

This Week's Masses and Intentions

Monday	September 25: Weekday
7:00am	William Bolognesi †
9:00am	Cory Elder
Tuesday	September 26: Wkdy; Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
7:00am	Harry & Adrienne Russell †
9:00am	Lee Family
Wednesday	September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:00am	Beverly Elder †
9:00am	Getuilio Fuster, Sr. †
Thursday	September 28: Wkdy; St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
7:00am	William & Patricia Jackson †
9:00am	Maria-Pia Fernandez
Friday	September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
7:00am	Father Michael Duesterhaus
9:00am	Richard L. Kelly †
Saturday	September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00am	Father Clement Balashunmugam †
5:00pm Vigil	People of the Parish
Sunday	October 1: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Richard L. Kelly †
10:00 am	John & Ide Rourk †
12:00 Noon	George Swartz †

† *Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dom Dominguez who is the brother of Larry Dominguez.* †

Please Pray For The Ill Of The Parish

Moises Avila, Suzanne Bercier, Norinne Brown-ing, 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 Spsychala, 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

Monday	September 25
9:45am	Legion of Mary (PL)
3:00pm	Kolby's Kids ((PL)
6:30pm	RCIC (PL)
7:00pm	RCIA (PH)
7:00pm	Parish Mission in Church
Tuesday	September 26
9:45am	Knitting Club (PL)
7:30pm	Capital Campaign Reception (PH)
Wednesday	September 27
10:00am	Bible Study—Wisdom (PH)
7:00pm	Bible Study—Wisdom (PH)
Thursday	September 28
7:30pm	Capital Campaign Reception (PH)
Friday	September 29
10:30am	Bible Group (PL)
Saturday	September 30
9:00am	Mass and Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (CH)
9:30am/3-4pm	Confessions (CH)
Sunday	October 1
8:45am	Religious Ed HS Class (PL)
8:45am	Jesus, Mary, Cup o'Joe (SCH)

Parish Mission
St. Ambrose Church
September 23—25, 2017
See Flyer in Bulletin for information

Please Pray For Your Priests

September 25	Rev. Michael J. R. Kelly
September 26	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
September 27	Rev. Anthony J. Killian
September 28	Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann
September 29	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi
September 30	Very Rev. Stanley J. Krempa, V.F.
October 1	Rev. Kevin J. Larsen

St. Ambrose Fall Harvest Food Collection
September 30—October 1
The St. Lucy Project

Bags will be handed out after all Masses this weekend. See Flyer in Bulletin for information.

Saint Ambrose Catholic School



Our school families enjoyed participating in last week's parish picnic. We had a great turn-out and we are grateful to our PTO and volunteers for running the games

Scantron testing is continuing this week, with our 3rd and 4th graders. Please keep our students in prayer as they test over the next two weeks.

Last Wednesday we were honored to welcome renowned author Raymond Arroyo to our school for an assembly. He spoke with our students, followed by a presentation for parents and parishioners. Thanks to the PTO for arranging this wonderful event.

Our school will be attending a presentation by Fr. Roy Tvrdik on Monday morning. How blessed we are to share in these wonderful offerings by our parish.

Have a blessed week.



PRO LIFE CORNER

40 Days for Life begins September 27! From September 27 through November 5, you are invited to join other Christians for the 40 Days for Life Campaign. There will be 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray with St. Ambrose parishioners on Wednesdays from 1-2 pm outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street. If you would like more information contact **Donna Hores at 703-354-5280**. With God's help, below are the proven results in 20 coordinated campaigns:

- 13,305 babies saved
- 154 abortion workers converted
- 86 abortion centers closed

If you have never done this before now is the time to stand up and be a part of prayerful vigil, changing lives, and more importantly saving lives!

As we begin this 40 Days for Life Campaign, let us pray that we will open our hearts to God's grace, and that we will have the courage to speak out in defense of all life.

St. Ambrose YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all activities below contact:
Therese Ryan cym@stambroseva.org



Walking humbly with our God...

*God bless Bill & Carla Yaglou, John & Donna Vasilakos and all those who worked to make our parish picnic such a wonderful and fun afternoon,

and in a special way all the teens who helped out!

*Thank you to all our catechists and "youth ministers" for sharing their love and knowledge of the Faith! God bless your work!

*God bless our Kolbe's Kids who lift St Ambrose parish family in prayer every week!

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

WeekendWorkCamp

Special Date – Sat. Oct. 21st

Service and Discipleship hours!

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

Sunday Evenings 5:45- 8pm @ gym

Sunday Sept. 24th-A prayer answered & a **Mission** from God!

Sunday Oct. 1st- XLT Adoration

Sunday Oct. 8th - Game Night

Sunday Oct. 15th- Safe and Sound CTP!

Rally- Save the Date!

RALLY will be held on: SUNDAY, October 22nd at Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA. Registration check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the day will finish by 8:00 p.m. \$25 per person includes dinner (not lunch!) and a t-shirt. Watch email for permission slip!

RSVP-P-slip & \$25 due by Sunday 10/15/17!

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

Kick-Off Friday Oct. 27th 7:30-9pm!!!

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

Mondays 3:15-4:45pm PHLJ

Faith*Fun*Friendship*Service

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.”

September 17 and 24—regular classes

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.

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.

Come Join the Youth Ministry team! It takes a Church, and we have lots of ways to help. If you're interested - Contact Therese Ryan at cym@stambroseva.org

Jesus, Mary, and a Cup o'Joe has begun its new season. Please join us on Sunday mornings in the School cafeteria from 8:45 am until 9:45 am. Jesus, Mary, and a Cup o' Joe is open to all adults of the parish. We will discuss aspects of our Faith. No registration required. Come when you can and attend as many as you can. We will meet every Sunday and follow the Religious Education calendar. Contact Lori Prendergast at loripren@yahoo.com or Laura Mead at lmead@stambroseva.org with questions.



“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.**

The Secular Franciscan Order St. Thomas More Fraternity invites married and single laity, who may be called to live the Gospel life as a professed lay tertiary, to attend an orientation at 1:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 830 S. 23rd Street, Arlington, on Sunday, October 8. For more details, call Bill Harrison, OFS, at 703-912-4845.

The 25TH 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 (Oct 1st–9TH) 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 final day, on Monday, October 9th, 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 will be Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL.

Speakers include Immaculee Ilabagiza, the Rwanda genocide survivor and powerful speaker on healing and forgiveness. Teresa Tomeo, syndicated Catholic talk show host of Ave Maria Radio’s *Catholic Connection* show, co-host of the EWTN television series, *The Catholic View for Women*. Eric Scheidler Executive Director of the *Pro-Life Action League* since 2009. Eric has been involved with this work since its founding in 1980 and has led many nationwide rallies for life and religious freedom.

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

The flowers in Church this week were donated by the Elders in memory of Margarita C. Konahap

Catholic College Fair. Are you facing a college selection decision? Are you interested in learning more about what Catholic colleges and universities have to offer? Then come to the Catholic College Fair at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 11 in the school gym at Holy Spirit School, 8800 Braddock Road in Annandale. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this fair brings together representatives from Catholic schools from across the country. Come learn about the wide variety of programs and majors available at these schools and their financial aid programs. The following schools have confirmed their participation:

Alvernia University, Assumption College, Christendom College, College of Saint Rose, Duquesne University, Gonzaga University, Holy Cross College, King’s College, La Salle University, Le Moyne College, Merrimack College, Niagara University, Providence College, Rosemont College, Sacred Heart University, Saint Bonaventure University, Saint Vincent College, Salve Regina University, Santa Clara University, Seton Hill University, Siena College, Stonehill College, Trinity University, Universidad de Navarra, University of Dallas, University of Notre Dame, University of Saint Thomas, University of San Diego, Villanova University, Walsh University.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Saturday October 14, 2017

Please 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.”**



TOTUS TUUS
WE ARE TOTALLY YOURS, MARY

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge invites you to the biennial Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2017

BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WASHINGTON D.C.

For more details please visit
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/
diocesanpilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage)



A PILGRIM
EXPERIENCE
FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY

- 9:00 A.M. Opening Music
- 9:30 A.M. Welcome & Rosary
- 10:00 A.M. Confessions
Seek and Find Family Activity
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Hour with Reflections on the Message of Fatima
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Mass with Bishop Burbidge
Blessing of Religious Articles
- 2:30 P.M. Eucharistic Procession to Saint John Paul II National Shrine
- 3:00 P.M. Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet at Saint John Paul II National Shrine



THANK YOU!!!

to all that supported the
Parish Picnic



The Parish Picnic was a great success and thank you to all that brought food, worked the food and game stations, cooked the food and of course the set-up and clean-up crew. A special thanks goes to the Knights of Columbus, the Picnic Committee and Jim May for the use of his smoker.

We served 240 hotdogs, 100 bratwurst and over 480 hamburgers. Thank you for all of the fruit, desserts and side dishes; the kids loved them. The obstacle course, moon bounce, pony rides, petting zoo were all well used and everyone loved the cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones. It was a beautiful day and we hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Last Sunday was a great example of how special the St. Ambrose Parish community is and how lucky we are to be a part of it. It was fun to watch grandparents enjoying their grandchildren's fun and laughter and it was great for school parents to interact with other members of our Church. Again, thank you to all who made this event so special.

