

**This Week's Masses and Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 11: Weekday</b>
7:00am	Tony Stein †
9:00am	David Nangle †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 12: Wkdy; The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>
7:00am	Jayne Anne Eckert †
9:00am	Cecylia & Stan Urynowicz †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00am	Ambrose Thome †
9:00am	Roy & Cecilia Thierry †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
7:00am	Tony Stein †
9:00am	Dr. Juan J. (Pepe) Blanco †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
7:00am	Ambrose & Ruth Thome †
9:00am	Mary Marrazzo †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyrian, Bishop &amp; Martyrs</b>
9:00am	Stan Urynowicz †
5:00pm Vigil	Helen & Paul Woodford †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	Luca Ramirez
10:00 am	People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Julia A. Jarquin

*The flowers in Church this week are in memory of Robert and Marion Elder*

**Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish**

Moises Avila, Suzanne Bercier, Norinne Browning, Louise Chevalier, Jo Couch, Ann Dau, James & Joan Dooley, Caroline Doyle, Conor Doyle, Rosie Ekshian, Natalie & Ed Habert, Helen Hargenrader, Mia Fernanda Hernandez, Amy Hobbs, Betty Hunt, Jeanie Janus, Cora Jones, Neil Keefe, Edwin Keitz, Frank Killelea, James Robert Lewis, Stacey Lindholm, Eileen Long, Vicki Lorenc, Jim Kenna, Audrey Martinez, Raymond Mele, La Davian Mills, Arvilla Moyers, Miguel and Julita Pascual, Bayne Rector, Kristin Rector, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Fr. Paul Richardson, Joan Robair, Constance Ross, Virginia Rotunno, Amelia Sanares, Father Sychala, Joe Rannazzisi, Len Trahan, Fernando Troncoso, Arya Vivar, Vivian Vu, Deborah Young

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids ((PL)
7:00pm	RCIA (PH)
7:00pm	RCIA & RCIC (PL)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting (PL)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
11:00am	Capital Campaign Reception (PH)
7:30pm	Capital Campaign Reception (PH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
7:00pm	Lightworks (PL)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 16</b>
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
8:45am	Religious Ed HS Class (PL)
1:00-4:00pm	Parish Picnic (On Campus)

**St. Ambrose Parish Picnic 1:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

**\*\*\* Details inside Bulletin \*\*\***

**Parish Mission at St. Ambrose Church**  
**September 23-25, 2017**

**Please Pray For Your Priests**

September 11	Rev. Edward C. Hathaway
September 12	Rev. Christopher H. Hayes
September 13	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
September 14	Rev. John F. Heisler
September 15	Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Ret.)
September 16	Rev. James C. Hinkle
September 17	Rev. Stephen Holmes

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."*

EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

**Saint Ambrose Catholic School**



Now that our students are back and settled we are looking forward to seeing our parents at Back To School Night, on Wednesday, September 13. We are getting all of our after school activities ready, and these should start in the next two weeks. We love our volunteers: if you have a talent that you would like to share with our students, please let us know.

As we enter a new school year, one that will include our re-accreditation through the Virginia Catholic Education Association, we ask for your prayers. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you.

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**Religious Education News**



*“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.”*

**2017-2018 Religious Education Registration** has begun and may be found on our website. Some classes are full and spaces are limited. Please be sure to include a copy of your child(ren)’s baptismal certificate.

We are in need of Aides and 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](mailto:Lmead@stambroseva.org).

**St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY**

For information on all activities below contact:  
Therese Ryan [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)



***\*Save the date\****

***\*High School God Squad Kick Off\****  
***Slip-n-Slide Kickball and BBQ***

***Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:45-8pm!***

***\*Bring a friend and enter the raffle for a Chipotle gift card!***

***WORKCAMP Thank You Coffee!***

***Sunday Sept.10<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass***

***\*2017 WC Crew\****

***Come thank our parishioners for their prayers and support! Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall!***

***WeekendWorkCamp Sept 9th***

***Service and Discipleship hours!***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month***

***8:45-12:30pm at the Parish Hall***

***\*Kolbe’s Kids\*- Our Lady’s Army***

***Begins September 11<sup>th</sup> 3:15-4:45pm***

***PHLJ \*Faith\*Fun\*Friendship\*Service\****

***Looking for volunteers to join our Youth Ministry Team!***

***\*We have lots of ways to help. If you’re interested - Contact Therese Ryan at [cym@stambroseva.org](mailto:cym@stambroseva.org)***



**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**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! Here's how to take part:

**Vigil location:** Outside Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S. Washington St. (Lee Highway)

**Vigil hours:** 7am to 9pm daily. Come join with St. Ambrose parishioners on Wednesdays from 1-2pm or any day best for you.

**Local Contact:** Donna Hores **703-354-5280**  
Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign: **40daysforlife.com.**

**Pilgrimage To Emmitsburg with Father Fisher.**

On **Thursday, September 14**, there will be a Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg with Father Fisher to visit the Grotto and Mother Seton Shrine. **All women and men of the parish are welcome. Feel free to invite your family and friends.** Bus will depart St. Ambrose at 8:00am then leave Emmitsburg around 3:00pm returning to St. Ambrose around 5:00pm. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Laura Mead at **703-280-1122** or email **lmead@stambroseva.org.**

**Please note that this Pilgrimage will take the place of the Women of St. Ambrose September meeting.**

**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 beginning September 11. 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.



**“Wisdom is seeing with God’s eyes.”**  
Pope Francis

**BOOK OF WISDOM BIBLE STUDY at St. Ambrose**

**We will begin Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life on Wednesdays beginning on September 20th at 10am or 7pm**

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom.

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a Parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

**Wisdom** invites you to experience the transforming power of taking time to apply God’s wisdom to your own life. You will learn to see with his vision. You will experience the peace of knowing God cares for you, and you will see how God — and only God — can show you a path through any circumstance.

Participants of **Wisdom** will receive a journal and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship.

The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through a variety of themes drawn from the wisdom literature of Scripture. Jeff will explain Scripture’s wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another and will look at the beauty of wisdom gained through age and at how Christ himself is the embodiment and fulfillment of all wisdom.

**For more information or to register contact Laura Mead at LMead@stambroseva.org or 703-280-2211. Cost for materials is \$25.**

**Praying College Moms Annual Workshop.**

This workshop is intended for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of college age students and young adults. It will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 2-4 pm at St. Timothy’s Catholic Church in Chantilly. The workshop is free but seats are limited so go online to reserve your seat. For more information or to reserve your seat, go to: [www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar](http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar).

**Communication & Prayer Workshop for All Married Couples.** Featuring: Fr. James Hudgins on *Deep Prayer, Deep Conversion*; Fr. Anthony Pinizzotto on *How To Communicate Effectively and Handle Conflicts With Your Spouse*; and how to pray as a married couple in *Led By The Spirit* by Ron & Terry Riggins. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, September 23, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA.** Cost is \$55. Register at: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/communication-and-prayerworkshop/>.

No registration at the door.

Contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2550 with any questions.

### Catholic Spiritual Care Volunteer Team at Inova Fairfax.

Is God calling you to serve as an Eucharistic Minister to patients and families in hospitals? Inova Fairfax Medical Campus at 3300 Gallows Road in Falls Church, VA is seeking volunteers to serve with the Catholic Spiritual Care Volunteer Team in this capacity. Volunteers visit Catholic patients and their families in the hospital to offer presence, prayer, and Communion. Training is provided. Please contact **Rosa Villegas** at Inova Fairfax at [rosa.villegas@inova.org](mailto:rosa.villegas@inova.org) or call 703-776-3767, **M-F, 8:30am—5:00pm** if you would like additional information about volunteering.

**Annual Diocesan Blue Mass.** The 14th Annual Diocesan Blue Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday, **September 16th, at 5:30pm.** This Mass is to pray for the safety of all Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Emergency Personnel serving within the Diocese of Arlington and to pray for those who have died in the line of duty. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome. Following Mass there will be a reception in Burke Hall for all first responders and their families. Please contact the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More** for more information at [www.cathedralstm.org/](http://www.cathedralstm.org/) or **703-525-1300.**

**Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?** Were you married in **1967** or **1992**? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the **2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass** to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 15th at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA.** Contact the Parish Office to register no later than September 22nd. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

**Save the Date!!! Diocesan Pilgrimage 2017.** Join Bishop Burbidge for the 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on **Saturday, October 14, 2017.** Our Diocesan Pilgrimage falls during the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima, when Our Lady called for worldwide prayers for peace. The theme for this year is "Totus Tuus; We are totally yours, Mary."

### 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 22nd** 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. Thank you for your consideration. To donate online use the following link:

<http://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 10K race on October 22nd and mail to:

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

### Sistine Chapel Choir to Perform at Basilica.

Sponsored by the Catholic Arts Council, the group will be performing in the U.S. for the first time in more than three decades on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30pm. This group of 30 boys **and** 22 men is considered the most prominent Catholic ensemble and oldest choir in the world. Affectionately known as the "Pope's Choir" you will hear them sing a repertoire of classical sacred music in the magnificent Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/2tJZwBl>

### Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics.

Join us for a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering, and hope. The mornings are free to attend, but please register at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced). All dates are available online. Call (703) 841-2550 for info.

**Domestic Church Day: Strengthening the Family with Mary.** Join fellow Catholic couples and families for “Domestic Church Day” with the theme of *Strengthening the Family with Mary* on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 12:30pm to 5:30pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature dynamic catechesis sessions for all the members of the family, spiritual devotions including a multi-cultural rosary in front of a hand-embroidered Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a vigil Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville, and conclude with delicious Mexican food. The cost is \$10 per adult (children under 18 are free). To register, please visit: [www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com](http://www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com) (<http://www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com>).

**Future With Hope Women’s Conference**

For Catholic women 40+

October 20–21, 2017 at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park. Learn more at [www.futurewithhopewomen.com](http://www.futurewithhopewomen.com)

**Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women** who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 30. Come begin your healing journey and experience God’s hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential registration, please contact **Project Rachel** at **888-456-HOPE (4673)** or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

Introduction to the  
**Marian  
Spirituality**  
of St. Louis de Montfort



St. Ambrose Catholic Church

September 24th & 25th

7:00 PM

We encourage people to make their Consecration to Jesus through Mary which, according to St. Louis de Montfort, is “the perfect renewal of Holy Baptism”.



**Fr. Roy Tvrdik, SMM**

Montfort Missionaries

St. Ambrose Parish Mission will be held in the Church

**Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke for Seniors this Fall.** Shepherd’s Center is a nonprofit organization that provides support services for the elderly. Below is a partial list of services. Please visit [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) to explore all they have to offer.

**Lunch N’Life**—September 21, 2017  
Call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730

**BINGO**—Saturday, September 30, 2017  
Call Lisa Carroll at 703-426-2824

**Exercise Classes**— Call 703-323-4788

**Transportation Program**—  
Call 703-323-4788

**Volunteer**—Need Drivers and Office Workers - Call 703-323-4788.

**Donate Vehicles**—Call 1-855-500-7433 and mention you want to support the Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke in Virginia

**Buy Grocery Gift Card**—Call 703-323-4788

**Shop AMAZON to Support Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke**—  
Through Amazon go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and designate Shepherd’s Center as your charity of choice.

**Collection for The Catholic University of America.** Thank you for your generous contributions to last week’s collection for The Catholic University of America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. You can learn more about your impact, and the University, at: [collection.cua.edu](http://collection.cua.edu).