

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 20, 2024 | Twenty-ninth 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

Parish Registration: 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. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org/registration



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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA/RCIC): The process through which a person is 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, 571-640-9938.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or home-bound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



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

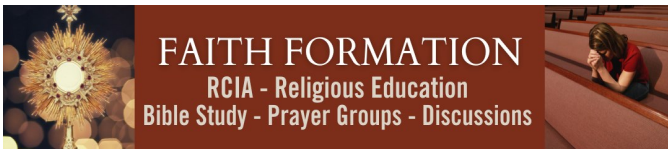
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday Morning Bible Study	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Paula Society	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

September - May

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

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include 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 and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

APOLOGETICS 101

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our faith.

Facilitator: Lee Cena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us! Carol Russell, Coordinator.

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup

Saturdays | Twice Monthly | 6:30 - 8 am | Parish Library

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation. For more information, please email Father Nugent at fnugent@stambroseschool.org.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library

Open to all women of the parish. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words and lift up each other's personal prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA. Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator.

Claire Jackson

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education
571-640-9938 | cjackson@stambroseva.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!



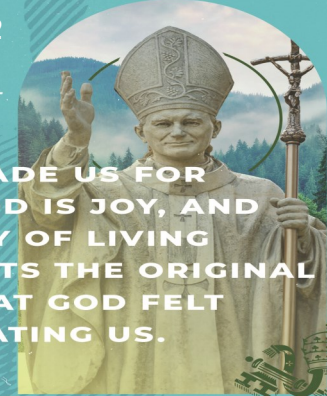
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a meal for the God Squad - volunteer to provide dinners for approximately 15 people. God Squad meets weekly on Sundays from 6 - 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm. God bless and thank you for your generosity! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/GodSquadMeal



Feast Day | October 22

“GOD MADE US FOR JOY. GOD IS JOY, AND THE JOY OF LIVING REFLECTS THE ORIGINAL JOY THAT GOD FELT IN CREATING US.”



- ST. JOHN PAUL II

POPE

NOVEMBER 1 | ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 7:30 pm (Vigil)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 7 & 9 AM, 7:30 PM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
NOVEMBER 5 | ELECTION DAY | 9:30 AM - 7 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 21: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. James Quinn
9:00 a.m.	Terry Begley
Tuesday	October 22: Wkdy; St. John Paul II, Pope
7:00 a.m.	Minh Thai
9:00 a.m.	Caitlin Marie Elder
Wednesday	October 23: Wkdy; St. John of Capistrano, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Agnes Connors
9:00 a.m.	Megan Elizabeth Elder
Thursday	October 24: Wkdy; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
7:00 a.m.	Gregory P. Holmes
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Cory Elder
Friday	October 25: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Gary Wayne Bianucci †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Saturday	October 26: Weekday, BVM
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
5:00 p.m.	Ken Stepka †
Sunday	October 27: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Mother of Stephanie Zanelotti †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Roseanne & Tony Molaro †
5:00 p.m.	MaryAnn Stasik

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Tuesday, November 5, 2024

9:30 am - 7 pm (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, Kathy Burns, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, 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

Oct 21	Rev. Michael T. Orlowsky
Oct 22	Rev. Carroll L. Oubre
Oct 23	Rev. Charles C. Pavlick
Oct 24	Rev. Francis J. Peffley
Oct 25	Rev. Edwin E. Perez
Oct 26	Rev. John P. Peterson, YA
Oct 27	Rev. Mauricio R. Pineda

† For the repose of the soul of **John Timothy Boos** †



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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Saint Ambrose Parish Memorial Mass & Reception SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 9 AM



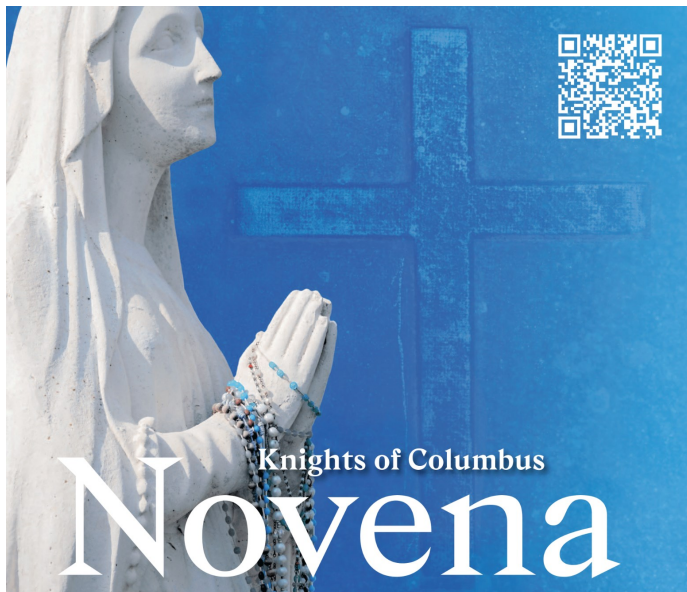
St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass & Reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish - or elsewhere - during the past year. We invite you to include the names of your loved ones who've died since November 2023.

Please contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400, by October 22 to provide the names for the Mass program and to RSVP for the Reception.

The Memorial Mass & Reception are hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose.

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at the annual Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, on Saturday, November 2, at 11 am. Please join us as we pray with the Bishop for the repose of the souls of all of our loved ones & for all who have died. Refreshments follow at the Fairfax Memorial Park Office. (Rain site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church)

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.



Knights of Columbus

Novena for Life

October 18 - 26 | November 16

Saint Ambrose Parish

Novena details at stambroseva.org/novena-life



Saint Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus

Prayerfully prepare to vote using the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Election 2024 Resource Hub. This fall, voters will select candidates for the office of President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and, in some areas, "down-ballot" offices. The VCC Election Resource Hub, provides information on Catholic Social Teaching, Candidate Comparison Charts for the Presidential and U.S. Virginia Senate races, register-to-vote flyers, a letter from Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout - and more! Find all the resources in English & Spanish at: vacatholic.org/Election2024



Volunteers Needed: The St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides a variety of services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. The senior center is a multicultural community, with more than 20 countries represented. St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides congregational meals, health screenings, exercises, educational activities, and numerous activities. Volunteers needed: exercise instructors, nurse or nursing students, computer and tech instructors, breakfast and lunch volunteers, nutritionist, activities assistant, arts and crafts leader, and presenter of topics of interest to seniors. The senior center is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. To volunteer, contact Maria Mellor at 703-751-2766 or email maria.mellor@ccda.net.

COME & SEE! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

OPEN HOUSE

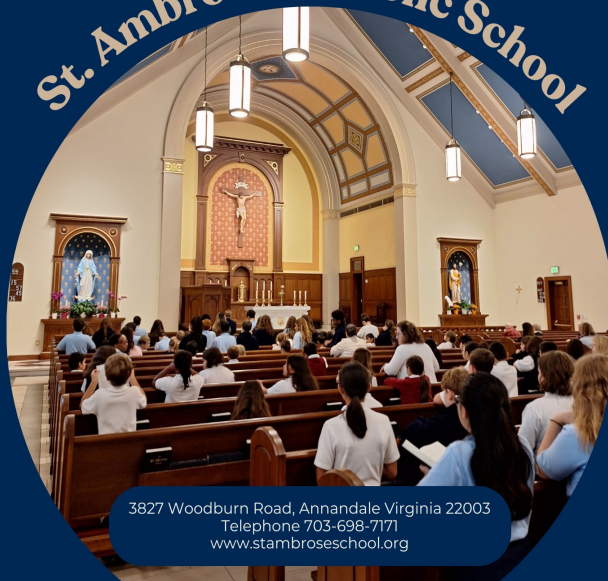
After 9:00 am Mass at St. Ambrose Church

9:00am -
10:45am

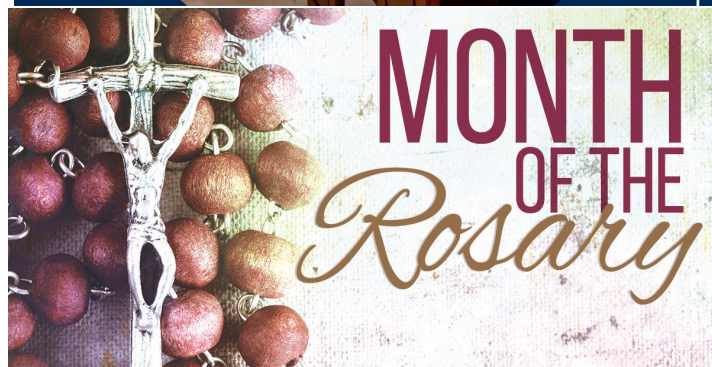
Thursdays in October

- Celebrate Mass
- Visit classes
- Meet students
- Meet Principal

St. Ambrose Catholic School



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Stewardship Reflection

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (MARK 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
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EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS



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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org

POTLUCK SOCIAL



Tuesday, October 22 | 7 - 9 pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening filled with friends, family, food and fun!
All St. Ambrose parishioners are welcome.
Bring a dish to share - we'll see you there!

- Your Hosts -

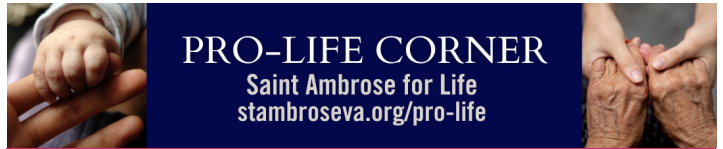


CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

To complete the church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Details are available at bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt. Any amount 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 out electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct (membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or use the QR code to access Faith Direct.



Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Fr. Michael Isenberg for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The group departs Northern Virginia on Friday, November 15 at 5:30 pm and returns Sunday, November 17 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40, financial aid is available. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register is Monday, November 4.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: November 2 & 3

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, critical needs are diapers (all sizes), wipes and formula (especially Similac Advance). To donate other items, please see 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

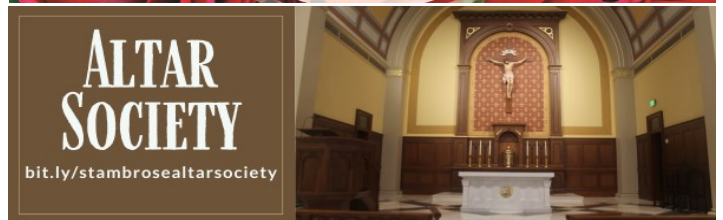
Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org



RESPECT LIFE



ALTAR SOCIETY

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP



Twice Monthly
Saturdays | 6:30 - 8 am
bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup



Rosary Makers

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY



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email ushers@stambroseva.org