

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	December 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, Pope Helen & Vincent Fazio † 7:00am Edward Hores † 9:00am Mr. & Mrs. James Hinkle 7:30pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass 11:00pm
Tuesday	January 1: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God For the People of St. Ambrose 12:00Midnight Bernice Marian Elder † 10:00am Father Fisher 12:00Noon
Wednesday	January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church 7:00am Mallicie Kelly † 9:00am Candel Ario Basio †
Thursday	January 3: Wkdy; The Most Holy Name of Jesus 7:00am Luz Pozon-Muga † 9:00am Stan Urynowicz †
Friday	January 4: USA; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 7:00am Daniel M. Foley † 9:00am For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	January 5: USA; St. John Neumann, Bishop 9:00am Don Carson † 5:00pm Vigil Wyatt Murchison †
Sunday	January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Dan Foley † 12:00Noon Henry & Catherine Hobek

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

Monday	December 31 No scheduled events
Tuesday	January 1—New Years Day (Parish Office Closed) No scheduled events
Wednesday	January 2 10:00am Bible Study (PL) 7:00pm Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	January 3 No scheduled events
Friday	January 4—First Friday 9:30am/7:00pm Adoration and Benediction (CH) 10:30am Bible Group (PL) 6:00pm Knitting/Crochet Group
Saturday	January 5 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH) 9:30am/3-4pm Confessions (CH)
Sunday	January 6

*January 5-6 is our Diaper Drive.
January 19-20 is our Food Collection.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, January 4th. Please sign up throughout the week in the binder in the Church Vestibule. Adoration starts at 9:30am and Benediction will be at 7:00pm.

*You can also sign up online with SignUpGenius at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coa4ba4aa2da13-first3>*

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Irene Anderson, Nancy Blanco, David Carothers, Terry Castro-Perez, Josephine Crosby, Michael Everard, Greg Farrell, Therese Fruet, Janet Gaydos, Amy Hobbs, Robert Koldys, John Rivoire, Fr. Spsychala, 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. Or email Donna Vasilakos at dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
Tuesday, January 1, 2019,
Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 31: 7:30 pm Vigil Mass
11:00 pm Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass**

Tuesday, January 1: 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon

Please Pray For Your Priests

December 31	Rev. Nhi Dinh
January 1	Rev. Clarence M. Trinkle (Ret.)
January 2	Rev. John T. B. Trong (Ret.)
January 3	Rev. James A. Tucker
January 4	Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro
January 5	Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro
January 6	Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude

Have A Blessed New Year!

The Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1st for the New Years Holiday. We will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd, at 9:00 am.

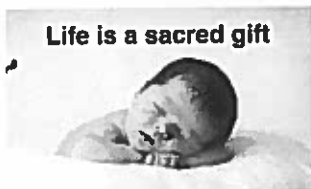
Saint Ambrose Catholic School

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."



Our staff and students are enjoying a well-deserved break. We will return to school on Jan. 3. On behalf of the St. Ambrose School community, I want to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas season.

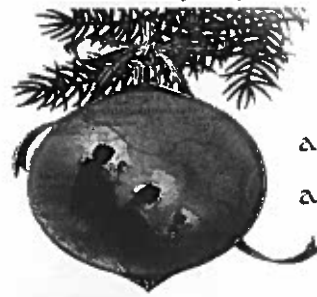


PRO LIFE CORNER

As we prepare to enter a new year I hope that you add to your New Year's resolutions to purchase Pro-Life license plates. Show your support for life by switching to the Choose Life license plates for Virginia. Go to <http://www.vachoose-life.org/> or google 'Choose Life Virginia' for more information and for the link to the DMV. Virginia pregnancy center locations that have agreed to a 'Commitment of Care' standard receive part of the proceeds from the sale of the license plates. Advertising the Pro-Life message is a quiet way to witness to the value of each human life. It only takes a few minutes and you may help someone make a life decision just by seeing your license plate!

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at www.stambroseva.org
It takes a Church-Interested in participating/volunteering?
Contact Director of Youth Ministry:
Therese Ryan gym@stambroseva.org



For
unto us
a child is born
unto us
a Son is given

Walking humbly with our God...

- *Please pray for our young Church who:
 - Make Bethlehem and the Christmas story come alive by presenting the Living Nativity for our parish family on Christmas Eve.
 - Striving to encounter our Lord in the Sacraments!
 - Preparing for their Mission Trip to WorkCamp and pilgrimage to Rome w/Fr. Fisher!
- This is...THE POWER of
YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!



Live Nativity

Attention all 7th-12th graders!
On Monday, December 24th after the 5pm Mass, we are bringing Bethlehem to Annandale to make the wonder of Christmas present for our parish family! We need shepherds, angels and lots of beautiful voices as well! Meet at the parish hall at 5:15 to get into costume!

MARCH 4 LIFE-8th-12th-Save the dates!

Thursday January 17, 2019- Life is Very Good Eve of Prayer 6-10pm at Eagle Bank Arena
Friday January 18, 2019-LIVG Rally and March 4 Life in DC. WE have room on the bus for you!
Come and speak for all the victims of abortion!
See Website, email or contact cym@stambroseva.org for more details!

Weekend WorkCamp Sat. Jan.12th

Works of Mercy & donuts!

7th-12th graders 8:45-12:30pm Parish Hall

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

- ***FRIDAYS-7am Mass and 1st Friday Breakfast!
- God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym!**
- 5:45-8pm GS-Jesus Time!**
- Sunday, Dec 23rd- Stable Decorating!**
- Monday, Dec 24th-LIVE NATIVITY**
- Sunday, January 6th- WorkCamp Meeting 4:30-5:30 gym & God Squad -Happy New Year!**
- Sunday, January 13th- Life!**

*****Junior High Youth Ministry*****

- *Kolbe's Kids*- Our Lady's Little Army**
- Mondays 3:15-4:45 pm PHL 9/17-5/20**
- *Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service*With Our Lady!**

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

Religious Education Calendar

- December 30 no class
- January 6 regular class
- January 13 regular class
- January 20 no class
- January 27 regular class

Thank you to all who generously supported our outreach projects of coat drive, Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Gabriel Project, and the toy drive for children in hospitals .



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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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
 ON DEMAND.



Prepare Your Child for Christ's Birth

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis! *Oh Holy Night* is a wonderful reminder of who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

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

Requesting Tea Sets for the Afternoon Tea on January 13, 2019. The Afternoon Tea, sponsored by St. Ambrose Choir, will be Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. In preparation for this event the Choir is requesting Tea Sets from any Parishioners which they could use on that day. If you are able to loan them a tea set, please call **Michaela Fath at 703-300-1643.**

WorkCamp 2019
 Check out:
<http://www.stambroseva.org/diocesan-workcamp> for more information about Diocesan WorkCamp and <http://www.stambroseva.org/youth-for-the-st-ambrose-workcamp-application> for the St. Ambrose WorkCamp application! Questions? Contact Andy Stoss, our 2019 WC Stakeholder at **703) 383-3429**
SASTakeholder@stambroseva.org.



Tips on Organizing. To help with your New Year's Resolution of clearing the clutter and getting organized, the Women of St. Ambrose present: Tips on Organizing by our very own Parishioner and Professional Organizer, Karen Sullivan, Tuesday evening, Jan 15th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. As a bonus, WSA Members will share highlights from Mary Elizabeth Sperry's book, Making Room For God.

Open to all. Wine and cheese will be served.
Questions? Email

womenofsaintambrose@gmail.com

Parking for Holidays and Holy Days. St. Ambrose parish wants to be good neighbors, especially when it comes to parking during Mass times. If the lot is full, please park at the Fairfax County Police Station parking lot on Woodburn Road (located directly next to our parish). It is a short walk from that parking lot to the door of the church. Please be aware that there is limited public parking on the street. We try and leave those public parking places on Woodburn Road for the neighbors to use. Also, please drive slow and be aware of traffic lanes when entering or exiting the church parking lot especially on Holidays and Holy Days.

**CALENDARS WILL BE
 AVAILABLE THIS
 WEEKEND
 DECEMBER 29/30**

SAVE THE DATES
Sunday, January 13, 2019:
Afternoon Tea, 2:00pm in Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 15, 2019:
Tips for Organizing, 7:00pm in Parish Hall

Saturday, March 2, 2019:
Gala, 6:00pm in Parish Hall

More info to follow!

Discernment Events for Women. Finding your place in God's plan requires building solid relationships with God, yourself and others. Come to one of our upcoming events for women and start exploring your vocation. For women 18-35: Sunday January 20, with the Sisters of Life, deadline to register January 14. For high school girls: Sunday February 3, with the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, deadline to register January 26. Both days include Mass, talks and workshops, and opportunities for prayer and confession. Contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514, or visit ArlingtonVocations.org or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT for more information.

Local Musicians Lead Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing
 Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The holy hours will feature popular musical artists: Valerie Repetski on January 8; The Miller Daughters on February 12; and Kenny Kohlhaas on March 12. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more please contact the Office for Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling 703-841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion

2019 Women's Conference. All women of the diocese are invited to register for the 2019 Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Hear "*Miracles Do Happen*" with gifted healer, Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC and author of the book "*Miracles Do Happen*"; and Fr. Donald Calloway, a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and author of "*No Turning Back*" and other devotional books. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. The conference is held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To register visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women

ST. AMBROSE BUS FOR LIFE

Join us for the 46th Annual March for Life!

Friday, January 18th, 2019

Please make a commitment to work to end abortion so that every life will be protected from conception to natural death.



We will meet at the parking lot at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale, Virginia at 11:30. The bus leaves at 11:45. Sign up by calling the church office at 703-280-4400 on or before Friday, January 11th. For more information call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.

Afternoon Tea

Sunday, January 13, 2019
from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
St. Ambrose Church Parish Hall

Enjoy a variety of tea, plus a delicious assortment of tea sandwiches, scones & cakes, Devonshire & clotted creams, jams & jellies and fresh fruit



Be sure to wear a Fabulous Hat!

Fabulous Fellowship • Fabulous Entertainment • Fabulous Prizes

Proceeds will benefit the St. Ambrose Building Fund

Adult \$20 • Child (5-12) \$10

Tickets on sale after all Masses:

Dec. 29th/30th and Jan. 5th/6th

**Limited tickets available*

For more information, please contact: Michaela Fath – (703) 300-1643

michaelafa@aol.com

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