

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 28, 2018 – *Fourth 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

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 Annandale, VA 22003

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dvasilakos@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	January 29: Weekday
7:00am	Father Ed Nicewicz †
9:00 Noon	Jim Ryan †
Tuesday	January 30: Weekday
7:00am	Margarita Konahap †
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
Wednesday	January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest
7:00am	Patricia Burke †
9:00am	Gregory P. Holmes
Thursday	February 1: Weekday
7:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
9:00am	Kathleen Kelly †
Friday	February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
7:00am	Edward Hores †
9:00am	Cali Vasilakos †
Saturday	February 3: Wkdy; St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop, BVM
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
5:00pm Vigil	Ashley Mora †
Sunday	February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Stan Zuris †
10:00 am	Donald Carson †
12:00 Noon	People of the Parish

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is "Living in Faith-Giving in Gratitude." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

Please Pray For Your Priests

January 29	Rev. Gerard Creedon
January 30	Rev. John C. Cregan (Ret.)
January 31	Rev. Kevin D. Cummings
February 1	Rev. Jerome R. Daly (Ret.)
February 2	Rev. Kevin J. Dansereau
February 3	Rev. Colin P. Davis
February 4	Rev. John C. De Celles

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

Monday	January 29
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA (PH)
Tuesday	January 30
<i>No scheduled Events</i>	
Wednesday	January 31
7:00pm	Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	February 1
10:00am	Bible Study (PH)
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	February 2—First Friday
9:30am-3:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (CH)
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	February 3
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	February 4
8:45am	Religious Ed HS Class (PL)
8:45am	Jesus, Mary, and Cup o'Joe (SCH)

Please join the Knights of Columbus today after the 8am and 10am Masses in the Parish Hall for Coffee and Donuts.

Friday, February 2nd, is First Friday. Please sign up for Adoration and Benediction in the book in the foyer of the Church.

TAX STATEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2018. THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9AM TO 4PM.

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Moises Avila, Suzanne Bercier, Nancy Blanco, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, 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 Spsychala, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

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

January 28—regular classes

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.**

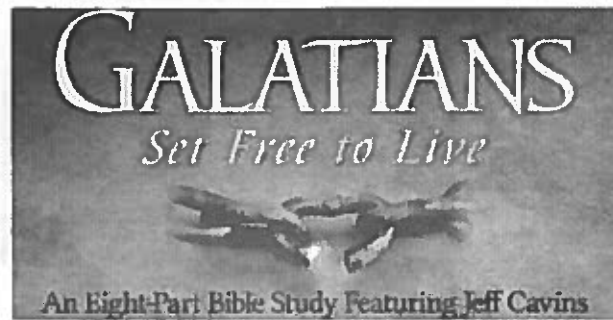
Bible Study group meets every Friday from 10:30 to noon in the Parish Library.

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!

Here are some of the Programs in January 2018.

January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas

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.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018
ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
 11:00am to 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018
ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
 6:00pm to 8:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018
WINE AND CHOCOLATE EVENT
Taste gourmet chocolates and delicious Virginia wines

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
LENTEN RETREAT
After the 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018
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More information about these events coming soon.

2017 St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus KCIC Youth Poster Contest Results. The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was open for all boys and girls from ages 5 through 14 with 1st place winners receiving \$50 and 2nd place winners receiving \$25. The contest was conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and state competitions to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters, with creative credit going to the artists. Poster entries were scored based on the criteria of slogan, artistic merit, and overall impact. Congratulations to the following winners:

Grades K-2 Division: 1st Place—Nora Svercl
 2nd Place—Brooke Smith
 Grades 3-5 Division: 1st Place—Rachel Svercl
 2nd Place—Ish Coady
 Grades 6-8 Division: 1st Place—Jillian Gomes
 2nd Place—Mai-Lien Cao

The Knights of Columbus is one of the country's largest charitable organizations, with members donating more than \$1.6 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and giving more than 700 million hours of volunteer service in the last decade. Among the many public services Knights provide is their long-standing "Keep Christ in Christmas" program, which features faith-based local events and public service announcements.

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.

Pauline Books and Media Book Fair. This Catholic School's Week 2018, we invite you to celebrate with us! Experience the award winning publications that make Pauline Books & Media the leader in Catholic children's books!

Sunday, January 28, 2018, the Daughters of St. Paul will be in the school library with a collection of their books for sale. The book fair will be open from 9:00am to 1:30pm.

Come and buy some good books to curl up with on these cold winter days. There will be multiple copies of each book so you can take the books you buy with you! There will be books for all ages.

Take a tour of the school at the same time. See for yourself why Catholic school is so important.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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>.

**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

"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 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.

Return to the Lord your God



with Prayer, Fasting and Works of Love

Please join us for a **WSA** Sponsored

Women's Lenten Retreat

with our Pastor,

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher

Saturday, FEB 17 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. Ambrose Parish

3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003

9:00am Holy Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Followed by Presentation in Parish Hall

Light breakfast and lunch provided

No cost, \$5-\$10 donation appreciated to offset our expenses

Questions: womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com or Parish office 703-280-4400