

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

February 11, 2018 – Sixth 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

Laura Mead 703-280-1122
lmead@stambroseva.org

Business Manager

Carla Yaglou 703-280-4400
businessmanager@stambroseva.org

Director of Music

Don Cotton 703-698-0374
dcotton@stambroseva.org

Parish School

3827 Woodburn Road
 Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-698-7171

Website: www.stambroseschool.org

E-mail Address:

info@stambroseschool.org

Principal:

Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

Youth Ministry

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

Plant & Facilities Manager

Paul Moeller 703-280-4400
facilities@stambroseva.org

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 12: Weekday
7:00am	Ann Gallagher †
9:00 Noon	Stan Urynowicz †
Tuesday	February 13: Weekday
7:00am	Urbano Fernandez †
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
Wednesday	February 14: Ash Wednesday
7:00am	Sean Scott Elder
9:00am	Dr. Juan J. (Pepe) Blanco †
7:30am	Therese Ryan
Thursday	February 15: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00am	Perpetua Fernandez †
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
Friday	February 16: Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00am	Priscilla Hogan
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
Saturday	February 17: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
9:00am	Eugene Simmons †
5:00pm Vigil	Delia Lico †
Sunday	February 18: First Sunday of Lent
8:00 am	People of the Parish
10:00 am	Geronima Gallarda †
12:00 Noon	Miguela Soriano Guanzon †

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

This 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. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices, and ministries that serves people in need and further the mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese.

Please Pray For Your Priests

February 12	Rev. Jeb S. Donelan
February 13	Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
February 14	Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski
February 15	Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus
February 16	Rev. David A. DuFresne
February 17	Rev. Luke R. Dundon
February 18	Rev. Richard E. Dyer

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

Monday	February 12
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA (PH)
Tuesday	February 13
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting (PL)
Wednesday	February 14—Ash Wednesday
7:00pm	Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	February 15
10:00am	Bible Study (PH)
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
Friday	February 16
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
2:30pm/7:30pm	Stations of the Cross (CH)
6:00-7:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper (SCH)
Saturday	February 17
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
	WSA Women's Retreat (after 9am Mass in the Parish Hall)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	February 18
	No Class due to President's Day Holiday

**FEBRUARY 14 — ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, AND 7:30 PM
(Ashes will be distributed during Mass)

THIS IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

*See inside bulletin for
Fast and Abstinence Guidelines*

*Next weekend, February 17 and 18, we will be
collecting food. Please be generous.*

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 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

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.**

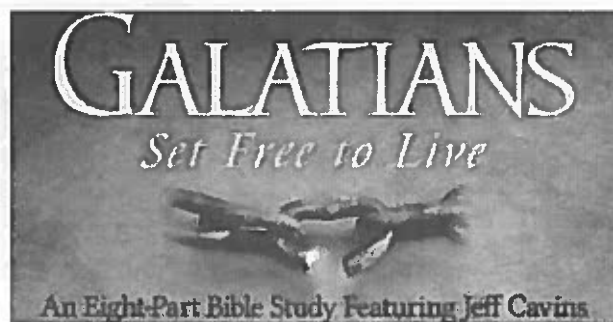
Bible Study group meets every Friday from 10:30 to noon in the Parish Library.

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

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

Or

Thursday Mornings in the Parish Hall at 10:00am

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.

Looking for an easy way to educate yourself and explore your faith?

FORMED.org

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Formed is a website designed for you —movies, presentations, podcasts, audiobooks, etc. Visit www.stambroseva.formed.org

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.



Grow in faith this Lent! Sign up for daily reflections! This Lent, get daily reflections from Bishop Donald Hying, delivered right to your email, every day. Available in both English and Spanish.

Watch, Read, and Reflect for just 10 Minutes a Day:

- Watch a beautiful, 5-minute video reflection from Bishop Hying's ECHO series.
- Read an inspiring passage from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- Reflect on how God's truth applies to your daily life.

SIGN UP NOW! Visit www.stambroseva.formed.org

FAST AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Everyone over the age of 14 years is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone over the age of 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. ***Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, therefore, are the only days of both fast and abstinence.***

Friday Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join fellow parishioners for Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays throughout the Lenten season. Meals will be served in the school gym 6-7pm. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:30pm in the church. Donations will be accepted. Each week a different group will host.

- Feb 16:** Religious Education; Laura Mead
LMead@stambroseva.org
- Feb 23:** Work Camp/YM; Therese Ryan
cym@stambroseva.org
- Mar 2:** Knights of Columbus, Mike McCann
mlmccann5@verizon.net
- Mar 9:** Scouts - pack115annandale@gmail.com
- Mar 16:** Choir, Mary Tropea
MaryTropea@aol.com
- Mar 23:** St. Ambrose School, Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

Questions may be directed to Laura Mead at Lmead@stambroseva.org. If you would like to help, please contact the group in charge for the week.

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)
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
3/1, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24, & 6/28

**Please visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org
for more information.**

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

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

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: 6:30—8:00PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION
(February 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21)

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018
YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MORNING OF
RECOLLECTION
8:30am-1:30pm in Church & Parish Hall

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018: 7—8pm
HISTORY OF THE MASS; CALVARY MADE
PRESENT BEFORE US
Father Andrew Fisher, Speaker—Parish Hall

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018: 7—8pm
THE GREATEST PRAYER OF THE CHURCH; AN
OVERVIEW AND EXPLANATION OF THE MASS
Father Andrew Fisher, Speaker—Parish Hall

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

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.

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.

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?

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

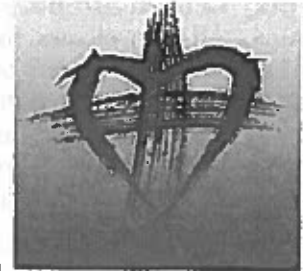
For more information, contact:

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

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, February 17, 9:00am—1pm



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



ORDER OF MALTA*
FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGION

DIOCESAN MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK At St. Ambrose Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 AT 11AM



The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special **Mass and Anointing of the Sick** of the Diocese on **Saturday, March 17, 2018**. All members (& companions) of the Diocese who are sick or physically/mentally challenged are invited to attend. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held at 11:00AM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale. Lunch will follow for all attendees, provided by the Knights and Dames from the Northern Virginia Region of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta, Federal Association. There will be no charge for the lunch. Please RSVP to Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com (with name, # attending and contact phone# or email).

2018
COME SPEND YOUR LENT WITH
SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

*Wednesday evenings: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Saturdays after the 9a.m. Mass
Saturdays: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*

LENTEN SUPPERS

Fridays in the School Gym: 6:00 - 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Wednesdays in the church: 6:30pm – 8pm
(February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21)*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in the church: 2:30pm & 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH – ASH WEDNESDAY
*MASSES WILL BE AT 7:00AM, 9:00AM, AND 7:30PM.
ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER EACH MASS*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 10:00 AM - LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN
*FATHER ANDREW FISHER, SPEAKER – PARISH HALL
Sponsored by the Women of St. Ambrose*

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 8:00AM IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL –
YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION
*SPONSORED BY THE ARLINGTON DIOCESE
[HTTP://WWW.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/FAMILY-LIFE/LENTEN-MORNING-OF-RECOLLECTION/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/ Lenten-Morning-of-Recollection/)*

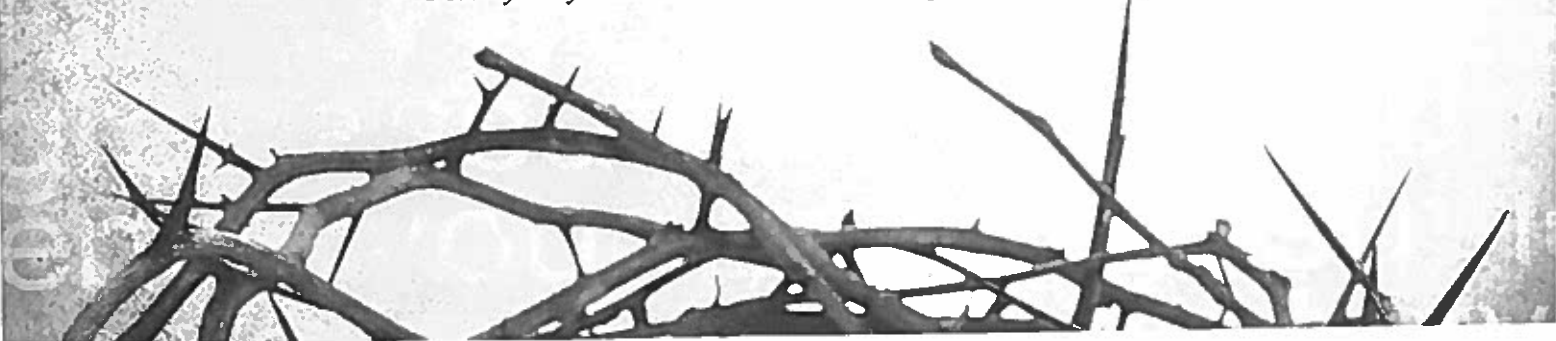
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7:30PM IN THE CHURCH - COME WALK WITH ME
*MARK FORREST, INTERNATIONAL IRISH TENOR
Adoration and Eucharistic Procession: Please join us for an evening of meditation, music, prayer, and healing.*

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH FROM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
HISTORY OF THE MASS: CALVARY MADE PRESENT BEFORE US
Father Andrew Fisher, Speaker – Parish Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 11:00 AM - ORDER OF MALTA ANOINTING MASS
Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a special Mass for those who are sick or suffering which includes the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Order of Malta will host a reception to follow. Please RSVP by calling the parish office or by emailing: RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH FROM 7:00PM TO 8:00PM
THE GREATEST PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: AN OVERVIEW AND EXPLANATION OF THE MASS
Father Andrew Fisher, Speaker – Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 2:15 PM IN THE CHURCH - LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Portrayed by St. Ambrose School and Religious Ed Students



2018

**COME SPEND YOUR WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
EVENINGS IN LENT WITH YOUR ST. AMBROSE PARISH FAMILY**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY, ST. AMBROSE PARISH WILL OFFER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION. THIS IS A PERFECT TIME TO TURN OFF THE WORLD, TUNE INTO THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, AND RECEIVE HIS LOVING MERCY AND FORGIVENESS. (FEBRUARY 21, 28, MARCH 7, 14, AND 21).



The Light is ON  for You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

FRIDAYS

6:00-7:00PM

ON FRIDAY EVENINGS, JOIN WITH OTHER ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS FOR OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS HELD IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA FROM 6:00 TO 7:00PM.



7:30PM THEN COME TO THE CHURCH FOR OUR 7:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS.



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TODAY IS YOUR LUCKY DAY!



GALA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

(Get them before they're gone)

A LUCKY KNIGHT FOR ST. AMBROSE

When: March 3, 2018 (6:00 PM)

Where: St. Ambrose Parish Center

Live and silent auctions, raffles, photo booth, food & beverages and entertainment by McGrath School of Irish Dance! You don't want to miss this memorable evening!

Ways to purchase tickets: (\$50 until Feb. 18; \$60 Feb. 19-March 3)

1. Tickets can be purchased by returning this form to the office with cash or check (payable to St. Ambrose School)
2. Online with a credit card on <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupid=980>

Return form with cash or check (or purchase online) by February 18th to get the \$50 ticket price!

Reservation Form

of Individual Tickets: _____

Name of attendees: _____

Table Sponsorship (circle one): Bronze (\$250) Silver (\$500) Gold (\$750)

Names of table sponsorship attendees: _____

Total \$ enclosed: _____

Email: _____



February 14 – March 25

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

HELP SAVE LIVES IN FALLS CHURCH

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 21 coordinated campaigns:

- 13,998 babies saved from abortion
- 170 abortion workers converted
- 90 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington Street (Hwy 29)
- **Vigil hours for St. Ambrose:** Thursdays from 1 – 2 PM
- **Contact:** Donna Hores 703-354-5280
- **Learn more and get involved** by visiting our campaign at the address below!

40daysforlife.com/fallschurch