



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

September 23, 2018 – Twenty-fifth 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
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dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

Office Hours:
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 Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary
 Laura Cameron, Receptionist

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 Laura Mead 703-280-1122
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 Don Cotton 703-698-0374
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info@stambroseschool.org

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 Angela Rowley
principal@stambroseschool.org

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 Therese Ryan 703-280-4400
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 Paul Moeller 703-280-4400
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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	September 24: Weekday
7:00am	Gerardo Papica †
9:00am	Mildred Chiappetta †
Tuesday	September 25: Weekday
7:00am	William Bolognesi †
9:00am	Cory Elder
Wednesday	September 26: Wkdy: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
7:00am	Harry James †
9:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Anna Sabolish †
Thursday	September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:00am	Beverly Elder †
9:00am	School Faculty
Friday	September 28: Wkdy; St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
7:00am	Joseph Gerngross †
9:00am	Rita Morgan †
Saturday	September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
9:00am	Catherine Hobek
5:00pm	Larry Anderson †
Sunday	September 30: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	Catherine Hobek
10:00am	Souls in Purgatory †
12:00Noon	People of the Parish

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

Monday	September 24
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA Classes (PH)
6:30am	RCIC Classes (PL)
Tuesday	September 25
9:45am	Knitting Group (PL)
Wednesday	September 26
10:00am	Bible Study (PH)
7:00pm	Bible Study (PL)
Thursday	September 27
<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Friday	September 28
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	September 29
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
Sunday	September 30

✠ *Please pray for the repose of the souls of Conchita Pascual Villaneuva and Mallicie Belle Kelly* ✠

October 6-7 is our Diaper Drive. October 20-21 is our Food Collection. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Please Pray For Your Priests

September 24	Rev. Horace H. Grinnell
September 25	Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.
September 26	Rev. Lee W. Gross
September 27	Rev. Richard M. Guest
September 28	Rev. Andrew W. Haissig
September 29	Rev. Daniel E. Hamilton (Ret.)
September 30	Rev. Daniel F. Hanley

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish
 Irene Anderson, Moises Avila, Suzanne Bercier, Nancy Blanco, Carole Boland, Elliott Bloxom, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Josephine Crosby, James & Joan Dooley, Conor Doyle, Rosie Ekshian, Michael Everard, Janet Gaydos, Natalie & Ed Habert, Helen Hargenrader, Mia Fernanda Hernandez, Amy Hobbs, Betty Hunt, Neil Keefe, Edwin Keitz, Frank Killelea, Robert Kolbys, James Robert Lewis, Stacey Lindholm, Vicki Lorenc, Jim Kenna, Audrey Martinez, Raymond Mele, La Davian Mills, Arvilla Moyers, Miguel and Julita Pascual, Charles Peck, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, John Rivoire, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Chase Schradder, Father Spsychala, Laura Sutherland, Father Tewes, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young


ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
1 PM TO 4 PM
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>

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."



We are continuing with Scantron testing this week. Our 3rd and 4th grades will spend a week testing and the following week it will be the turn of 5th grade. Please keep our students in your prayers during this time.

We are delighted that we are able to offer several of our students some financial assistance, and that is in part thanks to the generosity of our tuition angels. If you can spare a little – or a lot – to help give a child the gift of a Catholic education, we would be most grateful. You can find a tuition angel sponsor form at the following: <http://stambroseschool.org/wp-content/uploads/Tuition-Angel-sponsor-form2018.pdf>

Thank you, and have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. HELP SAVE LIVES AND JOIN ST. AMBROSE PARISHIONERS OUTSIDE THE ABORTION FACILITY AT 900 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET IN FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA. WE WILL BEGIN OUR PEACEFUL PRAYER VIGIL EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 1-3:00 P.M. STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 4TH.

In August three mothers turned away from the abortion facility in Falls Church and chose life for their babies due to sidewalk prayer vigils and counselors standing outside. Please consider joining St. Ambrose parishioners to pray for babies and mothers as they face difficult times. Be a part of showing these women that there are solutions that support life. We need you to help increase our numbers and our visibility.

For more information call Donna Hores at 703-354-5280.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, check our website at www.stambroseva.org
Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact Director of Youth Ministry:
Therese Ryan cym@stambroseva.org



SAVE THE DATES

High School GOD SQUAD Kick-Off 2018

Sunday September 23rd 5:45-8pm at the Parish Hall

SCOTTISH GAMES- May the best team win! ~AND~

St. Ambrose Parish Picnic October 14th!

Walking humbly with our God...

***Please pray for our young Church who are:**

- Going back to school!
- Growing in holy friendships!
- Seeking TRUTH!
- Serving God and their neighbor!
- Striving to live the Sacramental life!

This is...THE POWER of YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST in action!

WeekendWorkCamp

Sat. Oct. 13th

7th-12th graders Works of Mercy & donuts! 8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall

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

God Squad Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm gym! Sunday September 23rd- God Squad Kick -Off Scott-ish Games & BBQ - All parish high school teens are invited to join the fun.

Special Guest- China Briceno Sunday September 30th - Gym night/ Pilgrimage?

Sunday October 7th- Dinner & Adoration

Sunday October 14th-Parish Picnic-Come say hi!

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

Jr High IGNITE- For all 7th & 8th graders! Starts October 2018

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

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHL 9/10-5/20

***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

Grades 7-8: Monday 7pm-8pm

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**



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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ON DEMAND.



Discover the Incredible Story of Our Lady of Fatima! When the world was torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope. The film, *The 13thDay*, dramatizes the true story of the six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13.

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

September 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Please hold the date!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Men's Retreat for all men of St. Ambrose, on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

The Retreat will begin with 9:00AM Mass, followed by a light breakfast, talks by Father Hayes, and ending with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 1-2 PM. Lunch will be provided. The Retreat is open to all men 18 years of age or older. Please plan to join us for prayer, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith and how to live that faith in our daily lives.

St. Ambrose Fall Wine Tasting. Please join us for "Great Wine and Great Times" at the St. Ambrose Fall Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the School Gym. Catch up with old friends and make new ones, learn more about the wines you enjoy, munch on hors d'oeuvres, and bring home a commemorative St. Ambrose wine glass! Come try your hand at blind tasting 10 wines, play fun trivia, vote for your favorite desserts, and win prizes.

Tickets are \$25 per person and \$45 per couple. Ticket sales will be after mass on September 29th-30th or you can send in checks to the school.

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, October 2, 2018 in the Parish Library.

Knitting Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 25, 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, October 12, 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 meets the first Friday of every month at **6:00pm** in the Parish Library. The next meeting will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for

Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held **on Saturday, October 13, 2018.**

Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at **888-456-HOPE (4673)** or **info@helpafterabortion.org**.

Support our Runners in Race for Seminarian

St. Ambrose parishioners Jeff McCormack (Marine Corps Marathon) and Carol Petroski (Marine Corps 10K) will be running on October 28th to support the Seminarians of the Arlington Diocese. Please consider making a donation in their name to defray the cost of educating the seminarians in our diocese. We are blessed to have two St. Ambrose parishioners (Jeff Petroski and Ryan Switzer) who will greatly benefit from your contribution as well as other seminarians who may one day serve at St. Ambrose. Thanks for your consideration.

Use the following link to make a donation online:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/support/race-for-seminarians/>

Or make a check payable to Catholic Diocese of Arlington with a short note specifying you are pledging Jeff McCormack and/or Carol Petroski for the race on October 28th and mail to:

Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Race for Seminarians, PO Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116-1960

USCCB Call to Prayer. The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3—September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others.

Sign up at **WWW.usccb.org/pray!**

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times

The 26TH International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am – 4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwopf.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

The **Celebrant and Homilist** for the noon mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and **Colleen Willard**, a prolific speaker on life and healing and **Ted Flynn** author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers.

For more information visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

Give a child the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back in federal and state tax savings! The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit (on top of a regular charitable deductions) for donations made to the **Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation**, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. **You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit!**

Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please call **Jeanne Combos** at 703-841-2764 or go online to download the preauthorization request form at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>

Future with Hope Women's Conference.

For Catholic women 40+. October 12-13, 2018 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Learn more at www.futurewithhopewomen.com, email info@futurewithhopewomen.com, or call 703-863-3940.

The Paul Stefan Home Presents its 11th Annual Black-tie Optional Gala "I Can Only Imagine" on Saturday, November 10th, 2018 at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033. Cocktail Hour is from 6:00pm—7:00pm, with Complementary Wine and Appetizers. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm. Auction, Raffle, DJ, and Dancing!!! To purchase tickets, select dinner, sponsor a table, or sponsor this event go to: www.paulstefanhome.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are: Sept 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Nov. 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD. For info contact: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org, or applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org, or 703-646-1521.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Ages 21 to 65-plus; most members are 45 and older. Please find out more about us at <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED?

The Coping Program helps people who are separated, divorced, or widowed who are still dealing with the trauma of that loss. The six week program starts Sunday, October 14 and meets Sunday evenings 6:00—8:00pm at St. Philip Catholic Church in Falls Church, Virginia. Please contact Gerri Ellenberger at 703-670-4845 for more information or go to <http://www.copingrebuilding.com>.

Divine Mercy Care's 2018 Blooms of Joy Gala

The pro-life non-profit Divine Mercy Care will be holding its annual Gala on November 10th at 6pm at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel. The Gala helps support DMC's mission to advance pro-life healthcare through programs that serve, inspire, and unify. DMC's primary program is support for Tepeyac OB/GYN, one of the largest private pro-life OB/GYNs in the nation. Gala tickets are \$150 for individuals before Oct 10th and \$175 starting Oct 11th. Table sponsorships start at \$2,000. Register or donate towards the event at divinemercycare.org/gala. If you can help by giving auction items like sports tickets or vacation homes, contact info@divinemercycare.org.