

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 1, 2023 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES
- ST. AMBROSE -

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday | 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

Saturday | 9 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Holy Days | As announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday | 9:30 a.m., 3 - 4 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday | After 9 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee,
for Christ's sake, Amen.

Prayer of St. Ambrose

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction prior to 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 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 703-280-4400.

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

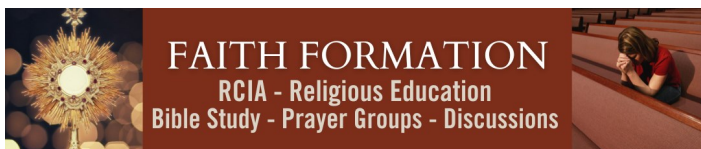
FAITH DIRECT

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 Committee	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 each program's details 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 (end May 19, 2024) | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays (end May 20, 2024) | 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 | Parish Library

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

APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Second 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 | 6 pm | Parish Library

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

Faith Formation | Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education
tryan@stambroseva.org | 703-280-4400

Stewardship Reflection

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philipians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

High School Youth Ministry

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

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

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend! See you there!

Cooking Up Some Fun with FIAT

The Little Sisters of the Poor are cooking up some fun for FIAT high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation. On Saturday, October 14, 10 am-3 pm. at the St. Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, D.C., the day includes Mass, baking, lunch and some adoration time. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. Space is limited. Contact the Vocations Office, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514 or visit visitArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT. Deadline to register: October 6.

Take Aim at Holiness: Quo Vadis Paintball Challenge

Calling high school boys interested in growing in holiness and virtue! Join Quo Vadis, along with some priests and seminarians, for Mass, talk and an epic Paintball competition on Saturday, October 28, 8:15 am-1:30 pm, Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Pev's Paintball in Aldie, VA.. Cost is \$50, includes equipment and lunch (financial aid is available). Limited space! To reserve a spot & get the permission form (due October 13), email the Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or visit arlingtondiocese.org/QuoVadis

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



- **Young Adults Women's Group** meets weekly on Tuesday night from 7:30-9pm. Come for community and time to discuss how God is working in our lives. All single, engaged, or married women - ages 21-35 - are welcome! For more information, contact youngadults@stambroseva.org.
- **Join us on October 6** for Eucharistic Adoration, 6-7 pm. A social follows at Glory Days, Nutley Street, Fairfax.

"He humbled Himself and became obedient..."

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director,
703-841-2514 or email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00 a.m.	Lala Hacopian †
9:00 a.m.	Eileen M. Donohue †
Tuesday	October 3: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Douglas Jude Dussman †
9:00 a.m.	Bob Elder
Wednesday	October 4: St. Francis of Assisi
7:00 a.m.	Jane Clementine Palladino †
9:00 a.m.	For the Souls in Purgatory most in need †
Thursday	October 5: Wkdy; St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Sean DeWolfe †
9:00 a.m.	Hazel Theresa O'Brien †
Friday	October 6: First Friday Wkdy; St. Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Martin †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Eugene Alden †
5:00 p.m.	Carmen C. Lima †
Sunday	October 8: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Brian Houston †
10:00 a.m.	Brian Houston †
12:00 noon	Bob Murray †
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

First Friday Adoration | November 3

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, 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, Joseph Schechtel, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Oct 2	Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
Oct 3	Rev. Marcus A. Pollard
Oct 4	Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, VF
Oct 5	Rev. Juan A. Puigbo
Oct 6	Rev. Luis Puigbo
Oct 7	Rev. Joseph M. Rampino
Oct 8	Rev. M. Paul Richardson (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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"...with glad adoration a song let us raise!"

ADULT CHOIR | YOUTH CHOIR bit.ly/stambrosevachoir

REHEARSALS | CHOIR ROOM | PARISH HALL

Youth Choir | Mondays | 4:30-5:20 pm

Adult Choir | Thursdays | 7:30-9 pm

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & RECEPTION

Saturday | November 4 | 9 am

St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass and reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish during the past year. We invite you to add the names of your loved ones who've died since November 2022 (even if the funerals were celebrated elsewhere).

To have the names included in the Memorial Mass program and to RSVP for the reception, please contact the Parish Office (703-280-4400) by October 24. The Memorial Mass and reception are hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose.



Join Bishop Burbidge for the Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion of Families on Tuesday, October 10, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Parish Picnic. We all had a fantastic time, especially the children who enjoyed the moon bounce, obstacle course, petting zoo, pony rides and games. It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents enjoy their children's excitement and laughter. The rain held off and this time together illustrates how special our St. Ambrose Parish community remains. We served 440 slices of pizza, 425 ice cream novelties, 192 quarts of popcorn, 520 cups of lemonade and water and lots of desserts. The picnic was only possible through the service of our volunteers. A special thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus, St. Ambrose School and Religious Education parents, Women of St. Ambrose and many others.



WELCOME, FATHER NUGENT!

coffee + donuts reception
sunday, october 1
after 8 + 10 am Masses
parish hall

Gift Planning for You...and our Parish

Giving is a very important part of the life of a person devoted to Jesus Christ. Planned Giving simply means planning for the future, whether it is your retirement or the future of our parish community. Your planned gift is a tangible way to express your unending gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. For more information on naming our parish or the diocese in your will, please contact your attorney or visit arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Join Bishop Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, Saturday, October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, from 9 am - 3 pm. The day features a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mass, and a procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. See arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



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"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit the school website or call the school office.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

On October 2, we will have our High School Information Night for our 8th grade parents. On this night we invite a representative from each of the four Diocesan Catholic Schools to present their school to parents and provide information regarding admissions.

Saint Ambrose Preschool Little Lambs 3 Year Old Class: it is not too late to enroll your preschooler at Saint Ambrose. We currently have a few openings in our 3 year old half-day program. If you would like to see our program and learn more, please contact Marybeth Cuccias mcuccias@stambroseschool.org with any questions or to arrange a tour.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL MISSION

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.

COLUMBUS DAY



The Parish Office & School are closed Monday, October 9.

BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD:

Having the Mind of Christ in an Age of Error

How should a Catholic man respond to Christ's challenge to have his mind totally transformed? *The 25th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection*, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Saturday, October 28, 9:15 am -1:15 pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield VA 22153. There's no charge, but you must register at www.waywomen.com/mensretreat before October 22 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. For more details, contact Robin Maas at rmvmaas@gmail.com.

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Holy Hour
Tuesday | October 17 | 7 - 8 pm | Church

Starting with the Holy Hour on October 17, the Ambrose Council will begin a nine-day Pro-Life Novena. Please join us wherever you are, from October 17 through October 25, in praying to end abortion (novena prayer at bit.ly/prolifepayer). The novena is a part of 40 Days for Life, an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. For more information, visit 40daysforlife.com



UPCOMING EVENTS - JOIN US!
Details at stambroseva.org/WSA

Presentation - Veronica Royal, Iconographer
Saturday | October 21 | 9:45 am | Parish Hall



All Saints Peg Doll Swap + Potluck
Friday | October 27 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Questions? Contact WSA@stambroseva.org

Catholic Investments for Catholic Families
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services



Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social.

October 24, 2023 7:00 p.m.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003



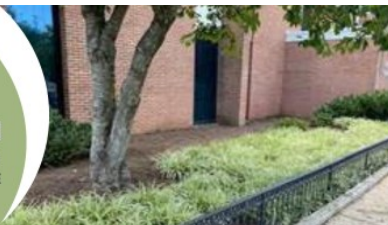
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 1-866-868-1492
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Garden + Grounds Club

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC
2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
 9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



31st International WEEK of PRAYER & FASTING

Theme: Miracles of the Eucharist

Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 28, 2023

in collaboration with the Legion of Mary

iwopf.org

PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive October 7 + 8 at all Masses

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, most urgently needed items are all sizes of diapers; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes, and diaper rash ointment. Other critical needs such as grocery gift cards, baby shampoo, baby blankets and clothes (sizes 0-3 months and 2T) can be donated directly to The MaRiH Center, 3230 Duke Street B, Alexandria VA, 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



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catholic content online
stambroseva.org/formed



HumbleBee Highlights

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus shares a parable about two sons, one who obeys his father's will eventually and one who says he will obey but doesn't. Those who refuse God but later repent and obey will be brought into God's kingdom. Those who refuse God must repent if they hope to be allowed into the kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- God's mercy is always open to us. What are some ways we can be more like the first son? In what ways do we turn back to God after we've been disobedient? How do we feel before and after turning back to God?
- Can you think of a time, like the second son, that your words and actions didn't align? Discuss and reflect on the words 'honesty' and 'integrity'. How can we make sure words and actions align?

See The Bee for more faith + fun!