



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

September 9, 2018 – Twenty-third 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 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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E-mail Address:
info@stambroseschool.org

Principal:

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Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
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Paul Moeller 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 3:30 pm **Benediction**

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	September 10: Weekday
7:00am	Patricia Blankenship †
9:00am	Betty Drazenovich †
Tuesday	September 11: Weekday
7:00am	Patricia Blankenship †
9:00am	Tony Stein †
Wednesday	September 12: Wkdy: The Most Holy Name of Mary
7:00am	Patricia Blankenship †
9:00am	Ray & Cecilia Thierry †
Thursday	September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00am	Dana Barczynski
9:00am	Janet O'Hagan Bushman †
Friday	September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00am	Dorothy K. Hoban †
9:00am	Dr. Juan J. (Pepe) Blanco †
Saturday	September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
9:00am	Pearline Jackson †
5:00pm	Louis D'Lima †
Sunday	September 16: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Helen Swindler †
10:00am	Italo & Rosa Falvo †
12:00Noon	People of the Parish

**September 15-16 is our Food Collection.
October 6-7 is our Diaper Drive.
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, Michael Everard, Janet Gaydos, 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, Chase Schradder, Father ;Spychala, 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**

Monday	September 10
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA Classes (PH)
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Tuesday	September 11
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. (PL)
Wednesday	September 12
No scheduled events	
Thursday	September 13
7:00pm	Lighthouse
Friday	September 14
9:45am	WSA Coffee (PH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
5:00pm	Confirmation Retreat (PH)
Saturday	September 15
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
Sunday	September 16
1:00-4:00	Parish Picnic (On Campus)

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Carmela Giardina*

Please Pray For Your Priests

September 10	Rev. David A. DuFresne
September 11	CH (LT) Luke R. Dundon
September 12	Rev. Richard E. Dyer
September 13	Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen
September 14	Rev. William J. Erbacher
September 15	Rev. Ronald S. Escalante
September 16	Rev. Wilhelm J. Ettner



Help Wanted

ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 1 PM TO 4 PM

PICNIC



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>

Please check inside the bulletin for more information.

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."



Thank you to all who came over to wish us well in this new school year. I am constantly reminded of what a warm, supportive parish community we have. Our kindergartners had full days this week, and we are so thrilled to see their bright enthusiasm.

Last Wednesday we were delighted to welcome renowned speaker Kirk Martin to our school, where he did a presentation for our parents on "Celebrate Calm," showing us ways to help those of our students who may have behavioral difficulties. We are grateful to the PTO for sponsoring this.

Next Wednesday is "Back to School" night. This will give the parents a chance to meet their children's teachers and learn about volunteer opportunities. Thank you to all who have shared some of their treasure in helping to provide a Catholic education for some needy students. We are grateful for your generosity. Please keep our school in your prayers.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Thank you for your donation of diapers last Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE: WRONG FOR VIRGINIA (Help stop the legalization of assisted-suicide in Virginia)
 Virginia is considering whether Assisted-Suicide should be legal in Virginia. The public comment period is open NOW and your legislators need to hear from you in order to stop this. This web site will show you how you can take action. Visit: <https://bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide> or google Virginia Catholic Conference and scroll down to Action Alerts. Supporters of Assisted Suicide will be vocal. We need to exceed the comments they send so that legislators know how strongly their constituents oppose doctors killing by lethal prescription. **IT IS NOT DIGNIFIED OR COMPASSIONATE MEDICINE AND A DOCTORS ROLE SHOULD BE TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE, NOT TO END IT.** Please respond before September 18th when a report will be presented to the Joint Commission on Health Care about Assisted Suicide. Please let them know loud and clear that this is **WRONG FOR VIRGINIA.**

Holy Hour Sponsored by Project Rachel.
 Tuesday, September 11th, 7:30 P.M.
 St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Catholic Church in Fairfax
 Adoration is so powerful as we place our intentions before God. Please come join us for this inspirational service in the beautiful chapel of St. Mary's Church.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at www.stambroseva.org
 Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact Director of Youth Ministry:
 Therese Ryan cym@stambroseva.org



SAVE THE DATES
High School GOD SQUAD
Kick-Off 2018

Sunday September 23rd
5:45-8pm at the Parish Hall
SCOTTISH GAMES- May the best team win!
 ~AND~

St. Ambrose Parish Picnic
Today September 16th!

Walking humbly with our God...

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

- Going back to school!
- 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. Oct. 13th
7th-12th graders Works of Mercy & donuts!
8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

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

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
Sunday September 16th- Parish Picnic-Come say hi!
Sunday September 23rd- God Squad Kick -Off
Scott-ish Games & BBQ - All parish high school teens
are invited to join the fun.
Special Guest- China Briceno
Sunday September 30th - Gym night/ Pilgrimage?
Sunday October 7th- Dinner & Adoration

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

Jr High IGNITE- For all 7th & 8th graders! Starts
October 2018

***Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**
Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL 9/10-5/20
***Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service*With Our Lady!**

September 9, 2018

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

Grades 7-8: Monday 7pm-8pm

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

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times



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 and both begin
Wednesday, September 19th

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

FORMED.org

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.



Discover the Incredible Story of Our Lady of Fatima! When the world was torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope. The film, *The 13th Day*, dramatizes the true story of the six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13.

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

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Please join the Women of St. Ambrose for Coffee and Fellowship on Friday, September 14, 2018 in the Parish Hall after the 9:00am Mass.

Update on Father Hinkle. Lt. Jim Hinkle, Chaplain Corps, US Navy, and a member of St. Ambrose Parish, is currently serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis as it finishes up seven weeks of operations in the eastern Pacific preparing for its eight month around the world deployment this fall. The crew and embarked air wing make up over 6,000 people and has a flight deck that is 1,092 feet long, over three football fields in length. During the deployment the carrier will be accompanied by one cruiser and three destroyers, all of whom Chaplain Hinkle will visit to say Mass and hear confessions.

Weekend of Prayer—for Faith, Hope, & Life. The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's National Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, & Life is an annual event around World Suicide Prevention Day. On this weekend (September 7-9, 2018), faith communities all around the country pledge to join in prayer for those who are struggling with suicidal behavior, those who support them, and for all those who have been touched by suicide. Visit the Faith, Hope, Life campaign website (www.faith-hope-life.org) for more information.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 14th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact St. Ambrose Parish Office at (703)280-4400 to register no later than September 14th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Give a child the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back in federal and state tax savings! The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit (on top of a regular charitable deductions) for donations made to the **Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation**, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. **You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit!** Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call **Jeanne Combos** at **703-841-2764** or go online to download the preauthorization request form at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times

Junior Catholic Youth Organization (CYO): Fall sports are fast approaching. St. Ambrose CYO is looking for volunteer coaches for Track and Field/Cross Country. Practices are after school hours and the track meets are in the fall and spring. If you have done track in the past and/or like to run, this is a great opportunity to help. Coaches are responsible for running with students and learning the field events. Parents are also invited to run. All volunteers will need to be VIRTUS trained. If you are interested, please contact **Tim Bogan** at CYO@stambroseschool.org.

Students of St. Ambrose Parish and School: Sign ups to CYO Track/Field and Basketball will start in September. This is an opportunity to try out and experience organized sports by participating learning sportsmanship, responsibility, team work, and leadership.

USCCB Call to Prayer. The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3—September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others.

Sign up at WWW.usccb.org/pray!

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Ages 21 to 65-plus; most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call **Tricia** at **301-460-9195**.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are: Sept 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Nov. 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. For info contact: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org, or applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org, or **703-646-1521**.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges. Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds 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. For questions, please call the BLA office at **703-841-2570**.



SEEKING HOPE & HEALING IN THE MIDST OF THE OPIOID CRISIS

Hosted by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge & Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

September 29th, 2018 | 10AM - 3PM

Registration at 9:30AM (Mass will be celebrated at 9AM)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church | 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Horne, Psy.D.

Director of Clinical Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

The day includes a keynote address and a variety of informative breakout sessions.

Bishop Burbidge will conclude the Conference with a Prayer Service for the intentions of all affected by the opioid crisis.

Free will offering for refreshments and lunch will be accepted.

Registration required. RSVP to attend by Sept. 26th at events@arlingtondiocese.org



CatholicCharitiesArlington



CCDArlington

| www.cdda.net

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 16, 2018 From 1PM to 4PM



Rain Date on October 14, 2018



**Please bring a side dish, snack, or
dessert to share**

**Families with last name A-L: please bring a
Side Dish/Salad: (macaroni salad, coleslaw, potato
salad, broccoli salad, etc.)**

**Families with last name M-V: please bring a
Scrumptious Dessert or Fruit**

**Families with the last name W-Z: please bring at least 2
bags of chips or salty snacks**

Picnic Food & Activities:

**Burgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, popcorn, cotton candy,
snow cones, moon bounce, relay races, board games, pony rides,
petting zoo, and much more.**

Many volunteers are needed. Please use the link below to signup

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>

**This is a great time for Parish families
to get together for food and fellowship.
Please invite your children and
grandchildren. Also, don't forget to
bring a blanket and chairs since there
is limited seating!**



St. Ambrose Adult Choir

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



*Season begins Sunday, September 9th
10:00 AM Mass*

*First rehearsal on Thursday, September 6th
7:30 PM in the Parish Activities Center Music Room*

*The St. Ambrose Adult Choir sings every Sunday at the
10:00AM Mass and on Holy Days. Rehearsals are on
Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM*

Please come and join us for our first rehearsal. Experience the joy of singing with a terrific ensemble and discover what we are all about. All are welcome.

*For more information, please contact Mr. Don Cotton
dcotton@stambroseva.org or (703) 698-0374*

**Saint Ambrose Parish
Report to Parishioners
FY18 Financial Report**

	Income Statement		
	Church	School	Parish
REVENUE SOURCES			
Offeritory/Tuition Related Income	1,061,533	1,125,044	2,186,577
Ministry	80,158	-	80,158
School	-	272,095	
Other Sources	107,545	112,988	220,533
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,249,236	\$ 1,510,127	\$ 2,487,268
EXPENDITURES			
Clergy	138,707	-	138,707
Staffing	509,712	1,190,706	1,700,418
Ministry	79,625	-	79,625
School	128,956	112,602	
Buildings	136,659	120,530	257,189
Admin	182,887	67,143	250,030
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,176,546	\$ 1,490,982	\$ 2,667,528
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 72,690	\$ 19,145	\$ 91,835
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE			
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	1,406,926	-	1,406,926
Capital Expenditures/Renovations	424,665	19,145	443,810
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 982,261	\$ (19,145)	\$ 963,116
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,054,951	\$ 0	\$ 1,054,951
	Balance Sheet		
	Church	School	Parish
ASSETS			
Operating Accounts	47,569	-	47,569
DIAL Savings	3,661,518	-	3,661,518
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Endowment Investments	-	-	-
Other Assets	100	-	100
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,709,187	\$ -	\$ 3,709,187
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	14,372	-	14,372
Loans Payable	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	27,364	-	27,364
Other Liabilities	26,153	-	26,153
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 67,889	\$ -	\$ 67,889
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted	61,205	-	61,205
Temporarily Restricted	3,494,649	-	3,494,649
Permanently Restricted	85,444	-	85,444
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,641,298	\$ -	\$ 3,641,298
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 3,709,187	\$ -	\$ 3,709,187