

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

May 13, 2018 – The Ascension of the Lord

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 May 14: **St. Matthias, Apostle**
 7:00am Maria E. Sanchez
 9:00am Dr. Juan J. (Pepe) Blanco †

Tuesday May 15: **Easter Wkdy; USA, St. Isadore**
 7:00am Rev. Dennis Kleinmann
 9:00am Katherine Louise Leshinskie †

Wednesday May 16: **Easter Weekday**
 7:00am Mary Gilligan †
 9:00am Shaza Plunkett

Thursday May 17: **Easter Weekday**
 7:00am Anthony Pagano †
 9:00am Maria May

Friday May 18: **Easter Wkdy; St. John I, Pope and Martyr**
 7:00am Ann Dau †
 9:00am The Carson Family

Saturday May 19: **Easter Weekday**
 9:00am Regina Verdijo
 5:00pm Rita Frugoli †

Sunday May 20: **Pentecost Sunday**
 8:00 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am Father Stefan Starzynski
 12:00 Noon The Women of St. Ambrose

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

Monday **May 14**
 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL)
 3:00pm Kolby's Kids (PL)

Tuesday **May 15**
 No scheduled events

Wednesday **May 16**
 No scheduled events

Thursday **May 17**
 7:00pm Lightworks (PL)

Friday **May 18**
 10:30am Bible Group (PL)

Saturday **May 19**
 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
 9:30am/3-4pm Confessions (CH)
 11:00am 2nd Grade First Holy Communion (CH)
 12:00 First Holy Communion Reception (PH)

Sunday **May 20**
 8:45am Religious Ed. HS (PL)
Please stop by the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass today for a reception for Father Jim Hinkle

May 19-20 is our next Food Collection.
June 2-3 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, 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, Marlene Suarez, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

Please Pray For Your Priests

May 14 Rev. Christopher J. Mould
 May 15 Rev. Mark Mullaney
 May 16 Rev. Richard A. Mullins
 May 17 Rev. Christopher D. Murphy
 May 18 Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, Y.A.
 May 19 Rev. Cornelius O'Brien (Ret.)
 May 20 Rev. John M. O'Donohue

May is the Month of Mary

"Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother.' Our Lady is always near her Son. The Magi are not received by a king on a high throne, but by a child in the arms of his mother. Let us ask the Mother of God, who is our mother, to prepare for us the way that leads to the fullness of love... Her sweet heart knows the surest path for finding Christ."

—St Josemaria Escriva,
 "The Epiphany of Our Lord"CPB



A Mother's Prayer

O loving Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were given all the graces of motherhood. You also are powerful in praying for mothers who seek your help. Pray for me now, that I may be the kind of mother you want me to be, and the kind of daughter you want me to be. Mother Mary, keep my mind focused on the love of your Son, in whose name we both pray. Amen. (Courtesy of Project Gabriel, the Gabriel Prayer Book)

God bless all mothers on this

Mother's Day

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."



Congratulations to our Children's Choir! They received the highest rating of Superior at the Choral Festival in Kings Dominion on Friday, May 4. Their average score out of 100 points was 96. They were competing in the middle school division and won first place for which they received a trophy. They also received a trophy for best overall in the choral division out of all participating choirs. We are so proud of them, and grateful to Mr. Don Cotton for his wonderful musical direction.

On Thursday, we celebrated and honored our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning during the school Mass. This is a beautiful tradition that is a great witness of faith for our students.

Last week we began our final round on standardized testing for the school year. Our 8th graders also took the World Language exam that high schools use in their decisions regarding language placement. Please keep our students in your prayers as we approach the end of the school year. We have many events happening, including field trips, field day, and other end of year celebrations!

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES ON SALE TODAY! Please purchase a Mother's Day Rose today for your mom, wife, grandmother, aunt, cousin, sister, or just for yourself to enjoy. Proceeds go to Paul Stefan Foundation, a home that provides a comforting, loving, pro-life haven for mothers facing a crisis pregnancy. They offer hope, love, spiritual, and emotional counseling.

It was named after Paul Stefan James who was born and died on December 13, 2005. He was carried to term and delivered despite his mother having been advised to secure an abortion. His brief life on earth inspired naming the Paul Stefan Foundation in his honor.

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world." St. Mother Teresa

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Walking humbly with our God...

- *Please pray for the God Squad who are making their Consecration to Our Lady today!
- *God bless our Weekend WorkCampers who spent Saturday praying and serving within the parish!
- *God bless all our WorkCamp adult volunteers who taught our teens how to safely use power tools, last weekend!
- *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!**

Weekend WorkCamp – Sat. June 9th
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!

\$Donations Weekend\$ May 19-20

*****ALL Hands! Watch email for sign-up genius!**
Also...**June 16th-17th WC Donut Sale** after all Masses
Contact us at: SAstakeholder@gmail.com

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

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!
Sun May13th – Happy Mother's Day
Marian Consecration–NO God Squad!
Sun May20th – Gettysburg w/ Fr Fisher
Leave St Ambrose at noon! No evening God Squad!
Sun May27th – Happy Memorial Day- NO God Squad!
Sun June 3rd – Volunteer Appreciation& Senior Honoring Class of 2018-Teens cook!
Sun June 10th –Welcome rising 9th graders!
Pizza and Ultimate Frisbee! Come dressed to play!

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

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

Friday May 18th

End of Year BBQ & Slip-n- Slide Kickball!

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

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL Last day-6/4/ Bowling!
Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service

Religious Education Calendar for April/May



"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

- 5/19 First Communion 11am
- 5/20 Last day of Classes

Registration for 2018-2019 will begin soon! There will be 2 sessions offered ... first come first served. They will be Sunday 8:45am and Monday 5pm.

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.

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord

"Christ's Ascension is therefore also our own, upon the glory of the Head rests the hope of the body. On this holy day, we have received not only the assurance of entering into possession of eternal glory, but we have already entered into the heights of heaven with Christ Jesus."

~Saint Leo the Great



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SESSION 1: GOD IS WITH US

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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

St Ambrose Catholic Church
presents
Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018



Who: rising K to rising 5th graders
Cost: \$60/child (includes tshirt; daily craft and snack)
\$110/ 2 children; \$150/ 3 children
When: June 25 through Jun 29 from 9am-12 noon
Where: St Ambrose School gym

Jesus surprised the people he met. We can be surprised by Jesus too! People in the temple were amazed by the conversations and questions that they had with a boy named Jesus. Hungry people in a crowd had more than enough food to eat when Jesus provided plenty of food. Two travelers were sad that Jesus died, but then they were surprised when Jesus started walking alongside them! With each surprise, people discovered more about Jesus.

Is your child ready to be surprised by Jesus? Is your child ready to ask questions and discover more about him? Then he/she should come along on the journey and see what can be found!

Registration form may be found on St Ambrose Church website or by contacting Laura Mead at LMead@stambroseva.org

Congratulations to our priests who celebrate the anniversaries of their ordination to the priesthood during May and June!

On Monday, May 16,
Father Fisher will celebrate 20 years of
priesthood.

On Wednesday, May 18,
Father Stefan will celebrate 22 years of
priesthood.

On Friday, June 8,
Father Hayes will celebrate 5 years of
priesthood.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in
His care for many years to come.
We are thankful for your service to our parish
and the Church!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

At 11:00am on Monday, May 28, 2018
Holy Mass will be celebrated at
Fairfax Memorial Park
9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
by Father Andrew Fisher

If outdoor services at the Cemetery are canceled
due to inclement weather,
an 11:00am Mass will be offered at
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003

Retreat for Married Couples. A Retreat Day for
Married Couples will be led by Father Paul Scalia,
Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, on Saturday, July 7 at
Holy Trinity, Gainesville, VA, from 9am-3pm. Ex-
perience a profound and reflective retreat including
talks, Adoration, Confession, and spiritual time with
your spouse; the retreat will conclude with Mass.

Faith Direct. Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are
called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's
Resurrection. The fruitful ministries are examples of how
many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that
call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only
gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to
prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic
donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper
enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up
online at www.faithdirect.net by using our church
code, VA401.

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! There will not be after mass sales this
year. Selling All Saints tickets is a more gener-
ous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our
own and each purchaser has a chance to win
five cars! Please note that this year all pur-
chases 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 Roche
at kofc8403@gmail.com with questions.

Second Collection May 19/20. The annual
second collection for Retired Diocesan Priests
will be the weekend of May 19/20. Thank you
for your generosity.

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.

****Knitting/Crochet Group.** This is a new group
that will meet the first Friday of every month at 6:00pm
in the Parish Library. **The first meeting will take
place on Friday, June 1, 2018.**

**Serra Club of Arlington Virginia
Trip to Rome 9/24 to 10/4 2018
Chaplain – Rev. Robert Rippy**

Non-stop flights from Washington, Dulles to Rome
9 nights at the Giulio Cesare Hotel, including daily
breakfast

Two lunches and Two dinners included.

Daily Mass, Papal Audience and Ordination, transporta-
tion throughout.

Guided tours of Rome, as well as Assisi, Tivoli, Pompei,
Castel Gandolfo and Albano.

Tour cost (based on 30 participants) \$3709.00 double
occupancy.

Deposit by May 1, 2018

Final payment June 22, 2018

Contact Maureen Cook, Liberty Travel
to confirm your trip.

215-972-0200 cookm@libertytravel.com,
1524 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19102

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 pool-
ing 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/](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.

**Pilgrimage to Ireland
with Father St. Philip Catholic Church**

Join Father 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, Pilgrim-
age Director of ProRome Tours, at (570) 309-1346
or www.prorome.com.

Are You 50 or Better?

Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by
the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thurs-
day, **May 17th**, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at **Lord of Life
Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road,
Burke.** The guest speaker is Chap Peterson, Virginia
State Senator representing the 34th District. For
reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-
5730 **by May 11th.** The cost is \$10.00; checks
payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call
the SCFB office (703) 323-4788.

See www.scfbva.org for more information.

**A Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious
Illness**

will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual
Life Center in White Post, Virginia June 1-3, 2018.
The retreat begins Friday at 1:30 PM and ends on
Sunday at 2:30 PM. Fr. Tuck Grinnell and Fr. Bill
Korpi will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a
retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The
June retreat theme is "The King of Love my
Shepherd Is". The retreat has been held in the
Diocese of Arlington for the past forty years and
now is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of
the retreat is free for all retreatants. To register for
the retreat and for more information, call Catholic
Charities at **703 841-3830** or email
retreat@ccda.net

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special video messages from our bishop, learn about
unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to
know the news about our Diocese—straight to your inbox.
Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Happy Mother's
Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relation-
ship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends
are: Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Aug 3-5, 2018
in Hanover, MD. Early signup is recommended. For
more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-
VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-
VANorth.org) or contact us at 703-646-1521 or
[applications@renewmarriage-
vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org).



May 13, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocesan priests dedicate their lives to serve and guide us on our life-long journey of faith. They have administered the sacraments, counseled, encouraged and prayed for us and our families. And just like many of us, they need a suitable place to live once they reach retirement.

Currently there are 183 diocesan priests faithfully serving Jesus Christ and you, the people who form our diocesan Church. Of these, 22 priests are retired; and over the next ten years 20 additional priests will reach retirement age.

Next weekend, May 19 and 20, at all Masses, the annual second collection for retired priests will take place in parishes in our diocese.

The funds from this annual collection assist several special needs including the ongoing operational expenses of the *Saint Rose of Lima Priests Retirement Villa*, a residence that includes common areas and private suites for up to 15 priests. This special collection also will provide funds for clergy post-retirement health care, nursing home care, and the priests' pension fund.

I ask you to be as generous as possible, so that our priests, who have faithfully served the People of God in our diocese may be cared for in their retirement years.

May Our Risen Lord Jesus bless you with the gift of His peace and watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

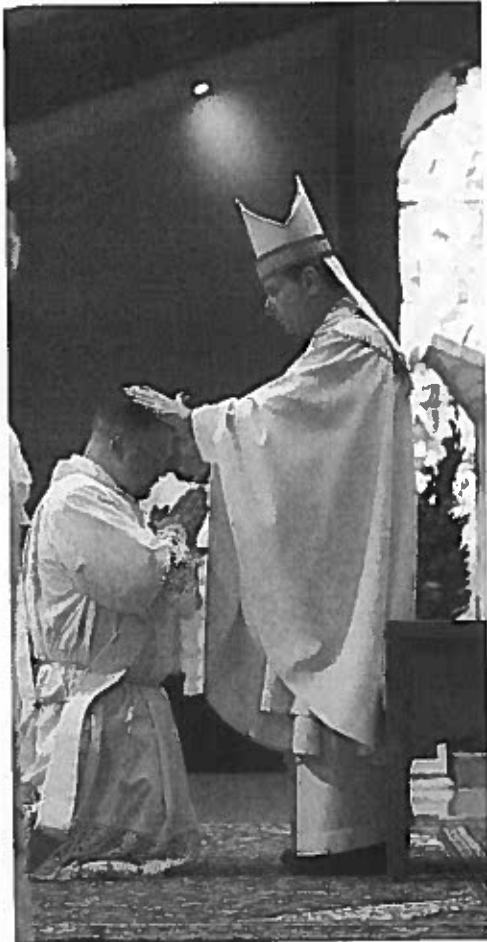
Please Support Our

Special Collection:

Next Weekend

Retired Diocesan Priests

“This special collection offers us an opportunity to honor our retired priests and their faithful and dedicated service to Our Lord Jesus, His Church and our diocese.” ~ **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**



AREAS OF SUPPORT:

- The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future needs including: Post-Retirement Health Care and Nursing Home Care
- The Priests' Pension Fund



BY THE NUMBERS:

- There are currently 22 retired diocesan priests.
- There are six priests currently living at the Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa.
- Over the next 10 years, 20 more priests will reach retirement age.
- Retired diocesan priests may choose to live on their own, with family or friends, at a parish rectory, or at The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa. The Villa can currently accommodate up to 15 retired priests.



YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT RETIRED PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH