

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

November 25, 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

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Phone: 703-280-4400

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dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

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Mon. – Fri.: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary
Laura Cameron, Receptionist

Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road
Annandale, VA 22003

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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

Monday 7:00am 9:00am	November 26: Weekday Cecilia & Tim Brady Johnny Crowley †
Tuesday 7:00am 9:00am	November 27: Weekday All Souls in Purgatory/ Deceased Members of Lerias Family † Gemma & Giuliani Families †
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	November 28: Weekday Mary Eileen Wilson † Rita Morgan †
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	November 29: Weekday Edward Nicewicz † Christine Cunnance †
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle Lawrence L. Holmes, Sr. † Bill & Christine Cunnance †
Saturday 9:00am 5:00pm	December 1: Weekday; BVM Leon & Laura Cameron People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon	December 2: First Sunday of Advent Ramon Coperros † People of the Parish Christian Lon †

*December 1-2 is our Diaper Drive.
December 15-16 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
- Therese Fruet
- Janet Gaydos
- Amy Hobbs
- Robert Koldys
- John Rivoire
- 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 9:45am 3:00pm 7:00pm 6:30am	November 26 Legion of Mary (PL) Kolby's Kids (PL) RCIA Classes (PH) RCIC Classes (PL)
Tuesday 9:45am	November 27 Knitting Group (PL)
Wednesday 10:00am 7:00pm	November 28 Bible Study (PH) Bible Study (PL)
Thursday 7:30pm	November 29 Confirmation (CH) with reception to follow in Parish Hall
Friday 10:30am	November 30 Bible Group (PL)
Saturday 9:00am 9:30am 9:30am/3-4pm	December 1 Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH) WSA Advent Retreat after Mass (PH) Confessions (CH)
Sunday	December 2

The flowers by Our Lady of Fatima are in thanksgiving for our priests at St. Ambrose, for Bishop Burbidge and for all the priests of the Diocese of Arlington.

Please Pray For Your Priests

- November 26 Rev. John P. Peterson, Y.A.
- November 27 Rev. Mauricio R. Pineda
- November 28 Rev. Anthony J. Pinizzotto
- November 29 Rev. Donald J. Planty
- November 30 Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky
- December 1 Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
- December 2 Rev. Marcus A. Pollard

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (JOHN 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

Please Pray For The Deceased Of The Parish and the Souls in Purgatory

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 behalf of the St. Ambrose School community, and in this season of

Thanksgiving, I want to thank our wonderful parishioners for your spirit of giving, through treasure, prayer, and talent. You make a difference in the lives of our students.



PRO LIFE CORNER

November is National Adoption Month.

Please pray for families pursuing adoption and if it be God's will please send them a child to love and with whom to share God's great love for us.

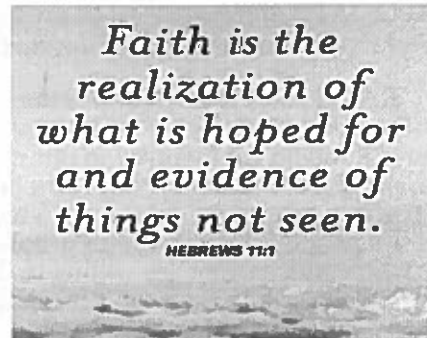
Join the St. Ambrose Pro-Life email list to become informed on important pro-life issues and events. By joining you will have access to information on pro-life speakers in the area, information on pro-life legislation and calls to action and opportunities to help with parish pro-life events. To join the email list send a message to donnahinva@aol.com.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you." Jeremiah 1:5

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



Prayer for Souls in Purgatory for November

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen."-St. Gertrude the Great

Walking humbly with our God...

***Please pray for our young Church who are:**

- Preparing to be Confirmed!
- Working in the parish to serve others.
- Preparing for their summer 2019 pilgrimage to Rome w/Fr. Fisher!

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

WeekendWorkCamp Sat. Dec. 8th

Works of Mercy & donuts!

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

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

*****FRIDAYS-7am Mass and Breakfast!**

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!

Sunday 18th -Pizza & Ping Pong Tournament! \$5

Sunday, Nov 25th -Happy Thanksgiving-NO GS!

Sunday, Dec 2nd- Advent Relay!

Thurs. Dec 8th- Immaculate Conception! Holy Day

Sunday, Dec 9th- *4:30gym- 1st WorkCamp info Meeting for parents and teens.**

5:45-8pm GS-Jesus Time!

Sunday, Dec 16th-Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec 23rd-Pasta Bar & Stable Deco

Monday, Dec 24th-LIVE NATIVITY

Rosary Making Morning of Reflection!

Saturday Dec.1st in the gym 8:45-11:30am

Students in grades 5-12 are welcome! \$10 includes materials and pizza lunch!

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL 9/17-5/20

***Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service*With Our Lady!**

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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



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

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The Catholic Church is a lot bigger than most people think—because it includes *all the saints!*

Watch **Episode 9 of Symbolon: Knowing the Faith** as Dr. Edward Sri discusses our close connection to the saints.

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

Celebrate the Birth of Christ

With Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA and the St. Andrew The Apostle & *St. Ambrose School Children's Choirs* at the recording of the

Christmas TV Mass

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:45 pm

Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception Crypt Church

400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC

Enter through front lower level. Free parking.

This special one-hour edition of the Sunday TV Mass will be broadcast Christmas morning, December 25, 2018, 8:00-9:00 am on WDCW Channel 50, Washington DC metro area
Questions? Contact Jackie Hayes at 202-281-0615 or jmh@bnsic.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.

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.

Knitting Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 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, December 7, 2018.

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, December 4, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) meet the 2nd Friday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting will be Friday, December 14, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Holy Hour for Vocations at a parish near you. The Holy Hours begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a light reception. The next Holy Hour will be Friday, November 30 at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton. There will be more announced in the spring. There is no need to RSVP for these events. For more information visit www.ArlingtonVocations.org.

In solidarity with the persecuted Church, please join **Aid to the Church in Need for a Night of Witness**, part of a worldwide effort to honor present day martyrs and suffering Christian brothers and sisters. The Night of Witness Vespers service takes place on November 28, 2018 from 6:30PM-8:00 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, please visit <https://www.churchinneed.org/courage-in-red/> and click on the "Yes, I will Attend" button to RSVP.

Three Kings Gift Shop Donations. We are gladly accepting donations to stock our store! Please take a look through your closets, drawers, attics, and garages and see if you have items in **VERY GOOD condition** to donate to our shop. We could use gifts for moms, dads, children, teenagers, and grandparents. Things like jewelry, toys, games, stuffed animals, ties, gadgets, mugs, books, religious items, knick-knacks, and any item you might want to receive or give as a gift. No large gifts as the children must be able to carry the items home. We also need gift wrapping supplies, gift boxes, jewelry boxes, tape, and sturdy shopping bags. **All donated items can be dropped off at the school office before November 30, 2018.** We appreciate your support! For more information please contact Mary Helou at Maryhelou1@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of last week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your contributions fund work which helps provide low-income people with the skills and opportunities they need in order to live independently and with dignity. Here in our diocese, CCHD grant funding supports work with low-income families and those with mental illness, and helps homeless people gain skills that will support them. Thank you for helping to break the cycle of poverty.

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners. Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 16, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 22. Both run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to sign up for women is December 7, for men December 14.

The 2018 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities is coming up and your generosity is deeply appreciated! As we think about the many blessings we and our families have received, please consider making a special sacrificial gift to support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Look for a special insert/contribution envelope in the parish bulletin next weekend. If you put a check in the collection basket please note "Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities" on the memo line or make a gift online at www.ccca.net.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 AT ST. AMBROSE**

Spiritual preparation for Advent and Christmas.
Led by

**Sister Maria Veritas Marks, O.P.
Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist**

9:00 am Holy Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Followed by talks in the Parish Hall on The Visitation and Prayer
Light breakfast and lunch provided
Open to all women. No cost— suggested donation \$10.

Bring a friend!

Questions? email: womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com

or call Parish Office 703-280-4400



Christmas Card Sales Are Coming!

WHEN: November 24/25 (after all Masses)
December 1/2 (after all Masses)
December 8 (after the 5:00pm Mass only)

WHERE: Outside the Church

SPONSORED BY: The Knights of Columbus

Choose from a wide variety of beautiful HOLY Christmas cards.

Please plan to spread the true meaning of Christmas this year through your choice of Christmas Cards.

**Help the Knights in their effort to
"Keep Christ in Christmas"!!**

Proceeds go to Christ House