

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 21, 2024 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm  
Monday - Friday | 7 am, 9 am  
Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)  
Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



## Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

### CLERGY

**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
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### BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos.  
Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication**.

### ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at [arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon 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're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is the process through 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 call Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 703-280-1122.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or 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 Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)



**Mass Intentions** Pray for people in need, both living or deceased, by having a Mass said for that intention. Masses can be offered to celebrate Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Confirmations, Special Intentions, Weddings or other needs.

**Devotional Candles** for the St Ambrose Shrine in the Narthex are available for a \$4 donation.

For Mass Requests, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am-4 pm. Devotional Candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

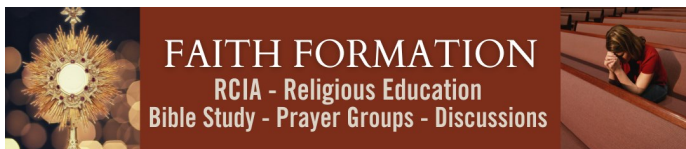
### FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or click Donate tab on [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Bible Prayer Group	Christ House Meals
Eucharistic Adoration	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



## FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

September - May | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

### JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

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

September - May | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

### APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30-9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.  
Facilitator: Lee Cena

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

### BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group)

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

Sundays | 1:15-3:15 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122



## DONUT SUNDAY!

FEBRUARY 4  
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES  
PARISH HALL

Hosted by  
Women of St. Ambrose

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

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

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

### UPCOMING SATURDAY EVENTS

January 27 | Pray at Falls Church Abortion Facility

February 24 | Homeless Ministry

### WORK CAMP 2024!



Arlington Diocese WorkCamp is an annual week-long overnight camp providing the teens of the Diocese an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. WorkCamp 2024 is currently scheduled for June 22-28 in Frederick County, VA. Open to all high school students, St. Ambrose Youth Ministry is

attending WorkCamp with St. Philip's youth group. Interested in going with us? Contact Claire Jackson, 703-280-1122 or [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org).



Tuesdays | January 30 - March 12 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Saturday Retreat | March 9 | 9 am - 2:30 pm

The Rescue Project is an 8-week experience of community, conversation, dinner, prayer and the gospel - and it's free! All adults & teens are welcome. Register now: scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/ambroseproject](http://bit.ly/ambroseproject). For more information, visit [stambroseva.org/rescue-project](http://stambroseva.org/rescue-project) or contact Claire Jackson, [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org), 703-280-1122.





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 22: Wkdy; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b>
7:00 a.m.	Cecile Tchong †
9:00 a.m.	Durwood & Amelia Bennett †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 23: Wkdy; USA: St. Vincent, Deacon &amp; Martyr; USA: St. Marianne Cope, Virginia</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary Knowlan †
9:00 a.m.	Jon & Sarah Laird
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder &amp; Doctor</b>
7:00 a.m.	Jane Crutcher †
9:00 a.m.	Hayes & Gaynor Families L / †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary Knowlan †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 26: St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus, Bishops</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dorothea Coss †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 27: Wkdy; St. Angela Merici, Virgin, BVM</b>
9:00 a.m.	Anna Mary & Charles Palladino †
5:00 p.m.	Dr. Dertad Manguikian †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mary Gaziano
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Sofia De La Cruz †
5:00 p.m.	Michael J. Knoras, Sr. †

### First Friday Adoration | February 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

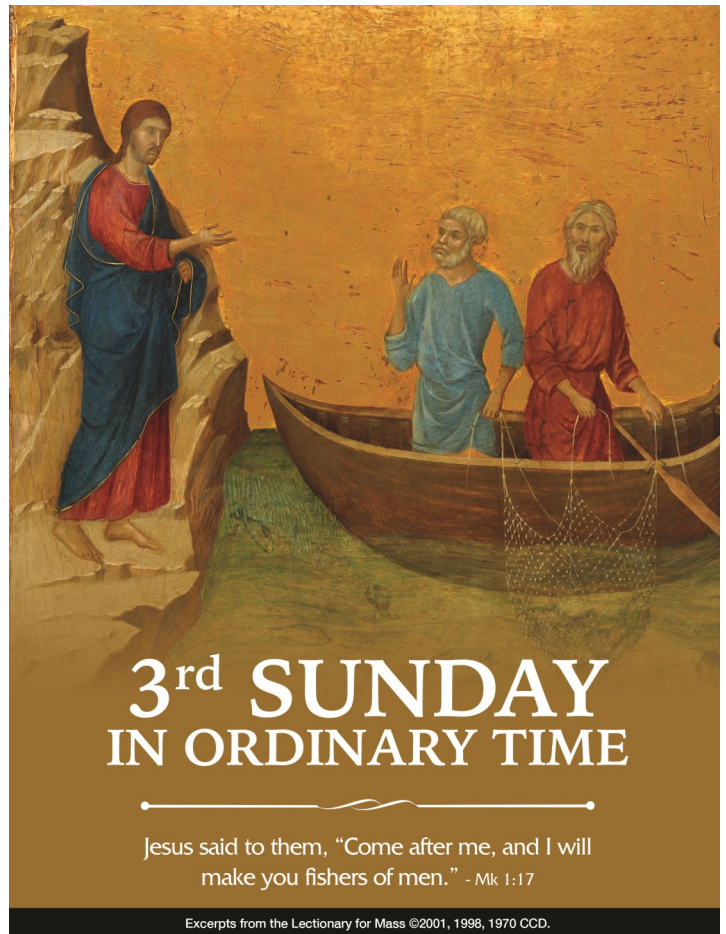
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuerto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Sychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 22	Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Jan 23	Rev. Kevin J. Fimian
Jan 24	Rev. Jonathan R. Fioramonti
Jan 25	Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, VF
Jan 26	Rev. Michael J. Folmar
Jan 27	Rev. Daniel N. Gee
Jan 28	Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez



For the repose of the soul of  
Jan Witter



### Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-50), Friday-Sunday, February 16-18, 2024. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 pm and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514. Deadline to register is Monday, February 5. There is a similar retreat for women June 14-16.

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* - Mark 1:17  
Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

### Registration Now Open! Behold, I Make All Things New

Join women from around the Diocese on Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8:30 am- 2:30 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Our 2024 gathering features the awe-inspiring reversion story of Patricia Sandoval and a powerful presentation by Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. on the true dignity and vocation of every woman. Sign-in begins at 7:30 am with confession and light refreshments. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 11:15 am. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/women).

### Bookkeeper: Part-Time Position

St. Ambrose Parish is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to provide accounting/bookkeeping functions including, but not limited to, payables, receivables and all other Parish and School revenue and expenses, the maintenance of general ledgers and the management of the payroll process. Interested candidates should have a working knowledge of accounting principles. A detailed job description is available by emailing [businessmanager@stambroseva.org](mailto:businessmanager@stambroseva.org). Send resume to [businessmanager@stambroseva.org](mailto:businessmanager@stambroseva.org).

### 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

*"Behold, I make all things new."*

From Bishop Burbidge: "The celebration of the 50th anniversary of our diocese moves us to a profound sense of thanksgiving for the gifts that God has provided, especially his grace and mercy. We are inspired with the desire to share what we have received from our Lord, especially by carrying out corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Your participation in the BLA is a way of both offering thanks to God and sharing the Good News of his Gospel." For more BLA information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

### Church Construction Debt Reduction

To complete the church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Currently, we are only paying 3.5% interest on the loan. Once the loan is amortized, we will begin making a monthly mortgage payment. The more we can pay down the principal prior to amortization, the lower our monthly mortgage payment will be. Any amount that you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using our electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct.



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**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, January 28, 11 am -1:30 pm**



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**



**3827 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22003**  
**703-698-7171 | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)**  
**[stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)**

**Marriage Encounter Weekends** affirm and support you in your chosen vocation – marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a weekend away together. For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Questions? Contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) or 703-378-4150.

## FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

**St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 – August 2, 2024 | [stambrosesummer.com](http://stambrosesummer.com)**



### Campers!

Camp registration opens at 1 pm, March 3, 2024. The schedule for campers, ages 4-13, is live now at [stambrosesummer.com/camps](http://stambrosesummer.com/camps).

### Counselors!

Full-time | May 28 – August 2

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp is hiring engaging, fun and responsible college students who exhibit a joyful love of Christ and desire to be positive role models in the lives of young children this summer. Apply now!  
[stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)



**Saint Ambrose Summer Camp strives to offer a dynamic, Christ-centered summer experience that forms the next generation of saints. Join us!**





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### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

## KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY

Start 2024 with a roar! The Knitting & Crochet Group welcomes you to join us for fun, fellowship and laughter as we knit or crochet for the homeless. We donate our items to Sister Annie at Christ House to give them out at their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Sister likes to have 80 sets to distribute; over the last 10 years we've met our annual goal. Learn a new skill in the new year! No experience needed - we have experts who would like to teach you. We meet on the 4th Tuesday each month from 9:30 to 11 am in the Parish Library. For more information, contact Juanita Edmonds at [jedmo68631@aol.com](mailto:jedmo68631@aol.com).

## CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](https://bit.ly/stambrosechmm)



Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Please contact Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514 or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

## USHERS NEEDED

[email ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)



## young adults group

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNG ADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNG ADULTS)



- Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays, 6-7 pm, followed by a social at Glory Days on Nutley Street.
- Women's Group every Tuesday night from 7:30-9 pm. All single, engaged, or married women ages 21-35 are welcome!
- Stay in the know! Scan the QR to join our group chat - get updates on all young adult events. Join us!

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### Next Diaper Drive Weekend: February 3 + 4

St. Ambrose Parish supports The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, urgent needs are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), diaper rash ointment. To donate other critical items, please visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).



### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

**Help + Hope + Healing**  
visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

### Save the Dates

WSA MaRiH Center Baby Shower | February 4 | Parish Hall  
Virginia Right to Life March | February 21 | Richmond, VA



## HumbleBee Highlights

<https://stambroseva.org/humble-bee>



**FAMILY DISCUSSION:** In today's Gospel both Simon and his brother Andrew, James and his brother John immediately stop what they are doing to go and follow Jesus. Think of how compelling Jesus' presence must have been to spur such action! They realized how important the Kingdom of God was.

What would be a reason you might immediately stop what you were doing to go do something else? When someone is sick? Calls for help?

Are there distractions in your current family life that are keeping you from the Kingdom of God? Are there things in your daily schedule that you might need to "drop" in order to focus on what is important? ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

**See The Bee for more faith + fun!**