



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor
 Rev. Christopher Hayes, Parochial Vicar

November 4, 2018 – Thirty-first 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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 Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary
 Laura Cameron, Receptionist

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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	November 5: Weekday
7:00am	Don & Mary Keefe †
9:00am	John Vasilakos
Tuesday	November 6: Weekday
7:00am	William & Patricia Jackson †
9:00am	Pham Family †
Wednesday	November 7: Weekday
7:00am	Lorna Elder Atienza
9:00am	Katherine Mary Bushman †
Thursday	November 8: Weekday
7:00am	Harold Driscoll †
9:00am	Janet O'Hagan Bushman †
Friday	November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7:00am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory †
9:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
Saturday	November 10: Pope Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
9:00am	Eugenio Razzo
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	November 11: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Grace Grammo †
10:00am	Grace Grammo †
12:00Noon	Ray & Cecilia Thierry †

**November 3-4 is our Diaper Drive.
November 17-18 is our Food Collection.
Thank you for your generosity and support.**

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

- Nancy Blanco
- David Carothers
- Josephine Crosby
- Michael Everard
- Janet Gaydos
- Amy Hobbs
- Robert Kolbys
- John Rivoire
- Laura Sutherland

We are updating our sick list. If you would like to continue being on the list to receive prayers, please contact the Parish Office this week at

703-280-4400.

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

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

"And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself" is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

The flowers by Our Lady of Fatima are in memory of the deceased members of the Women of St. Ambrose.

Please Pray For Your Priests

- November 5 Rev. Charles W. Merkle III
- November 6 Rev. Richard A. Miserendino
- November 7 Rev. Daniel L. Mode
- November 8 Rev. Mark E. Moretti
- November 9 Rev. Noah C. Morey
- November 10 Rev. John P. Mosimann
- November 11 Rev. Christopher J. Mould

Please Pray For The Deceased Of The Parish and the Souls in Purgatory

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

All volunteers MUST become VIRTUS compliant.

REGISTRATION for Religious Education.

Grades K-HS: Sunday 8:45am-9:45am

Grade 7: Monday 6:30pm-7:30pm

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**

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



ACTS

The Spread of the Kingdom

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 :

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

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Embrace Your Brothers and Sisters, the Saints

The Catholic Church is a lot bigger than most people think—because it includes *all the saints!*

Watch **Episode 9 of Symbolon: Knowing the Faith** as Dr. Edward Sri discusses our close connection to the saints.

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

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**The Scholastic Fall Book Fair
St. Ambrose School Library**

Sunday (11/4) - 9:00am - 1:30pm
Monday (11/5) - 8:15am - 4:30pm
Tuesday (11/6) - 8:15am - 2:00pm

This is an exciting time in the library for the students and the teachers. Be sure to come in and take a look at the books your student is interested in reading. It's a great way to support the library program and get a head start on holiday shopping.

Women of St. Ambrose Coffee. Please join the Women of St. Ambrose for Coffee and Fellowship on Friday, November 9 in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 Mass. Feel free to bring a friend!

Memorial Mass for Dolores Mountjoy. On Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:30 there will be a Memorial Mass for Dolores Mountjoy at St. Ambrose Church. Dolores was one of our founding members. Her family is inviting anyone who may have known Dolores to attend the Mass.

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Holy Hour for Vocations at a parish near you. The Holy Hours begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a light reception. The next Holy Hour will be Friday, November 30 is at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton. There will be more announced in the spring. There is no need to RSVP for these events. For more information visit www.ArlingtonVocations.org.

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Registration. Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, December 1, 2018 or Saturday, January 12, 2019. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>) and submit to the test site by November 29 for the December test.

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. Lunch N'Life, Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 12 noon until 2pm at the Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. **Steve Friedman Presents—Program and Performance Broadway Musicals.** Cost of Lunch and Entertainment is \$10.00 per person. Please contact Bea Stephenson for reservations at 703-273-5730.

Novena for Couples Struggling with Infertility and Infant Loss. You are invited to join in prayer with Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility or suffering after miscarriage or early infant death. The novena starts Tuesday, December 4 and ends Wednesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A concluding Mass will be offered by Fr. Rich Dyer at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on the same day. In this nine-day novena, you can pray along with Bishop Burbidge and get the prayers sent to you daily. Subscribe by texting "novena18" to 84576. For more information and to sign up via email, go to arlingtondiocese.org/novena18.

World Day of the Poor Presentation: Answer Your Call. Catholic Charities presents: *Answer Your Call*, a presentation at the Church of the Nativity Parish on Thursday, November 15, from 7-8:30 p.m., 6400 Nativity Lane in Burke. God has assigned each of us a unique role to bring the Gospel to the World. Learn what God has in store for you. Catholic Charities Office of Volunteers will discuss what the Church has to say about the Call to Serve, and the practical aspects of answering that call—including how to get started and how to find meaning in your life while helping others. RSVP sodwyer@ccda.net

All Souls Day Mass at Fairfax Memorial Park Please join Bishop Burbidge and brother priests as he celebrates a Mass of Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 2, at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. We will remember our deceased relatives and loved ones in this moving outdoor liturgy. In the event of inclement weather a rain site will be announced.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions. Come Join Us! Sessions for individuals interested in teaching in the Diocese of Arlington are being offered Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington; Thursday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. at All Saints School in Manassas; and Friday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi School in Triangle. Please register in advance by sending an email to janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org, with your name, email address and the session you plan on attending.

"Tolton: From Slave to Priest", from St. Luke Productions, tells the incredible true story of Servant of God, Fr. Augustus Tolton. Performed at Bishop Ireton Catholic High School at various show times, Thursday, November 15-Sunday, November 18. Seats are FREE but must be reserved in advance. Reserve your seats and learn more information at www.arlingtondiocese.org/tolton. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington.

PRIESTS APPRECIATION SUNDAY

This year we are renaming Priesthood Sunday to Priests Appreciation Sunday to celebrate all the many good and faithful Priests around the world, but particularly Father Fisher our Pastor, and Father Hayes our Parochial Vicar. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by the Women of St. Ambrose and the Knights of Columbus after the 8 am and 10 am Masses on Sunday, November 4th, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to enjoy friendship and refreshments as we say thank you to our Priests and to welcome the seminarians assigned to our parish from the Theological College for the 2018-2019 academic year.

This celebration will also serve as the lead into **National Vocations Awareness Week, November 4-11**. Please pray for vocations!

Knitting/Crochet Group News

The St. Ambrose Knitting/Crochet Group gets together twice a month: the first Friday at 6pm in the Library and the 4th Tuesday at 9:45 am in the Library. This very talented group knit and crochet all year so they can donate the fruits of their labor to people in need within our community. The following is a list of what was donated in October 2018:

- Christ House:** 80 hat sets, scarves, and gloves
- Facets:**
 - 35 hats
 - 6 hat sets
 - 10 scarves
 - 2 sweaters
- Hope:**
 - 28 blankets
 - 1 snuggle (bunting blanket)
 - 1 pair of slippers
 - 2 hat sets
 - 3 dolls

Thank you for sharing your gifts, time, and talents with others in our community. New members are always welcome! No knitting or crocheting experience necessary! Just a desire to learn.



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October 30, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and reparation leading up to the bishops' General Assembly (November 12 – 15), where we will be making critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from Monday, November 5, through Sunday, November 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- *For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.*
- *For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.*
- *For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm.*

If you feel called to do so, you are welcome to join me in praying for these intentions. I would also be grateful for any prayers for me and my brother bishops during our General Assembly, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington