



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

April 15, 2018 – *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 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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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	April 16: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Margarita Konahap †
9:00am	Horatio Antonio Gavilan, Sr. †
Tuesday	April 17: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Cora Jones †
9:00am	Elizabeth Spardy †
Wednesday	April 18: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Mary Ellen, Ed, & Autumn York
9:00am	Katherine Mary Bushman †
Thursday	April 19: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Andrew Edgerton †
9:00am	Maryte & Pranas Grusa †
Friday	April 20: Easter Weekday
7:00am	Charles Sell †
9:00am	Ann Dau †
Saturday	April 21: Easter Wkdy; St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00am	Cora Jones †
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	April 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Regina Verdijo
10:00 am	William Sill †
12:00 Noon	Tony Stein †

May 5-6 is our next 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, 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, Delores Mountjoy, 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, 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	April 16
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA Mystagogy (PH)
Tuesday	April 17
Wednesday	April 18
Thursday	April 19
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	April 20
10:30am	Bible Group
Saturday	April 21
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	April 22
8:45am	Religious Ed. HS (PL)
11:00am	First Communion Retreat (PH)

The St. Ambrose Spring Food Drive will be this weekend, April 14-15. Please bring your filled Blue Bags to Church for the Knights.

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Nancy Harrington and
Helen Swindler.*



Please Pray For Your Priests

April 16	Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
April 17	Rev. Thomas J. Lehning
April 18	Rev. Richard J. Ley
April 19	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
April 20	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat
April 21	Rev. Msgr. Frank E. Mahler (Ret.)
April 22	Rev. Philip S. Majka (Ret.)

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 are delighted to be back at school after our Easter break. The students are refreshed and ready for the last couple of months of school. This past week we welcomed our Design for Excellence Visiting Team for our reaccreditation. It was a very affirming experience and we continue to be proud of all that we do.

Yesterday several of our students represented our school at the Diocesan Science Fair, at Paul VI High School. We are very proud of them.

This Sunday is our bi-annual Used Uniform sale from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

RESPECT Life Mass with Bishop Burbidge immediately followed by a rosary at the Falls Church Abortion facility will be held on **Saturday, April 21**. Mass begins at 9:00am at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. **Please save the date and plan to attend.**

The Pro-Life Ministry will be preparing roses for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 12th. Please consider helping with this fun and worthwhile project. The preparation takes about two hours. This year proceeds will go toward Paul Stefan Home for Unwed Mothers. Call Donna Hores for more information and to sign up at 703-354-5290.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all activities below contact:
Therese Ryan cym@stambroseva.org



-SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Walking humbly with our God...

- *Please pray for the God Squad who are learning about Marian consecration this month!
- *Please pray for the young men of our parish who attended a vocations dinner with Bishop Burbidge last week!
- * God bless for all the kids who came out to prepare bags for the St. Lucy donations and all those who served during Weekend WorkCamp on Saturday... You were the love of Christ to all those you served!
- *Please pray for our young Church who are:
 - Preparing their hearts for heaven!
 - Seeking holy friendships and serving others!
 - Preparing for their WorkCamp mission trip!
 - Witnessing to their friends, families, schools and communities!

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

WeekendWorkCamp – Sat. May12th
7th-12th 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!

Next Crew Training April 22nd 4:30-5:45 Gym
Contact us at: SAstakeholder@gmail.com

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

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
Sunday April 15th- 33 Days to Morning Glory
Sunday April 22nd – 33 Days Con't!

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

Jr High IGNITE- For all 7th & 8th graders!
Next meeting Saturday April 28th Kayaking!
***Save the Date! ***

Jr High BASH-April 21st

Kolbe's Kids- Our Lady's Little Army
Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL☐
*Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service*

Religious Education Calendar for February



"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."

We are in need of Substitutes. If you feel God is calling you to share faith with His Children please contact Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or Lmead@stambroseva.org.

Religious Education News

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?

All who are interested in discovering the Catholic faith are invited to join us in the RCIA classes on Monday evenings from 7pm-8pm. The classes are lead by Father Fisher and Father Hayes.

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process through which the Church welcomes new adult members. It is a journey that involves conversion of the heart and formation into discipleship. Come join others in learning about the Catholic Faith and discern if this is the path that God is calling you to be on.

These classes are for anyone who is of a different faith tradition as well as for people who were baptized Catholic and are interested in deepening their understanding of the faith. **Please contact Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or Lmead@stambroseva.org.**

Jesus, Mary, and a Cup o'Joe . Please join us on Sunday mornings in the School cafeteria from 8:45 am until 9:45 am.

- We will meet every Sunday and follow the Religious Education calendar.
- No registration required.
- We are currently discussing the Catholic Church through the ages.
- A perfect place to ask questions about your faith and meet new people.

Contact Lori Prendergast at loripren@yahoo.com or Laura Mead at Lmead@stambroseva.org with questions.

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Invitation to Join!!!

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, May 1, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Knitting Club meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 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, May 11, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

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.

SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR PLEASE JOIN US!!!

On Sunday, April 22nd the St. Ambrose Children's Choir will welcome the children's choir from St. Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond, VA. The two choirs will join together to sing for the 10am Mass. Their Assistant Music Minister is Jacob Temple who grew up in St. Ambrose Parish. Please join us that Sunday to welcome our visitors as they share in this wonderful musical experience.

2018 Annual Car Raffle!!!

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win a vehicle or one of the cash prizes totaling \$20,000. St Ambrose had a cash winner last year! Car raffle tickets will be mailed to most parishioners to sell on the week of April 15. There will not be after mass sales this year. Selling All Saints tickets is a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! Please note that this year all purchases are by check (No Cash) and checks are to be made out to "All Saints Catholic Church." This is a change from last year. Our St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus support this fundraising activity with All Saints Parish and it benefits many St Ambrose parish activities throughout the year. Please prayerfully consider your participation.

Contact Patrick Rocke at kofc8403@gmail.com with questions.

Pilgrimage to Ireland with St. Philip Catholic Church. Join Fr. Steven Walker and members of St. Philip Catholic Church (Falls Church) on a trip to Ireland August 3—14, 2018. Cost is \$3,595. For more information contact Mr. Joseph Long, Pilgrimage Director of ProRome Tours, at (570) 309-1346 or www.prorome.com.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Men's Monthly Evenings of Reflection: Wednesdays, May 2 and June 6 from 7:00—9:30pm

Women's Wednesday Evening Mini-Retreats: Wednesdays, April 25, May 23, & June 27 from 7:00-9:45pm

Women's Thursday Morning Mini-Retreats: Thursdays, April 26, May 24, & June 28 from 9:45am—12:00 Noon

For more information email www.ourladyofbethesda.org

24th Annual Military Services Memorial Mass. The Archdiocese for the Military Services will hold its 24th Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, May 20 at 4:30pm honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The liturgy will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, DC. The principal celebrant and homilist will be the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited and car pooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: Civilian, business attire; Military, service dress please. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit:

<https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>

Run, Walk, Cheer, Donate and Pray to support Our Seminarians. There are many ways to support the future priests of our diocese in the Race for Seminarians campaign. Runners and walkers of all levels can get sponsored for their races; cheer squads can encourage them as they log the miles, donors can pledge to support specific runners, and prayer warriors can back up their efforts. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run to learn about all these options and start building your team today: Don't miss the Team Kickoff on May 8 at St. Agnes Parish in Arlington.

Catholic Charities Community Job and Resource Fair. Catholic Charities is hosting the first-ever Community Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, April 28, 9:00am to 12:00pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria, VA. For information please contact jobfairs@ccda.net.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics. Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will be led by Rev. Tom Ferguson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Arlington, and will include Holy Mass, Confession, reflection, prayer and Benediction. The next Morning of Mercy is on April 28 at St. John Neumann Church in Reston, VA.

Event is free, but please register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy.

Summer Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School. Learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! Online courses run from May 14 through August 11. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from June 25—August 4. For more information, please visit <https://graduate.christendom.edu/>. You can also email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call 703-658.4304.