

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 29,
2023**

**4TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

**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

Email Address:

info@stambroseschool.org

Principal: Maria Tejada

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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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/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

January 30: Weekday
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Rajakumar
Urbano Fernandez †

Tuesday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest
Renate Nicewicz †
Donald Pimentel †

Wednesday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

February 1: Weekday
Joan Francis
Catherine Bailey †

Thursday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
Perpetua Fernandez †
James Kem

Friday
7:00 a.m.

February 3: Wkdy; St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr—First Friday
Helena Sanderova †
For the victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy

Saturday
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

February 4: Weekday, BVM
Francisco/Paciencia Guidamor †
Ken Garshina †

Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m.

February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Robert Seoane, Jr. †
People of the Parish
Leonardo Gattoni-Celli
Anne Haislmaier

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, February 3. 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

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FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

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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, Lilian Yetman

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

Jan 30	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi (Ret.)
Jan 31	Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Krempa (Ret.)
Feb 1	Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
Feb 2	Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Ret.)
Feb 3	Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)
Feb 4	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
Feb 5	Rev. Geromino A. (Jerome) Magot SS



*Please pray for the deceased
of St. Ambrose*



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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 School will be hosting open houses. January 29 at 11:00am, and February 14 at 8:30am. Please RSVP to friendsof@stambroseschool.org if you are interested in attending. We hope to see you there.

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 stambrospreschool.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

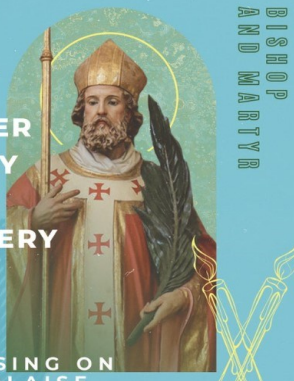
Faith Direct

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 or go to our Website, www.stambroseva.org and scroll down the page to Faith Direct.

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

If you have not received your tax statement, please call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.



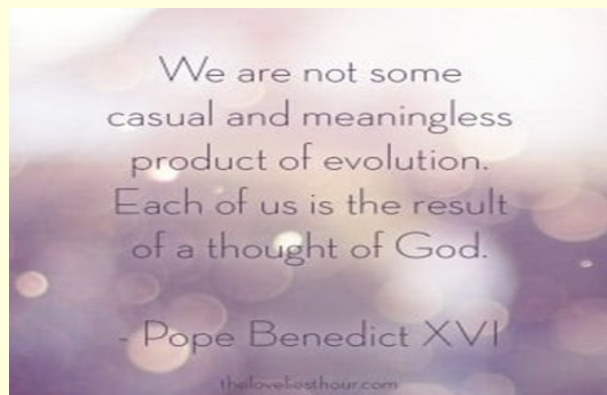
"MAY GOD DELIVER YOU FROM EVERY DISEASE OF THE THROAT AND EVERY OTHER ILLNESS."

- TRADITIONAL BLESSING ON THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

ST. AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K – 12 Religious Education

Contact: Therese Ryan DRE at tryan@stambroseva.org



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 1st 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 or contact Therese Ryan tryan@stambroseva.org for more info.

Religious Education

*****1st Confessions Feb. 8th at 7pm in the parish hall**

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 and 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 18th 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 January 18th – February 15th
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH w/ Dr. Edward Sri
<https://ascensionpress.com/products/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass-study-set-10th-anniversary-edition>
w/ Chrissy Rabayda Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com

Wednesday Evenings PH library 7-8pm **February 1st-April 26th**
11 classes on *The Sacraments: a deeper dive into the 2nd pillar of the catechism* w/Lee Cena leecena@earthlink.net

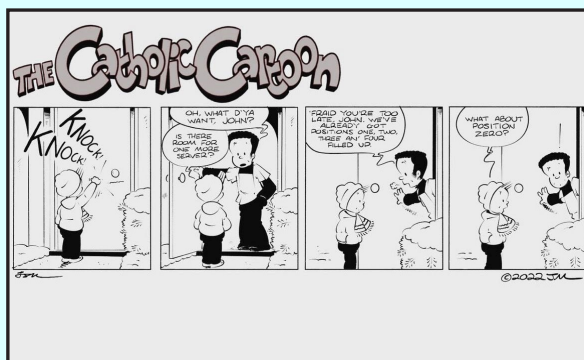
Women's Group-Meets Sunday Nights 6-7pm in the parish hall library for faith and fellowship! Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at www.stambroseva.org

It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry
Julia Crean at jcrean@stambroseva.org



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 February 3rd. 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come for adoration and snacks!

Meeting at Peet's

Our next Peet's afternoon is TBA.

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 February 5th! 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 February 11th, 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:

It's only January but preparations for St. Ambrose Summer Camp are already underway! We had a great time at camp last year and are hoping this year is even better, and there is a way for every parishioner to be involved at St. Ambrose Summer Camp, *especially* the youth! Check the camp bulletin blurb to get specific updates and information as we get closer!

-Julia Crean



June 20th-August 4th, 2023

St. Ambrose will be offering summer camps for Summer 2023! We hope you'll consider joining us, there's a way for every age to get involved from attending camps, to working at camp, to supporting our counselors! We know it's going to be a great summer and we hope you'll be there with us.

Campers: Registration for Camp opens **March 5th at 1PM**, and our schedule is live now! Check out stambrosesummer.com/camps to see what we'll be offering this year! Camp is for ages 4-13 years old.

Volunteers: Are you going into 8th grade-senior year of high school and looking for service hours? Come volunteer! Volunteer information can be found at stambrosesummer.com/volunteer, applications are open now.

Counselors: Are you a senior in high school-graduating from college and looking for a meaningful summer job? Consider St. Ambrose! Applications are open now! Find more information at stambrosesummer.com/employment



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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Only 5 Wednesdays

Jan. 18th– Feb. 15th

10-11:30 AM

St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Visit www.ascensionpress.com to learn more and order your study set.

Cost is \$26.95 plus tax & shipping.

Contact Therese Ryan at tryan@stambroseschool.org
for more information.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH YOUR VALENTINE



When: Sunday, February 12th
After 8am & 10am Masses

Where: St. Ambrose Parish Hall

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!

PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE, FRUIT & BEVERAGES!

Buy discounted tickets in advance online at
www.ambrosecouncil.org/pancakebreakfast

Ticket Prices			
	Child	Adult	Family
Pre-sale/Online	\$6	\$8	\$25
Day-of	\$8	\$10	\$30

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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>.

Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. For single women ages 18-50. Upcoming: The Dominicans, Congregation of St. Cecilia; February 5: Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; March 26: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. RSVP by the Monday before each event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

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.

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!

The 2023 BLA is underway! The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense -- poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



Support Our Seminarians
Help Build the Future of Our Diocese
Make Your Gift Today!



Seminarian Education
ENDOWMENT FUND

Mail your check made out to:
Foundation for CDA-SEEF
200 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 811
Arlington, VA 22203

CONTACT: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org
To make a gift online: arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

Quo Vadis Father-Son Seminary Visit. Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on Saturday, February 11, 2023, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is February 3. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514, or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.