

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

September 2, 2018 – Twenty-second 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

Religious Education

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Don Cotton 703-698-0374
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 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-698-7171

Website: www.stambroseschool.org

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info@stambroseschool.org

Principal:

Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

Youth Ministry

Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
cym@stambroseva.org

Plant & Facilities Manager

Paul Moeller 703-280-4400
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

Monday	September 3: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
7:00am	Mr. Gerald W. Francis †
9:00am	Jayne A. Eckert †
Tuesday	September 4: Weekday
7:00am	Mrs. Paola Solis
9:00am	Carson Family & Friends
Wednesday	September 5: Wkdy: St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
7:00am	Margarita Konahap †
9:00am	Pete & Aida Custodio
Thursday	September 6: Weekday
7:00am	Mrs. Mary Ellen DeWolfe
9:00am	Special Intention/Souls in Purgatory †
Friday	September 7: Weekday
7:00am	Regina Begley
9:00am	Jaradat Family
Saturday	September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am	Evelyn Majam Llamas †
5:00pm	Souls in Purgatory †
Sunday	September 9: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Ray & Cecilia Thierry †
10:00am	Alfred Cammarata †
12:00Noon	People of the Parish

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

Monday	September 3—Office Closed
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
Tuesday	September 4
9:45am	Rosary Makers (PL)
Wednesday	September 5
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
Thursday	September 6
<i>No scheduled events</i>	
Friday	September 7—First Friday
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
6:00pm	Knitting/Crochet Group (PL)
Saturday	September 8
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
9:45am	Mary's Birthday Party (PH)
Sunday	September 9

On Monday, September 3, the Parish Office will be closed in observation of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00.

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, September 7. Please sign up throughout the week in the binder in the Church Vestibule.

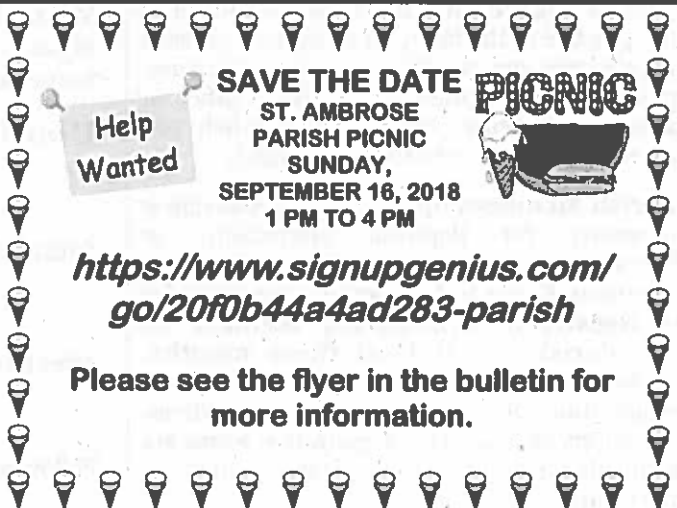
Please Pray For Your Priests

September 3	Rev. Alexander Diaz
September 4	Rev. Michael J. Dobbins
September 5	Rev. Denis M. Donahue
September 6	Rev. Jeb. S. Donelan
September 7	Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
September 8	Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski
September 9	Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus

September 1-2 is our Diaper Drive.
September 15-16 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, 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 ;Spsychala, Father Tewes, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young



Help Wanted

SAVE THE DATE

ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

1 PM TO 4 PM



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

Please see the flyer in 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."



We had a wonderful first week of school. It is wonderful to see the smiling faces and hear the classrooms filled with joyful noise again. We met old friends and welcomed new ones. We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus for hosting our annual back-to-school ice cream social, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Our preschool had their open house last week and we will welcome our youngest students on Tuesday. We still have some openings in our preschool program. Please call the school office to schedule a tour.

Please keep our school in your prayers. We are blessed to be part of a wonderful parish community.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Positive Development from the FDA. the only vaccines readily available in the United States for some contagious diseases (e.g. rubella and Hepatitis A) have been manufactured using fetal tissue from induced abortions. This creates a problem of conscience for some Catholic Parents.

The FDA recently approved a new shingles vaccine that does not use aborted fetal cell lines and has given it a preferential recommendation over the only other available, and morally problematic, shingles vaccine on the market. It is the hope that with some encouragement, the manufacturer of this new vaccine (GSK) may consider creating other morally acceptable vaccines.

Please take a moment to write a "thank you". A sample letter can be obtained by googling National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC). On the Home Page, under the heading Latest News and Commentary, click on Message on Shingles Vaccine. Scroll down until you see a template for - thank you letter to GSK that could be used by any Catholic. Please take a moment to print, sign and send this letter and help to promote the culture of life. As St. John Paul II says: "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life...."

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 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. Sept. 8th

7th-12th graders Service/Discipleship hours!
8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

LOVED AS I AM!- Sr. Miriam Heidland

High School Women's Summer Book Club

***Join us for-Great discussions about everything Catholic & current!**

Last meeting: Monday Aug 27th
Dominion Deli Annandale 2:30-4pm. Bring \$ for drink/snack!

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 & Aides
Aides for K, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
Hall Monitors

Monday (5:30pm-6:00pm)

Catechists Grades K & 1
Hall Monitors

All volunteers MUST become VIRTUS compliant.

REGISTRATION for Religious Education. The registration form may be found on our website. Due to anticipated construction on our K-HS parking lot and Church we will offer two sessions:

Grades 1-6: Sunday 8:45am-9:45am as well as Monday 5:30pm-6:30pm.

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



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

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.

The opioid crisis has severely impacted the Diocese of Arlington,

where opioid overdose deaths have increased threefold, and statewide, where opioid deaths jumped 200 percent. Join Bishop Michael Burbidge and Catholic Charities as we explore how we in the diocese can respond to this crisis. **"Seeking Hope and Healing in the Opioid Crisis"** is a free daylong conference on **Saturday, September 29, 2018**, the Feast of the Archangels, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, **8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria**. Dr. Michael Horne, Catholic Charities psychologist, will give a keynote address. Bishop Burbidge will lead a prayer service. The daily parish Mass is available at 9 a.m., before the 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. conference. Please help us address this critical issue and invite others to come as well. **Register by September 26** at: events@arlingtondiocese.org.

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.

Parking for Sundays and Holy Days!

St. Ambrose parish wants to be good neighbors, especially when it comes to parking during Mass times. We ask that all parishioners park in the St. Ambrose Church parking lot for Mass. If the lot is full, then please park at the Fairfax County Police Station parking lot on Woodburn Road (located directly next to our parish). It is a short walk from that parking lot to the door of the church. Please be aware that there is limited public parking on the street. We try and leave those public parking places on Woodburn Road for the neighbors to use. Lastly, please drive slow and be aware of traffic lanes when entering or exiting the church parking lot.

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.

3rd Annual Heroes Mass: Fr. Malloy Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its 3rd Annual Heroes Mass, honoring our Military and First Responders, at the 11AM Mass on September 9th, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (**3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, 22030**). All military and first responders are asked and encouraged to attend this Mass in dress uniform. Family and friends are likewise invited and welcome to attend with our heroes. All attending in uniform are asked to join the Knights in front of the church at 10:45 for a picture. A reception for our heroes and their family will follow in Providence Hall. For more details, please contact Dave Todd, Jr., at djtoddjr@gmail.com, or at (703) 463-1499.

Humanae Vitae & Fifty Years. St. Raymond of Penafort Parish in Springfield, VA invites everyone to their "Humanae Vitae & Fifty Years" Conference on September 8. Take a serious look at the impact of this profound encyclical by Pope Blessed Paul VI on marriage, the family and the nation. Speakers include Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Dr. Robert Royal, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Gerri Laird. Holy Mass is at 9:00 am while the conference is from 9:45 am to 2:00 pm. Please RSVP at [ww.straymonds.org/humanae-vitae-conference](http://www.straymonds.org/humanae-vitae-conference). For more info, contact St. Raymond's parish office at 703-440-0535 or email office@straymonds.org.

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!

September 2, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

**St. Ambrose Adult Choir
Seeking New Members**

Choir

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

First rehearsal on Thursday, September 6th

7:30PM in the Parish Activities Center Music Room

The St. Ambrose Adult Choir sings every Sunday at the 10AM Mass and on Holy Days.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00PM.

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



**ST. AMBROSE
LEGION OF MARY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
MARY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**PLEASE JOIN THE
MEMBERS OF THE
LEGION OF MARY
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS
SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2018
IN THE PARISH HALL.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED.**

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!**

