

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023**

**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD,  
THE OCTAVE DAY  
OF THE NATIVITY  
OF THE LORD**



**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
**Rev. Joseph M. Rampino, Parochial Vicar**  
**Parish Office Phone Number: 703-280-4400**

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m.**

**WEEKDAYS**  
**Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday: 9:00 a.m.**

**HOLY DAYS**  
**As announced**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
**Saturdays: 9:30 & 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
**After 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass**

**ADORATION**  
**Following 9:00 a.m. Mass First Fridays until 7:00 p.m. Benediction**

## PARISH SCHOOL

**3827 Woodburn Road**  
**Annandale, VA 22003**  
**Phone: 703-698-7171**

**Website:**  
**[www.stambroseschool.org](http://www.stambroseschool.org)**

**Email Address:**  
**[info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)**

**Principal: Maria Tejada**  
**[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)**

## 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.

**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.

**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 & teachings of His Church, please contact Mrs. Therese Ryan in the Office of Religious Education.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the parish office to schedule visits to the sick/homebound, for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.

**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, the vestibule of the Church, and on the website.

## CONTACT INFORMATION



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**Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.  
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**Plant & Facilities Manager:** Paul Moeller  
703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

**Bulletin Notices:** Please email your information to Donna Vasilakos. Deadline for the bulletin is **12 days before publication.**

Diocesan Resource Page on Issues Affecting the Catholic Church Available. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding the recent events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses to the crisis from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 2: Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors of the Church</b> Anne Gambino † Bea Smith †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 3: Christmas Wkdy; The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> Karla Filart Jeff †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 4: USA: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</b> Oscar Virtusio † Dan & Anna Sabolish †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 5: USA: St. John Neumann, Bishop</b> Eunice Napud Sagge † Nancy Oliver †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>January 6: Christmas Wkdy; USA: St. Andre Bessette, Religious—First Friday</b> Max Vincent Delores Klimonda †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>January 7: Christmas Wkdy; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest</b> Katherine & Matthew Gallegos Monica Elliott †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord</b> People of the Parish Baradugudwa Rose Marlow Dizon † Holmes

*First Friday Adoration is this Friday, January 6th. Adoration starts at 9:30 am and Benediction will be at 7:00 pm. Please sign-up in the binder at the back of the School Gym/Parish Hall, or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.*

[www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

## STAY CONNECTED!

### FLOCKNOTE

Sign up for email and/or text message notifications. Text **Annandale** to 84576 or visit [stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard](http://stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard) to sign up.

Choose only the groups YOU want to hear from!  
*Unsubscribe at any time.*

### FACEBOOK

Share the love and like us on Facebook!  
Visit [stambroseva.org/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stambroseva.org) to follow us.

### WEBSITE

Visit our website for updated information at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. Ambrose now has a YouTube channel! Subscribe today to see videos from your St. Ambrose priests and parish community. Visit [stambroseva.org/youtube](http://stambroseva.org/youtube) to subscribe.

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at [twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1](https://twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

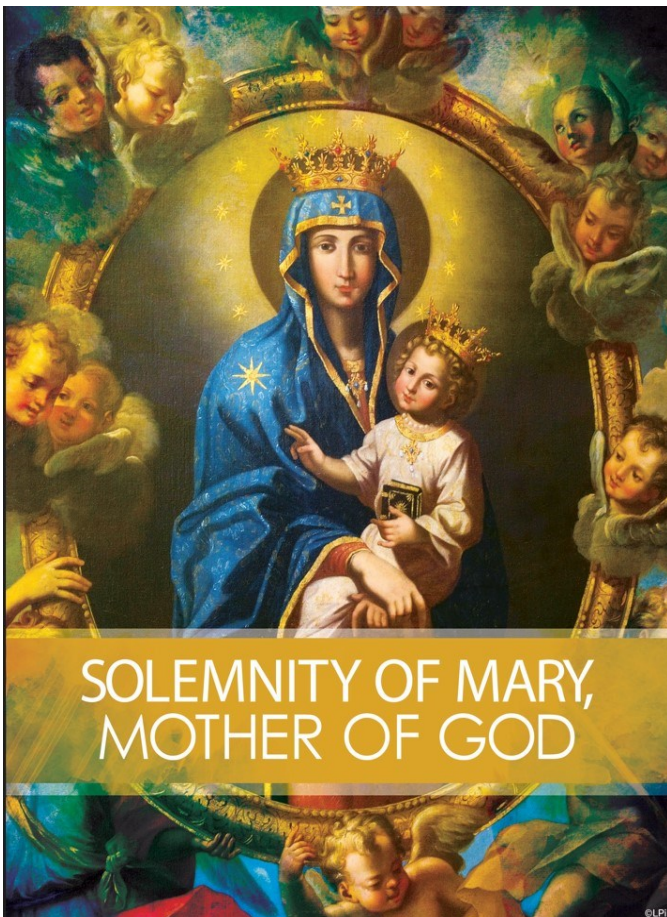
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Therese Hile, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Nicole A. Tramonte

## PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

Jan 2	Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)
Jan 3	Rev. Horace H. Grinnell (Ret.)
Jan 4	Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.
Jan 5	Rev. Lee W. Gross (Ret.)
Jan 6	Rev. Richard M. Guest
Jan 7	Rev. Edouard B. Guilloux
Jan 8	Rev. Andrew W. Haissig



*Please pray for the deceased  
of St. Ambrose*



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD

## ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS

### 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."*

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

Saint Ambrose Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Information and requirements for applying can be found on the preschool website [stambrosepreschool.org](http://stambrosepreschool.org). Application information forms can also be obtained at the main school office and the Parish Hall.

St. Ambrose School is always in need of extra substitute teachers. If you would be interested in being added to our sub list please call the front office at (703) 698-7171.

Yours in Christ,  
Maria Teresa Tejada  
[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

### Faith Direct

*Have you signed up for Faith Direct yet? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and plan your offertory by setting up a recurring donation.*

*Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA401](http://faith.direct/VA401) or go to our Website, [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org) and scroll down the page to Faith Direct.*

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:19*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes;" Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

# ST. AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## K – 12 Religious Education

### RCIA: Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those over the age of seven who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition who are now interested in becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated (need 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation). \*\*\***Fall 2023 Classes are forming now** and will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall, September through May. [stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA) or contact Therese Ryan [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) for more info.

### Religious Education

St. Ambrose offers religious education opportunities for students in grades K - 8 who attend public or other non-Catholic schools which include the preparation necessary to receive the Sacraments of 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also have a great Youth Ministry program for our students in grades 9-12, which offers faith formation and community for teens on Sunday nights, throughout the school year. Visit [stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE) and [stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad) for more details.

### Wednesday Evening REL ED Parents' Group

Meets 6:15-7:30pm in the Art/Science room during Religious Ed. Bring a hot drink and a tot, or not. Good conversation and fellowship and snacks will be provided. Come join us!



### Jesus, Mary and a Cup of Joe

Join us Sundays at 8:45 am starting September 18<sup>th</sup> in the school library for Jesus, Mary, and a Cup of Joe! We meet to learn more about the faith while enjoying fellowship and building community. All adults are welcome! *Not sure it's for you?* Come check it out. Can't come every week? No problem. Come when you can. There's no commitment and no pressure, just good coffee.

### Wednesday "Bible Studies"

**Wednesday Mornings** PH 10-11:30am  
Starting January 18th

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**  
with Dr. Edward Sri

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass-study-set-10th-anniversary-edition>

Lead by Chrissy Rabayda

*To register for any of the above or for more information, please contact Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education, at [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) or 703-280-1122.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

*It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?*

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry  
Julia Crean at [jcrean@stambroseva.org](mailto:jcrean@stambroseva.org)

happy new year

### High School Events:

#### God Squad

God Squad is our high school group that meets in the gym on Sundays from 5:45-8pm, open to all 9th-12th graders!

#### First Friday Night

Our next First Friday Night is January 6th. 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come for adoration and snacks!

#### Meeting at Peet's

Our next Peet's afternoon is TBA. If there is a time/day that would work better for you in the spring let Julia know!

We meet at the Peet's across from Woodson High School. The first time you join us your coffee/treat is on us!

### Middle School Events:

#### Kolbe's Kids

Kolbe's Kids meets on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm in the Parish Library. Open to all 5th-8th graders!

#### Jr. High Ignite

Our next Ignite Night is January 8th! We will be in the gym 6-7:30pm on the 1st Sunday of every month. Open to all 6-8th graders. Come for pizza, games, and a talk on a Saint!

#### Weekend WorkCamp

Our next Weekend WorkCamp is January 14th, with check in 8:30-8:45am and pick up at 12:30pm at the Parish hall. Come for Mass, donuts, and a morning of service!

### *A note from the DYM:*

Happy New Year and Happy Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God! We had a great fall with all of our different youth groups and I'm so looking forward to the spring-whether you've never joined us or attend every meeting I hope to see you there! And if you've made a New Year's resolution to grow in your faith and find community, you know where to turn!

-Julia Crean

**WSA News.** The Women of St. Ambrose invite all women of the parish to join our email or by mail distribution list. Please email or call Chrissy at [WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org) 703-785-9937. Our business meetings are on the second Friday of the month after Mass at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

**Save the Date for our Baby Shower to support the MaRiH Center Jan. 22nd 2-4 pm.**

**Take Time for God.** A new ministry for women who want to deepen their relationship with God. Sunday evenings 6-7 pm in the Parish Hall Library. We are not meeting Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. Contact Magdalena Manzo at [malainemanzo@gmail.com](mailto:malainemanzo@gmail.com) for any questions.

### **Multicultural Cookbook**

Do you love to cook? Have a special cultural dish you love to share at family gatherings? We need you! As part of the Golden Jubilee for the Diocese of Arlington, the Multicultural Sub-Committee is producing a multicultural cookbook! It will include recipes from every culture, submitted by those who call the Diocese of Arlington home! Recipes will be reviewed and selected by a diverse panel, and then published in a keepsake cookbook in commemoration of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Recipes will be arranged according to the liturgical calendar so that, from years to come, folks will be able to open their cookbook at any time in the liturgical year and find a special recipe to enjoy! Find out more here and access the submission form: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table>.

### **Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Retreat for Women.**

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@h.lpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@h.lpafterabortion.org).

### **Give a Gift for Life.**

Please give a **Gift for Life** this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. Gabriel Project helped me with rent, and my 'Angels' helped with items for the baby and rides. They also provided much needed support, encouragement and prayer."

A red basket with donor gift cards will be in the Chapel during daily mass and in the hallway during Sunday mass. Please pick up a card and send it in the envelope provided via the mail or you may drop it at the parish office. May God bless you for your generosity to those helped by Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. For more information and/or to donate:

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

### **Join the Team to Cook at Christ House.**

The St. Ambrose Food Ministry is looking for volunteers to help prepare and distribute a meal once a month at the Christ House Shelter in Alexandria. If you are interested, please contact:

**Joe Gaziano:** [joegaziano@yahoo.com](mailto:joegaziano@yahoo.com)  
703-405-5012

**Mary Gaziano:** [marygaziano@yahoo.com](mailto:marygaziano@yahoo.com)  
703-625-0293

**The Women of St. Ambrose invite you to**

**Celebrate Life With a Baby Shower**

**Sunday, Jan. 22**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm at St. Ambrose Parish Hall**

**Meet Beth Gilles-Whitehead  
from the MaRiH Center**

**All gifts and donations will be given to  
The MaRiH Center**

**Please bring all gifts unwrapped  
(may be placed in an open bag).  
We will be putting all the gifts on a few  
tables to display.**

**[www.Marih.org](http://www.Marih.org) website has an  
Amazon wish list**





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