

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

February 4, 2018 – Fifth 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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Principal:

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Youth Ministry

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

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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	February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
7:00am	Jim Ryan †
9:00 Noon	Donald E. Carson †
Tuesday	February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7:00am	Eugene Simmons †
9:00am	Bernace Malvin Symm †
Wednesday	February 7: Weekday
7:00am	Linming Liu †
9:00am	Sofia de la Cruz †
Thursday	February 8: Wkdy; St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
7:00am	Pham Family
9:00am	Rebecca Cameron
Friday	February 2: Weekday
7:00am	Michael Creedon †
9:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
Saturday	February 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
5:00pm Vigil	Vincent DiRenzo †
Sunday	February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Eugene Simmons †
10:00 am	People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Joseph Connor

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

Monday	February 5
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA (PH)
Tuesday	February 6
9:30am	Rosary Makers
Wednesday	February 7
7:00pm	First Confessions (CH)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	February 8
10:00am	Bible Study (PH)
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	February 9
9:30am	WSA Coffee (PH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	February 10
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	February 11
8:45am	Religious Ed HS Class (PL)
8:45am	Jesus, Mary, and Cup o'Joe (SCH)

*The Diaper Drive is this weekend
 Please be generous.*

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: LIVING IN FAITH, GIVING IN GRATITUDE

Next weekend, every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be a place to note that on the form. Please read the BLA newsletter inserted in today's bulletin with information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese to help thousands of people each year. Then, prayerfully consider joining in support by making a pledge to the BLA.

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE WHICH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9AM TO 4PM.

Please Pray For Your Priests

February 5	Very Rev. Francis De Rosa, V.F.
February 6	Rev. Matthew J. DeForest
February 7	Rev. Paul F. DeLadurantaye
February 8	Rev. Robert J. DeMartino
February 9	Rev. Alexander Diaz
February 10	Rev. Michael J. Dobbins
February 11	Rev. Denis M. Donahue

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

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, Arvilla Moyers, Miguel and Julita Pascual, Francine Proulx, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Spychala, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

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."



What a wonderful week we had in celebration of our Catholic schools. Each day during the past week we had a day of appreciation for our students, our faculty and staff, our priests and our families. Thank you to all who came to our open houses on Sunday and Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed your tour, and I look forward to welcoming you in the future.

Open registration for the 2018-2019 school year has also begun. Please spread the word about our wonderful school where "You are known; you are loved." We are very grateful to our tuition angels who continue to provide financial assistance for some of our students. If you are interested in becoming one of our tuition angels please contact the school at 703-698-7171. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual gala will be held on March 3, with the theme of "A Lucky Knight for St. Ambrose" (think Irish!). This is our school's biggest fundraiser, but more importantly it is an event for community. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun, food and friendship. Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

THIS WEEKEND IS THE DIAPER DRIVE! PLEASE BE GENEROUS

40 Days for Life Begins on Ash Wednesday. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. 40 Days for Life takes place for the 40 Days of Lent by offering prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils outside of abortion facilities.

Vigil Location: Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street (Lee Highway) .

Vigil Hour for St. Ambrose: To be announced. You are welcome go to any day that fits your schedule best.
Contact: Donna Hores **703-354-5280**

It's proven that the vigils help change hearts and minds. 83 abortion facilities have gone out of business. And more importantly, close to 13,000 children have been saved from abortion due to people standing outside praying and witnessing. Please make a commitment to get involved. The pro-life committee is looking for volunteers to help with various projects. Please call Donna Hores to sign up at 703-354-5280. If you would like to be put on the pro-life email list to get periodic emails about pro-life events and legislative action alerts call the above number.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

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



WINTER RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE- Feb 9-11, 2018

**St Ambrose + St Philip's + St James =
an awesome weekend!**

Check website (StAmbroseva.org) for permission slip and details or cym@stambroseva.org

Walking humbly with our God...

*God bless our St Ambrose Church family who made sandwiches to feed the hungry served by **Martha's Table** in Washington DC!

*God bless all those who serve the youth of our parish as catechists & youth ministry volunteers!
Thank you!

* Please pray for our God Squad who are:

-Seeking holy friendships!

-Caring for the hungry!

-Preparing for their WorkCamp mission trip!

-Preparing for Winter Retreat : Feb 9th-11th!

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

WeekendWorkCamp – Sat. March 10th

Service and Discipleship hours!

8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

2018 DIOCESAN WORKCAMP

The greatest, toughest, most amazing week of your life!!! June 23rd-29th.2018 Still a few spots left...

Come join our St Ambrose Crew! Contact us at:

Sastakeholder@gmail.com

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

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

Sunday Feb 4- Super Bowl! No God

Squad!

Feb. 9-11 Winter Retreat

No meeting: on Sun. Feb 11th!

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

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

Next meeting Friday Feb 16th, 7:00-8:30pm

Outdoor firepit and a movie!

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

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHLJ

Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service

Religious Education Calendar for January

"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

February 5th: Regular Class
February 7th: 1st Confession at 7pm
February 12th: Regular Class
February 19th: No Class—Holiday
February 26th: Regular Class

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.**

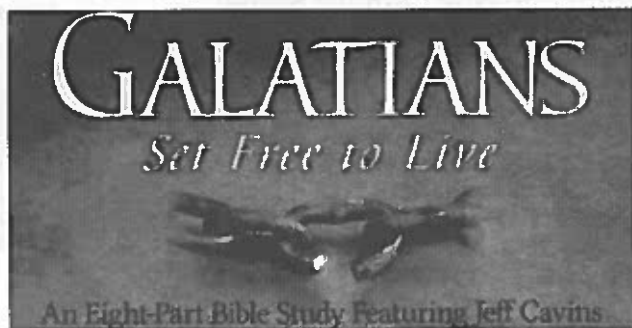
Bible Study group meets every Friday from 10:30 to noon in the Parish Library.

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.

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.

**Galatians Bible Study beginning in January!**

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* :

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall beginning January 17

Or

Thursday Mornings in the Parish Hall at 10:00am beginning January 18

Cost of the Materials is \$25.

There are two ways to get the materials...

1. Order on-line at www.ascensionpress.com, or
2. Email Laura Mead at Lmead@stambroseva.org to order the materials.

FORMED.org

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Looking for an easy way to educate yourself and explore your faith? **Formed** is a website designed for you — movies, presentations, podcasts, audiobooks, etc. Visit formed.org with a web browser. Click on Register (lower right of page). Enter Parish Access Code: **7A49V3**. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later). Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

A Lent To Remember: A Lenten Encounter With Mercy. Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs *Symbolon* and *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

***** SAVE THESE DATES *****

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
LENTEEN RETREAT

After the 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018
A LUCKY KNIGHT FOR ST. AMBROSE
GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018
YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MORNING OF
RECOLLECTION

8:00am-1:00pm in Church & Parish Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
COME WALK WITH ME
Mark Forrest, International Irish Tenor
7:30pm in Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
ORDER OF MALTA ANOINTING MASS
11:00am Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Mass in the Church followed by reception in Parish Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEN'S RETREAT
After the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall

More information about these events coming soon.

Women of St. Ambrose Coffee. Please join the Women of St. Ambrose on Friday, February 12, in the Parish Hall after the 9:00am Mass for coffee and fellowship.

Mass to Pray for Victims of Sexual Abuse
St. Charles Borromeo
3304 Washington Blvd
Arlington, VA 22201
Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00pm

Please join Bishop Burbidge, the Vicar General Fr. Thomas Ferguson, and the Victim Assistance Coordinators for a Healing Mass to pray for victim survivors of sexual abuse and their families. There will be a reception after the Mass, an opportunity to meet Victim Assistance Coordinators. No RSVP is necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators at 703-841-2530.

2018 Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Ambrose Council 8403 would like to invite all young people ages 8 through 14 (as of January 1) to participate in the 2018 Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest will be an annual competition with winning entries progressing to local, district, state and international levels of competition.

There will be a division for youngsters ages 8 to 11 and a division for youngsters ages 12 to 14. All contestants will be recognized for their participation. All posters and entry forms are due by Sunday, February 4 in the KOC collection in the front school hallway. For entry forms or additional information contact Tom Svercl, 703-209-9782, or TSVERCL@YAHOO.COM.

All participants will be given a certificate and the winners were given a cash prize of \$50 for 1st place and \$25 for 2nd place. The winning poster entries will also be forwarded onto the district/regional level of competition, which progresses onto the state and then the international level. The winning entries at the international level will serve as the basis for a series of substance abuse awareness posters, with creative credit going to their artists, to be distributed throughout the countries in which the Knights of Columbus is present.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members in over 15,000 local councils. Last year, Knights and their families donated 70 million volunteer hours and \$170 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their Church, councils, communities, culture of life, families and young people.

The Bridge From Preschool to Kindergarten. Please join us on Tuesday, February 13th (9:00am—10:00am) in the St. Ambrose School library for coffee and pastries. We will be discussing the value of a Catholic education and our kindergarten curriculum. We look forward to meeting with you.

Upcoming Events at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine:

SECOND ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION. Saturday, February 17 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. For more information and to register visit: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com.

TEA & ROSARY FOR MOTHERS. Once a month from 9:45am to 12:00pm. For more information and to RSVP, visit: teaandrosary.eventbrite.com.

**COME EXPERIENCE JESUS A NEW WAY...
IN PRAYER THRU THE SCRIPTURES...**

Lightworks

Guided by the insight of St. Ignatius of Loyola...
Let Our Lord speak personally to your heart...
Rediscover Christ in your heart!

Is Lightworks for you?...

- Do you want to grow deeper in your faith?
- Do you want to learn how to have a more intimate relationship with God thru Scripture?
- Are you open to Lecto Divina and other Ignatian methods of prayer?
- Would you like to share and support fellow participants in this journey of faith?
- Can you spend 15 to 30 minutes of each day for 14 weeks to be with God?

DISCOVER the yearning in your restless heart for Our Lord's Abundant Love

You are invited to attend an Introduction Session

St. Ambrose Library (Annandale), Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, February 1, 2018

For more information, contact:

- PHONE: Joe Dao 703-963-1075 or Patricia Butler 703-401-9111
- EMAIL: lightworks-arlington@clc-usa.org

World Marriage Sunday Mass. All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Mass offered at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria on Sunday, February 11 at 12pm. Father Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General & Moderator for the Curia, will be celebrating the Mass and offer words of reflection for married couples. A reception will be offered after Mass thanks to the generosity of Families in Christ Jesus. Please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/wms18.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics. Join Vicar General, Father Thomas Ferguson as he leads quarterly mornings of recollection for divorced Catholics. Mass, confession, reflection, prayer and discussion all included. The next Morning of Mercy is at St. Luke Catholic Church at 9:00am on February 17, 2018 in McLean, VA. To sign up visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy>.

"Married Couple" Retreat. Please join Retreat Master Father Rick Kramer from the Office of Family Life in Washington, D.C as he leads 2 retreats at Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneyville, WV on March 16, 17, 18th or March 23, 24, 25th. For more information call: Elaine Galeone at 410-252-5355.

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

Men's Monthly Evenings of Reflection
(hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi)
2/7 Building True Male Friendships
3/7 Lent: A Time of True Change & Growth

Women's Mini-Retreats Wednesday Evenings
(hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi)
2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, & 6/27

Women's Mini-Retreats Thursday Mornings
1/25, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24, & 6/28

Please visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org for more information.

2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE
MARKED/MEN, MADE FOR GREATNESS
March 3, 2018, 8:50 am
St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, VA 20170

*Featuring: Father Mike Schmitz,
Bishop Michael Burbidge, and Billy Atwell*

**For more information call (703) 841-2550 or
email: familylife@arlingtondiocese.org**

2018 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT
March 10, 2018 from 8:45 am to 2:15 pm
St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, VA 20170

*Featuring: Diane Foley, Mother of slain Journalist,
James Foley, Sister Grace Dominic, writer/national
speaker*

For inquiries please call (703) 841-2550.