

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 28, 2024 | Fourth 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 | info@stambroseschool.org

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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
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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

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



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.

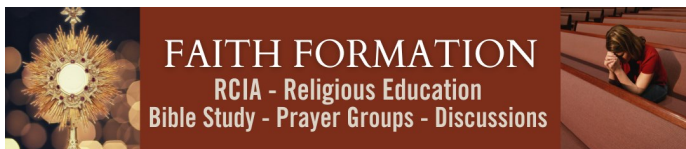
FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit membership.faithdirect.net/VA401 or click Donate tab on stambroseva.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit 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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

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

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

Come Pray for Vocations

All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 8:30 am - Noon at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Alexandria. The day includes continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. Fr. Peter St. George is the speaker. There is no cost but RSVP with the Office of Vocations by February 5, 2024, 703- 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

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.

We live our lives according to the stories we believe...

What if there is a different story?

The Story is the gospel.

the
RESCUE
project



DINNER | VIDEO | DISCUSSION
stambroseva.org/rescue-project

All adults & teens are welcome!

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. For more information, visit stambroseva.org/rescue-project or contact Claire Jackson, cjackson@stambroseva.org, 703-280-1122.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 29: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Urbano Fernandez †
9:00 a.m.	Frank L. Pascale & Rose L. Pascale †
Tuesday	January 30: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Kevin Campbell
9:00 a.m.	Dolly Attardo †
Wednesday	January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday	February 1: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Renate Nicewicz †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Friday	February 2: The Presentation of the Lord First Friday
7:00 a.m.	Perpetua Fernandez †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	February 3: Wkdy; St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop, BVM
9:00 a.m.	Mary Knowlan †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday	February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Karen Sullivan
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Cecilia Tchong †
5:00 p.m.	Michael Jackson

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

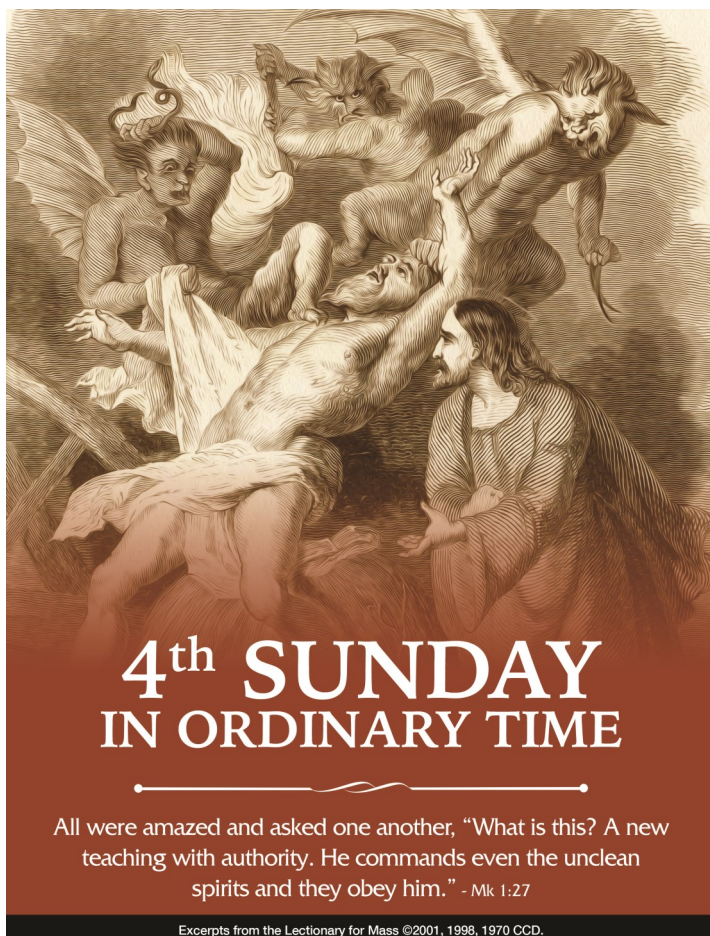
For the Sick

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 Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 29	Rev. James R. Gould
Jan 30	Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas
Jan 31	Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)
Feb 1	Rev. Horace H. Grinnell (Ret.)
Feb 2	Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.
Feb 3	Rev. Lee W. Gross (Ret.)
Feb 4	Rev. Richard M. Guest

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
I Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this: use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress
Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | bit.ly/nec2024



We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

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. Send resume to businessmanager@stambroseva.org.



2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!

The 2024 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme this year is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: "Behold, I make all things new." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. As we look forward to the celebration of the 50-year Golden Anniversary of our diocese, let us renew our commitment to the Lord and be inspired to share what we have received from Him. You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

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

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stambroseschool.org

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.

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catholic content online
stambroseva.org/formed

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 – August 2, 2024 | 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.

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



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



**Knights of
Columbus®**

ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm
Parish Library
ambrosecouncil.org | info@ambrosecouncil.org



USHERS NEEDED
email ushers@stambroseva.org

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
stambroseva.org/WSA



garden + grounds club

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

*Join
US!*

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

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



young adults group

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

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 or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.



Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Help + Hope + Healing

visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project
helpforpregnantwomen.org
703-841-3810
info@h4pw.org

**Diocese of Arlington
Catholic Charities**
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
info@helpafterabortion.org

Save the Dates

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



in support of
The MaRiH Center
Sunday | February 4
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall
Details at stambroseva.org/WSA

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE



HumbleBee Highlights

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus preaches in the synagogue in Capernaum and heals a man with an unclean spirit. His fame spreads. **FAMILY DISCUSSION:**

- When we see something amazing, we want to share it with others. This is what the people in the synagogue did. They saw Jesus demonstrate his authority and they wanted to tell others.
- What are some other amazing things you have read that Jesus has done? Share stories of Jesus showing his authority that you remember. How would these stories read if they were newspaper headlines?
- When you share the amazing things Jesus has done, you are also spreading the Good News. What are some ways you can spread this Good News to others?

See The Bee for more faith + fun!