



# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## July 29, 2018 – Seventeenth 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)  
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 Carla Yaglou 703-280-4400  
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**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  
[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>July 30: Wkdy; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00am	Norah Grace Atienza
9:00am	Stephen D'Antoni †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b>
7:00am	Isabel Hope Atienza
9:00am	William J. Morris †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00am	C. Dudley Brown †
9:00am	Jacob Joseph Atienza
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 2: Wkdy; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</b>
7:00am	Geraldine Rushboldt †
9:00am	Chuck Peck
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 3: Weekday</b>
7:00am	Kalman Pentek †
9:00am	Rupita Bentes †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest</b>
9:00am	Araxie Vann
5:00pm	Sidney Meyn †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 5: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am	Donald E. Carson †
10:00am	People of the Parish
12:00Noon	Michael Price †

*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 Sychala, Marlene Suarez, 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>July 30</b>
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 1</b>
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 2</b>
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 3—First Friday</b>
9:30am-3:00pm	Adoration and Benediction (CH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
6:30pm	Knitting/Crochet (PL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 4</b>
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
<i>No scheduled events</i>	

*Friday, August 3, is First Friday. Please sign up for Adoration and Benediction in the book in the back of the Church.*

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

July 30	Rev. Nicholas R. Barnes
July 31	Rev. Brendan W. Bartlett
August 1	Rev. Brian G. Bashista
August 2	Rev. Michael J. Bazan
August 3	Rev. Bryan W. Belli
August 4	Rev. Kevin J. Beres
August 5	Rev. Paul A. Berghout

*The flowers by Our Lady of Fatima are in memory of the deceased members of the Recinto family.*

**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**

Please join in praying the following Pro-Life Prayers:

For unborn children that they may be lovingly welcomed into this world by family, friends, and the community. For expectant mothers whose hearts are troubled, that they receive helpful, loving support for themselves and their babies. For medical professionals who work against human life, that they may find renewed reverence for God's gift of life and treat all people with life-affirming respect. For couples facing unexpected pregnancies, that God will give them peace, hope and love for their child and each other. For those who are working to build a culture that welcomes and respects all human life, that God help them bring his love and mercy to those in need. For all these prayers we pray to the Lord.

The Diaper Drive is next Sunday. Please put diapers on your shopping list this week and as always we appreciate your generosity in helping those in need.

**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 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 girls 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 Calendar for July**



*"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**

**Thank you to all of our catechists, aides and volunteers.**

**REGISTRATION for Religious Education is underway.** The registration form may be found on our website. Due to anticipated construction on our new parking lot and Church we will offer two sessions: Sunday 8:45am-9:45am as well as Monday 5:30pm-6:30pm. Spaces are limited on Sunday, so registration will be first come first served.

**Critical Need for Volunteers.** We have a critical need for catechists, aides, and substitutes on both Sunday and Monday. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to this beautiful ministry. Let your light shine for our little ones.

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  
 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** 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

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**JULY 2018**

**July 31—Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

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, July 24, 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, August 3, 2018.

**No July Meeting.**

**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. **No July Meeting.**

**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.

**No July Meeting.**

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

**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.

**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!

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges**

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal fund diocesan Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you made a pledge that is still being paid, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements. You also may go online to make a payment at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). For questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.

**Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter.**

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese—straight to your inbox. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>.

**Pro-Life Fundraiser—Father Staples**

Join Father Staples, Father Stefan, and Priests, Deacons, Pastors, along with 80 other churches from around the state of Virginia as **Father Staples** bikes across America to raise \$100,000 for the **Paul Stefan Regional Maternity Housing and Educational Center**. This 23 bed, 40 room facility, inclusive of an education center, dinner hall, chapel, library and day care center, is nearly completed! We need your help to finish. To support, donate, and follow **Father Staples** on his trip, go to: [www/paulstefanhome.org](http://www/paulstefanhome.org).

**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.**

**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

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### **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.

**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)).

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

**Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce.** Come for a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and its effects, for advice concerning love and trust of other, and for an experience of the Catholic faith that will lead to greater self-knowledge and healing. For more info and to register, please visit: [arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat).

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

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

**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.