



# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

## 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

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**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

## 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:

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

## Religious Education

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## Youth Ministry

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## 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 7:00 pm **Benediction**

**This Week's Masses and Intentions**

<b>Monday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 6: Easter Weekday</b> Daren Ruppert † Patricia Burke †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 7: Easter Weekday</b> Janie Jaeger Carmichael † Mary Marrazzo †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 8: Easter Weekday</b> Thelma Chita Joseph Katherine Bushman †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 9: Easter Weekday</b> Careese Bickert † Don Carson †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>May 10: Easter Wkdy; USA:</b> <b>St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</b> John D. Washington † Vu Family†
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00am 5:00pm Vigil	<b>May 11: Easter Weekday</b> Father Stefan Starzynski Father Stefan Starzynski
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon	<b>May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Mary Marrazzo † Marie E. Floyd † People of the Parish

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

<b>Monday</b> 9:45am 3:00am 7:00pm	<b>May 6</b> Legion of Mary (PL) Kolby's Kids (PL) RCIA (PH)
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30am	<b>May 7</b> Rosary Makers (PL)
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:00am 7:00pm	<b>May 8</b> Bible Study (PH) Bible Study (PL)
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00pm	<b>May 9</b> Lightworks (PL)
<b>Friday</b> 9:30am 10:30am	<b>May 10</b> WSA Coffee (PH) Bible Group (PL)
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00am 9:30am/3-4pm 11:00 am 12:00 noon	<b>May 11</b> Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH) Confessions (CH) First Communion Mass (CH) Reception for First Communion (PH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 12</b>

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

May 6	Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
May 7	Rev. Thomas J. Lehning
May 8	Rev. Richard J. Ley
May 9	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
May 10	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat
May 11	Rev. Msgr. Frank E. Mahler (Ret.)
May 12	Rev. Philip S. Majka (Ret.)

**May 4-5 is our Diaper Drive.**  
**May 18-19 is our Food Collection.**  
**Thank you for your generosity and support.**

**Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish**

Irene Anderson, Baby John Baxter, Nancy Blanco, David Carothers, Josephine Crosby, Conor Doyle, Michael Everard, Greg Farrell, Therese Fruet, Robert Koldys, Robert McGarrigle, Lewis Rhodes, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Fr. Edwin Tewes



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Saueracker**

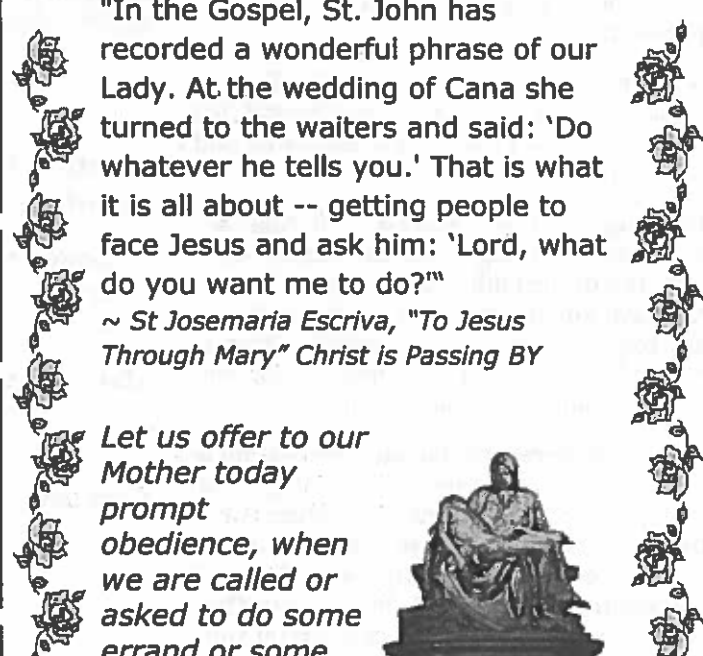


*May is the Month of Mary*

"In the Gospel, St. John has recorded a wonderful phrase of our Lady. At the wedding of Cana she turned to the waiters and said: 'Do whatever he tells you.' That is what it is all about -- getting people to face Jesus and ask him: 'Lord, what do you want me to do?'"

~ St Josemaria Escriva, "To Jesus Through Mary" Christ is Passing BY

Let us offer to our Mother today prompt obedience, when we are called or asked to do some errand or some act of service.



**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."*



Happy Easter season to all of our parishioners! We are glad to be back at school for the final stretch.

On Friday, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a fun field trip to Luray Caverns. They learned about stalagmites and stalactites and heard the great underground organ! On Tuesday our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will enjoy a field trip to NASA. We pray for good weather for them.

Also next week we begin the last session of Scantron online testing for grades 3-7. Please keep our students in your prayers as they finish off the school year.

Thanks, as always, for your continuing support for our wonderful school.



Life is a sacred gift

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**PRO LIFE CORNER**  
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**Mothers Day Novena (May 4—12)**

God of tender love and life,  
You compared your love for humanity  
To the love a mother has for her own child.

You are the Lord and Giver of Life,  
And you knit each of us together  
In our mother's womb.

You provide for the world  
The example of Mary, your own mother,  
Who said yes to life amid her confusion and surprise.

We thank you, then, for our mothers.  
Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God.  
They are your gift to us.

We pray for all mothers today.  
May they realize the greatness of their vocation  
And have the strength to live it without fear.  
Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.

To those who still make this earthly journey with us,  
Give us the grace to love them as we should;  
And to those whom you have called from this life,  
Give a special place of honor in your Kingdom of endless life.

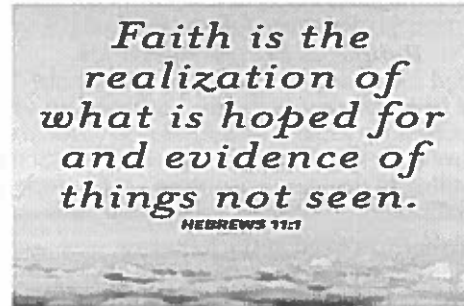
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Hour is the second Tuesday of the month and is at St. Leo the Great. Please call 703-273-5369 for information.  
If you are interested in joining the Pro Life Ministry please contact Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.

**St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY**

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)  
It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact Director of Youth Ministry:  
Therese Ryan [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)



**JR HIGH BASH 6-8graders**

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2019. 3:30pm-9:00pm  
WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington,  
COST: \$10.00 per participant (youth and adults)  
RSVP: Young people that want to participate should register by May 5<sup>th</sup> at [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org).

**\*\*\*WORKCAMP\*\*\***

June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> DONATIONS WEEKEND  
Att: WC '19 Crew members: Help needed after all Masses! See e-mail for Sign-up! Questions?  
Contact Mr. Stoss [SAstakeholder@gmail.com](mailto:SAstakeholder@gmail.com)

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

- Please pray for our young Church who are bravely engaging a culture who does not know God. May their witness to the Gospel by joyful and uncompromising!
- Thank you to all the prayer warriors who keep our young Church among their intentions!
- God bless the Kolbe's Kids who are learning how to ponder the mysteries of the Rosary with our Lady!
- God bless our WorkCamp Crew who are preparing their hearts for their summer 2019 mission trip! This is THE POWER ... of YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!

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

\*\*\*FRIDAYS-7am Mass and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Breakfast!  
**God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!**  
**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – Summer Crash Course!**  
**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother's Day NO GS!**  
**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> – LAST OFFICIAL GOD SQUAD of this school year!!!!-Sr. Honoring and Volunteer Appreciation night!**

**\*\*\*Junior High Youth Ministry\*\*\***

**\*Kolbe's Kids\*- Our Lady's Little Army**  
**Mondays 3:15-4:45 pm PHL Last day: Mon. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lmead@stambroseva.org)

**Providing Meals for participants in Jobs for Life Course at Lamb Center April 4-May 30.**

As in the past, we are going to be providing meals for the participants in the Jobs for Life 9 week course at the Lamb Center. Dinner before each class helps build community among the participants.

We are asked to provide a healthy meal for 15-20 people. Food should be brought to the Lamb Center at 6pm. Then, we will need a couple of people to stay to set up, serve and clean up until about 7:30 pm. Here is a link to the Sign up Genius in order to volunteer for a manageable part of this outreach ministry.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4ba4aa2da13-meals1>

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**The Divine Mercy Message Has Never Been So Relevant**

Father Gaitley makes the Divine Mercy message present in our lives and our times in 10 days of reflections starting Divine Mercy Sunday! Sign up now to renew your heart through love and mercy.

## FORMED

### Book Club

A Community to  
Inspire Spiritual  
Growth



Looking for a community in which you can learn and grow spiritually? Introducing FORMED Book Club, an online community for learning and discussion about exciting Catholic books.

For more information about the Book Club visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) and search Book Club.

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)

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** On Sunday, May 19, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the School Gym after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. We will use this occasion to recognize the St Ambrose Young Man of the Year, Young Woman of the Year, Family of the Year, and Knight of the year. We will also be recognizing the youth of the parish who are winners in the Soccer and Free Through Tournaments. Please plan to attend.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Today is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which was instituted by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The entire Church, including lay people, are charged with the work of fostering priestly and religious vocations. Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God's call in their lives. Show your commitment to praying for vocations by enrolling at [invisiblemonastery.com](http://invisiblemonastery.com) or joining the St. Therese Society through the Diocese: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/>. If you just type **St. Therese Society of Arlington**, you may join for free online and receive a pocket size brochure of names for which to pray who are currently discerning a religious vocation. The brochure comes every four months and a name is there for each day. Once you have joined, the Office of Vocations will send this to you for free and there is no need to re-register.

**Morning Bible Study beginning**

**Wednesday April 3-May 29 at 10am in Parish Hall**

**Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ,

We will begin *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* on Wednesday April 3 at 10am.

This is a 9 session study. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

For more information or to register, visit Ascension Press at

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/38232/registrations/new>

or contact Laura Mead at [LMead@stambrosva.org](mailto:LMead@stambrosva.org)

**Evening Bible Study beginning**

**Wednesday April 10-May 29 at 7:00pm in Parish Library**

**Galatians: Set Free to Live**

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice.

In the new study by *Galatians: Set Free to Live* by Jeff Cavins, learn what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how He honors us as His children, and how we must honor Him as our loving Father.

Join us for *Galatians: Set Free to Live* at St. Ambrose Parish Library beginning April 10 at 7:00pm until May 29. For more information or to register for the study contact Joe Gaziano at [joegaziano@yahoo.com](mailto:joegaziano@yahoo.com). To order the materials and register for the class follow this link.

<https://ascensionpress.com/studies/38088/registrations/new>

**ST. AMBROSE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 24-28 FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

**Listen Up! Dig Deep!  
Jesus had a lot to say.**

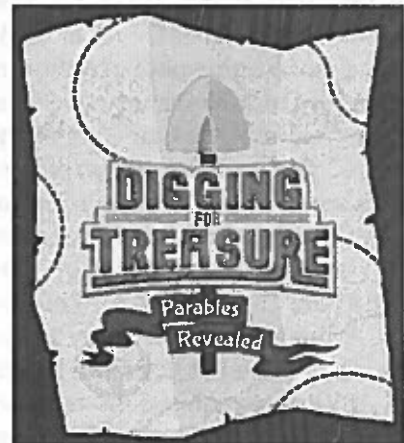
**And those who listened discovered a treasure in his words.**

At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. Of course we know that the type of soil in which seeds are sown is important for plants to grow, but what does that have to do with us? And if someone asked us for food, we wouldn't be rude and give a stone instead. Or, what if we lost something important to us? Of course we would look high and low and celebrate when it was found.

It turns out, however, that the parables have a greater meaning beyond what we first see. So come along, listen, and dig deeper for the treasures of the kingdom of heaven!

Registration information will be coming soon, First we are lining up volunteers to help with different aspects of the VBS. Please contact Jenn Charist for more information and to volunteer.

[rugbyatch2@aol.com](mailto:rugbyatch2@aol.com)



**Diocesan WorkCamp 2019**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> DONATIONS WEEK-**  
**END Thank you for your continued**  
**support of our Diocesan WorkCamp**  
**Mission Trip!**



See email for Sign-up! Questions?  
 Contact Mr. Andy Stoss [SAstakeholder@gmail.com](mailto:SAstakeholder@gmail.com)

\*\*\*We have St. Ambrose' WorkCamp Crew T-shirts for sale!!! Come see us after all Masses June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Women of St. Ambrose Coffee.** Please join the Women of St. Ambrose for Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish Hall on Friday, May 10 after the 9:00 am Mass. Feel free to bring a friend.

**Ordination Events - Come 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 Peter McShurley, Joe Moschetto and Charles Pavlick is Saturday June 1. The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Deacons Nicholas Blank, Edouard Guilloux, Sean Koehr and Will Nyce is Saturday June 8. Both events are at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More starting at 11:00 a.m. There is also a Holy Hour Vigil with Bishop Burbidge and the seminarians on Friday June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral, followed by a light reception. Come and pray for our future priests!

**#LoveOurMothers Campaign.** In the month of May, during which we honor our Blessed Mother, as well as all mothers, the Diocese of Arlington will launch #LoveOurMothers, a month-long social media and website campaign celebrating all mothers in the Diocese. We will share the stories of four mothers who the Church serves through its various ministries. Watch videos of these remarkable mothers, and share who you love your own mother by using the #LoveOurMothers hashtag. A special webpage, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/loveourmothers) will be launched in early May!

**Join Bishop Burbidge for a Listening Session on Racism.** Join us for a Listening Session on Racism, a diocesan response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts; the Enduring Call to Love." Bishop Michael Burbidge and Bishop Shelton Fabre (Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux and Chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism) host the listening session. The event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More Burke Hall, Arlington, Tuesday May 21, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Seating is very limited and RSVPs are required on or before Friday, May 17. Please email [mcm@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mcm@arlingtondiocese.org) to RSVP.

**Car Raffle Update.** The drawing of winners is May 4. Winners will be posted on the All Saints website, [allsaintsvachurch.org](http://allsaintsvachurch.org), under Announcements.

**Paul Stefan Foundation's**  
**7th Annual Mother's Day Golf Classic**  
**Friday, May 10th, 2019**  
**At Meadows Farms Golf Course, Orange, VA**  
**8:00 am Registration, 9:00 am Shotgun Start**  
**Register now at: [www.paulstefanhome.org](http://www.paulstefanhome.org)**  
**Just Click on EVENTS then Golf Outing**

**Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families!**  
**Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!**

Mike McAleer from Liturgical Publications, St. Ambrose's new bulletin company, will be in our office the week of May 13, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin, as well as converting existing advertisers to the new format. We need your help. Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Mike before his visit at (412) 855-8013 or via e-mail to [mmcaleer@4lpi.com](mailto:mmcaleer@4lpi.com).

**Lunch N' Life. Are You 50 or Better?** Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **May 16th**, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. The program and performance by Steve Friedman featuring Broadway Musicals. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 **by May 10th**. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 273-5730. See [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) for more information.

**St. Paul VI Catholic High School Honor Roll.** The following is a list of students from St. Ambrose who have achieved Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll Status during the 3rd quarter at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Congratulations!

**Principal's Honor Roll**  
 (4.0 or above average)

Meaghan Bornholdt  
 Nicole Franchi  
 Lydia Payne  
 Ryan Phillips  
 Matthew Wood

**Honor Roll**  
 (3.5 and 3.9 average)

Rebecca Cameron  
 Patrick O'Brien