 4:30pm-5:30pm.



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

Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Join the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington as he celebrates the Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for five ordinandi. This moving liturgy will mark the men with an imprint ("character") which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the "deacon" or servant of all. A light reception will follow in Burke Hall.

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/FLAT for more information.

2019 Women's Conference. All women of the diocese are invited to register for the 2019 Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Hear "Miracles Do Happen" with gifted healer, Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC and author of the book "Miracles Do Happen"; and Fr. Donald Calloway, a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and author of "No Turning Back" and other devotional books. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. The conference is held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To register visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women

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

**Tickets on sale after all
Masses:**

Dec. 29th/30th and

Jan. 5th/6th

*Limited tickets available

For more information, please contact:

Michaele Fath – (703) 300-1643

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Sponsored by St. Ambrose Choir



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



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

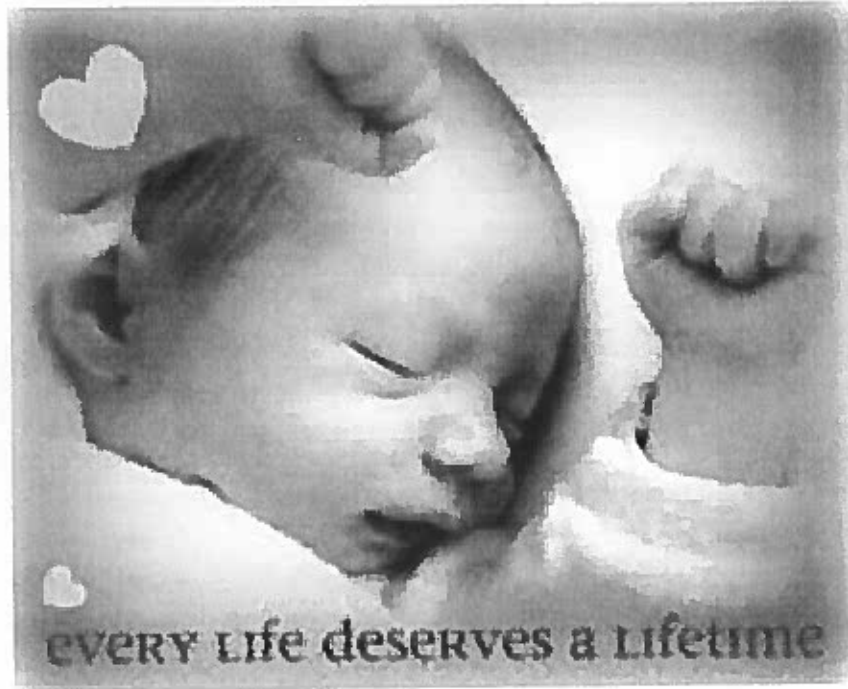
Come, spend an evening with your friends, make some new ones, and learn how to declutter so you have the important things always with you!

Questions? Email womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com

***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
on or before Friday, January 11th. For more
information call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.