



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

September 16, 2018 – Twenty-fourth 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

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Website: www.stambroseschool.org

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info@stambroseschool.org

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Angela Rowley
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Therese Ryan 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 17: Wkdy; St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:00am Florence Fenton Schoenleber † 9:00am Special Intention/Souls in Purgatory †
Tuesday	September 18: Weekday 7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cummins 9:00am Giuliani & Gemma Families †
Wednesday	September 19: Wkdy: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 7:00am Robert Larsen † 9:00am Special Intention/Souls in Purgatory †
Thursday	September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs 7:00am Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cummins 9:00am Katherine Mary Bushman †
Friday	September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 7:00am Robert Todd Meloy † 9:00am Souls in Purgatory †
Saturday	September 22: Weekday, BVM 9:00am Thu D. Tran † 5:00pm Helen & Paul Woodford †
Sunday	September 23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Mary Richart † 12:00Noon Declan Weide

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 Spychala, Laura Sutherland, Father Tewes, Joe Rannazzisi, Iliana Santiago, Len Trahan, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

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

Monday	September 17 9:45am Legion of Mary (PL) 3:00pm Kolby's Kids (PL) 7:00pm RCIA Classes (PH) 7:00pm RCIC Classes (PL)
Tuesday	September 18 <i>No scheduled events</i>
Wednesday	September 19 10:00am Bible Study (PL) 7:00pm Bible Study (PH)
Thursday	September 20 7:00pm Lighthouse
Friday	September 21 10:30am Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	September 22 9:00am Mass and Novena to Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal (Church)
Sunday	September 23 3:00pm God Squad Kick-Off (PH)

*September 15-16 is our Food Collection.
October 6-7 is our Diaper Drive.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

Please Pray For Your Priests

September 17 Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, V.G.
September 18 Rev. Kevin J. Fimian
September 19 Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.
September 20 Rev. Daniel N. Gee
September 21 Rev. James R. Gould
September 22 Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas
September 23 Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)

**ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC
IS RESCHEDULED TO
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
1 PM TO 4 PM**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>

Please check inside the bulletin for more information.

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."



Last Wednesday was "Back to School" night. This gave the parents a chance to meet their children's teachers and learn about volunteer opportunities. It is always wonderful to begin the new school year with this partnership. It sets our students up for success.

Each summer we have a reading list for each grade to complete. Those students who complete their reading earn a "Dress down" day. We celebrated this accomplishment on Friday.

Last week we began our first round of academic testing. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Thank you to all who have shared some of their treasure in helping to provide a Catholic education for some needy students. We are grateful for your generosity. Please keep our school in your prayers.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK-OFF RALLY - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
900 South Washington Street in Falls Church (site of an abortion facility)
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

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 ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 1-3:00 P.M. BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 4TH.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DONNA HORES AT 703-354-5280.

"The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" St. John Paul II

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 16th-Parish Picnic-Come say hi!
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

*****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



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 and both begin
Wednesday, September 19th

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

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

**Join us for RCIA classes
Monday evenings from
7pm-8pm
in the Parish Hall
beginning September 10**

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

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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 13th Day*, 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

**Krispy Kreme donut sales
to support
St. Ambrose Youth
Ministry Programs this
weekend after all Masses.**

Come "buy" and say hello!

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!

Update on Father Hinkle. Lt. Jim Hinkle, Chaplain Corps, US Navy, and a member of St. Ambrose Parish, is currently serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis as it finishes up seven weeks of operations in the eastern Pacific preparing for its eight month around the world deployment this fall. The crew and embarked air wing make up over 6,000 people and has a flight deck that is 1,092 feet long, over three football fields in length. During the deployment the carrier will be accompanied by one cruiser and three destroyers, all of whom Chaplain Hinkle will visit to say Mass and hear confessions.

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/>

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. Pefley, 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).

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**.

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**.

Please join the **Catholic Business Network** www.cbnnova.org on September 19th at 7:30am at Saint Mary's Luceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria for networking and the inspirational story of the **Paul Stefan Foundation**. **Randy A. James**, President/CEO of the foundation will be our featured speaker. Please rsvp at www.cbnnova.org/event-3045770.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will now be held on
Sunday, October 14, 2018

From 1PM to 4PM

**Please bring a side dish, snack, or
dessert to share**

**Families with last name A-L: please bring a
Side Dish/Salad: (macaroni salad, coleslaw, potato
salad, broccoli salad, etc.)**

**Families with last name M-V: please bring a
Scrumptious Dessert or Fruit**

**Families with the last name W-Z: please bring at least 2
bags of chips or salty snacks**

Picnic Food & Activities:

**Burgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, popcorn, cotton candy,
snow cones, moon bounce, relay races, board games, pony rides,
petting zoo, and much more.**

Many volunteers are needed. Please use the link below to signup

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4ad283-parish>



**Church
Picnic**

**This is a great time for Parish families
to get together for food and fellowship.
Please invite your children and
grandchildren. Also, don't forget to
bring a blanket and chairs since there
is limited seating!**

