

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**May 27, 2018 – The Most Holy Trinity**

## **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

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## **Office Hours:**

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## **Principal:**

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## **Plant & Facilities Manager**

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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 3:30 pm **Benediction**

**This Week's Masses and Intentions**

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 28: Weekday</b> Lt. Don Magilligan † Rita Morgan †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 29: Weekday</b> LCDR. Jim Finnegan † Stan Urynowicz †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 30: Weekday</b> Lt. Ed. Feldman † Mary Marrazzo †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Stephanie & Richard Hores Maria-Pia Fernandez
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>June 1: St. Justin, Martyr</b> Grace Crowley † Rita Frugoli †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00am 5:00pm	<b>June 2: Wkdy; Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs; BVM</b> Regina Verdijo Mark Woziwodzki †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon	<b>June 3: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> Mary Kraiss People of the Parish Stan Urynowicz †

✠ Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alfred J. Cammarata and Evelyn Llamas ✠

June 2-3 is our next Diaper Drive.  
June 16-17 is our next 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, Elliott Bloxom, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Josephine Crosby, James & Joan Dooley, Caroline Doyle, 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, Francine Proulx, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Spsychala, Marlene Suarez, Father Tewes, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

May 28	Rev. Edwin E. Perez
May 29	Rev. John P. Peterson, Y.A.
May 30	Rev. Mark A. Pilon (Ret.)
May 31	Rev. Mauricio R. Pineda
June 1	Rev. Anthony J. Pinizzotto
June 2	Rev. Donald J. Planty
June 3	Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 28</b>
Memorial Day—Parish Offices Closed No scheduled events	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
No scheduled events	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 30</b>
No scheduled events	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 1—First Friday</b>
9:30-3:00	Adoration and Benediction (CH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
6:00pm	Knitting/Crochet Group (PL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 2</b>
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 3</b>
No scheduled events	

**This Friday, June 1, is First Friday.**  
Please sign up for Adoration in the book at the back of the church.

**This Monday, May 28, the parish offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**

*May is the Month of Mary*

*Our Blessed Mother leads us to the Most Holy Trinity*

"Learn to praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Learn to have a special devotion to the Blessed Trinity: I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit; I hope in God the Father, I hope in God the Son, I hope in God the Holy Spirit; I love God the Father, I love God the Son, I love God the Holy Spirit. I believe in, I hope in and I love the most Holy Trinity.

...Talk to the Three Persons, to God the Father, to God the Son, to God the Holy Spirit. And so as to reach the Blessed Trinity, go through Mary."



"Sing to the Immaculate Virgin, reminding her: Hail Mary, daughter of God the Father: Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son: Hail Mary, Spouse of God the Holy Spirit... Greater than you, none but God!" ~St. Josemarie Escriva

**Religious Education Calendar for May**



*"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.** You are shining examples of the light and love of Christ. We thank you for guiding our children and helping them grow deeper in their Faith and in their relationship with Christ!

Next year, we have many openings and opportunities for others to serve as catechist, aide, or substitute on both Sunday and Monday. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to this beautiful ministry.

**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.

**Congratulations to our Second Graders who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 19.**  
*God bless all of you*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018**

**When:** June 25 through Jun 29  
**Time:** 9am-12 noon

Rising K — rising 5th graders are invited to attend this year's VBS hosted in the School Gym. For more information or registration form go to the parish website for the registration form <http://www.stambroseva.org/vacation-bible-school-is-coming-> or contact Laura Mead at [L.Mead@stambroseva.org](mailto:L.Mead@stambroseva.org) for more information.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

At 11:00am on Monday, May 28, 2018 Holy Mass will be celebrated at Fairfax Memorial Park 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 by Father Andrew Fisher

If outdoor services at the Cemetery are canceled due to inclement weather, an 11:00am Mass will be offered at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003

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Episode 3 of *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* is now on FORMED!

An Augustine Institute Studios original series, *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members.

Watch episode 3 now on FORMED, and check back each week for a new episode!

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)

**Come Celebrate and Pray for Our Future Priests.** The ordination of men to the priesthood and diaconate are beautiful and inspiring events for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the transitional diaconate for seminarians Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr, Will Nyce, and James Waalkes is Saturday, June 2, 2018. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Michael Folmar, Nicholas Schierer, and Christopher Tipton is Saturday, June 9. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11:00 am. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday, June 8 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception. Come and pray for our future priests!

**2018 Annual Car Raffle!!!**

Only 3 more weeks until the June 12th deadline for the 5 Car Raffle. Many thanks to all who have contributed by selling or purchasing tickets. Your generosity will help with our Knights of Columbus charitable campaigns that support our church, school, and community. You'll get to see the GMC Sierra Truck on June 2 & 3. Tickets can still be requested at [kofc8403@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8403@gmail.com). Please note that ticket processing is being done at All Saints this year.

**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."*



On Thursday our second graders received the Eucharist for the first time at a school Mass. What a special occasion for our school community!

On Friday we had a day of fun as we celebrated our annual field day. We had games, team-building and lots of community. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing ice-cream treats for all of our students.

Next Thursday evening we will have our annual Spring Concert and Art Show. The talents of our students will be on full display! Summer Book Fair is coming on Thursday and Friday of next week. A lot is happening as we wind down the school year!

School will be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day. On behalf of our school community I thank all those who serve in the Armed Forces. We keep you in prayer.

Have a blessed week.



**PRO LIFE CORNER**

*"America you are beautiful...and blessed...The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for and true freedom and lasting peace, than America, defend life." St. John Paul II*

Next Sunday is the Diaper Drive. Please pick up diapers this week when you do your shopping. Thank you from the Pro-Life Ministry.

**Pro Life Gains in 2018 Legislative Session:**

5 States have adopted 10 new abortion restrictions and 347 measures to restrict access to either abortion or contraception have been introduced in 37 states. In April, Kentucky became the 9th state to enact a dismemberment ban, banning this horrific procedure. Virginia is not one of those states. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is already the law in 16 states. Virginia is not one of those states. Ohio enacted a ban on abortions on babies prenatally diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Anti-discrimination abortion bans similar to Ohio have been introduced in 5 other states but not Virginia.

**St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY**

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



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

- \*Please pray for our young Church who are:
- Preparing their hearts for heaven!
- Consecrating themselves to Our Lady!
- Seeking holy friendships and serving others!
- Preparing for their WorkCamp mission trip!
- Experiencing powerful prayer!
- Witnessing to their friends, families, schools and communities!
- Striving to live the Sacramental life!

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

**WeekendWorkCamp – Sat. June 9th**  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders Service & Discipleship hours!  
8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

**2018 DIOCESAN WORKCAMP**

The toughest, most amazing week of your life!!! June 23rd-29th.2018!

**\$Donations Weekends\$ June 16th-17th**

\*\*\*ALL Hands- Help needed at all Masses!  
Check email for sign-up genius!  
??Contact us at: [SAstakeholder@gmail.com](mailto:SAstakeholder@gmail.com)

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

**God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!**  
Sun May20<sup>th</sup> – Gettysburg w/ Fr Fisher  
Leave St Ambrose at noon! No evening God Squad!  
Sun May27<sup>th</sup> – Happy Memorial Day- NO God Squad!  
Sun June 3rd – Volunteer Appreciation& Senior Honoring Class of 2018-Teens cook!  
Sun June 10th – Welcome rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders!  
Pizza and Ultimate Frisbee! Come dressed to play!

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

**Jr High IGNITE- For all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders!**  
**\*NEW DATE- June 7<sup>th</sup>-6-7:30pm**  
**End of Year BBQ & Slip-n- Slide Kickball!**

**\*Kolbe's Kids\*- Our Lady's Little Army**  
Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL  
Last day-6/4/ Bowling!  
**\*Faith\*Fun\*Friendship\*Service\***

**We need your help...**

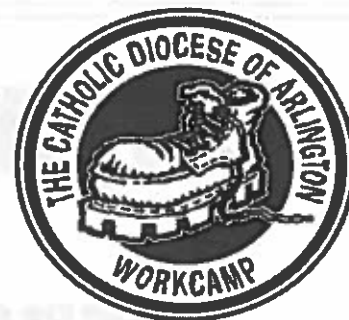
**WORKCAMP DONATIONS WEEKEND JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our St Ambrose 2018 WorkCampers are coming down the homestretch to WorkCamp, June 23-29, where we will live in an intentional Catholic community like the early Church- living, praying and serving together. It is the toughest, most challenging, most amazing week and we need your help to make it happen for us as well as the residents who we will serve! Please keep us in your prayers and if possible, we ask you to consider making a donation.

We will serve at over 160 worksites this year and will not charge residents for labor or materials, this is a total act of service. Of the \$475 it costs to send each crew member to WorkCamp, a small portion goes to pay for our room and board and the rest covers the materials so that the windows we replace, the floors and rooves we fix and the handicap ramps we build will leave our residents warmer, safer and drier long after we are gone! Please consider a donation to make this a reality for our parish crew and those they will serve, it is a life changing experience for all involved.

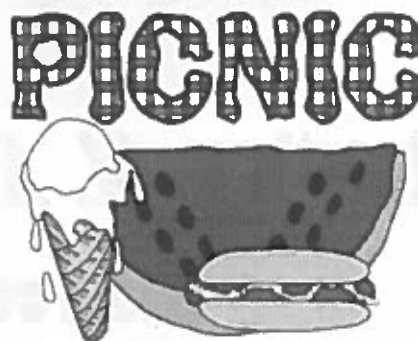
Thank you and God bless you for your continued prayers and support of our young Church and their WorkCamp effort!

Yours in Christ,  
*Mrs. Therese Ryan*  
 Director of Youth Ministry



# SAVE THE DATE

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



The Sisters of Our Lady of La Salette is an international Marian Religious Congregation founded in the Diocese of Grenoble, France. It is uniquely blessed with a founding event - the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at La Salette, France on September 19, 1846.

Mary's compassionate presence, her tears, words, gestures, symbols and social context serve as a striking illustration and urgent reminder of God's merciful love and compassion for His people and creation. She weeps because "her people, we her children" has so much need for conversion and she remains hopeful that we will return to the Source of Life, the God of infinite tenderness.

The call for conversion and Reconciliation! This is the charisma and the spirituality of the Congregation which is the heart of the message in the apparition of Our Lady at La Salette.

The Sisters of Our Lady of La Salette will be at St. Ambrose the weekend of June 9 and 10 for their mission appeal talk.

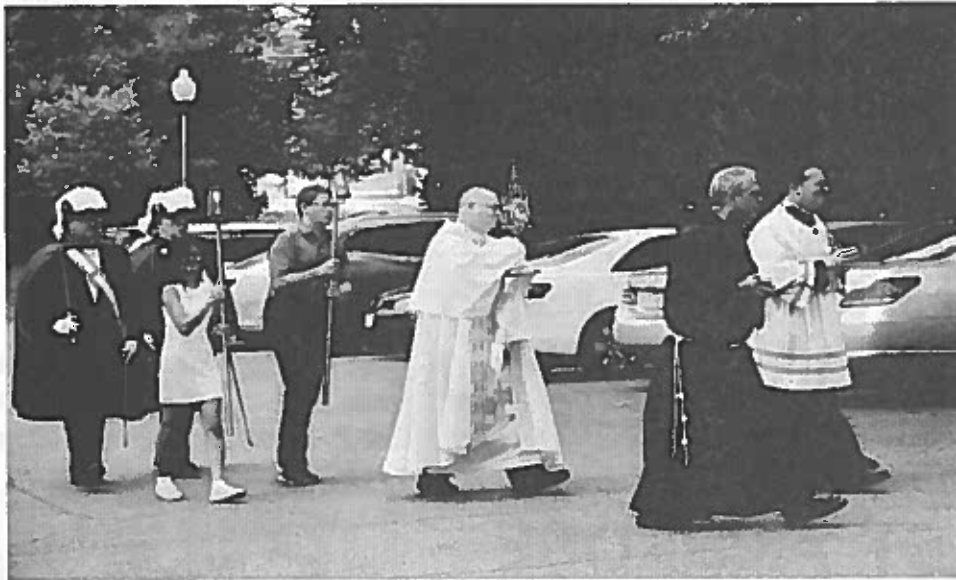
**Retreat for Married Couples.** A Retreat Day for Married Couples will be led by Father Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, on Saturday, July 7 at Holy Trinity, Gainesville, VA, from 9am-3pm. Experience a profound and reflective retreat including talks, Adoration, Confession, and spiritual time with your spouse; the retreat will conclude with Mass.

**Join Bishop Burbidge to Pray for Vocations.** Join Bishop Burbidge for a Holy Hour for Vocations on June 8 at 7pm in the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. There is no need to RSVP for this event. The Holy Hour will precede the Ordination to the Priesthood the following day. For more information visit [Arlington-Vocations.org](http://Arlington-Vocations.org)

# Corpus Christi Procession

**Sunday June 3rd**

**Meet us outside the church after the noon Mass!**



***Attention St. Ambrose Parish Family!***

**Come celebrate the feast of**

**Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ**

**We invite you to our Corpus Christi Procession immediately following the 12:00 Mass. We will honor our Lord with a Eucharistic procession around the Church grounds, a Rosary and then finish with Benediction (a special blessing) in the Church!**

**Bring the whole family to this beautiful Catholic tradition**