

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 22, 2023 | 29th 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 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 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

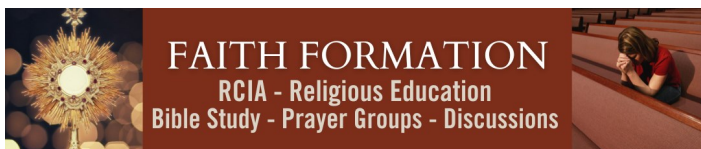
FAITH DIRECT

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 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 | 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 | Parish Library

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 | 6 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

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](#)

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

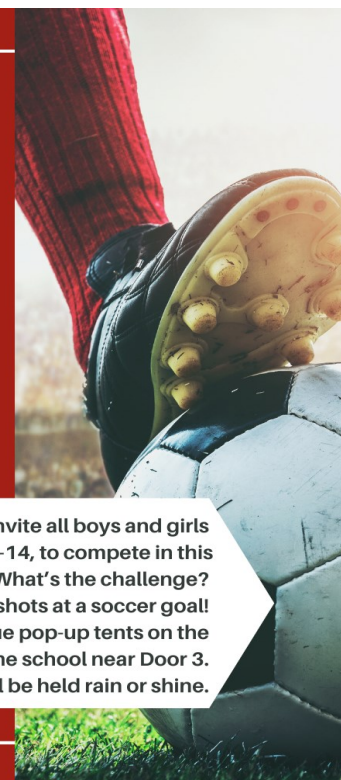
Bring a friend! See you there!

KNIGHTS ANNUAL SOCCER CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 28
10 am, School Door 3



The Knights of Columbus invite all boys and girls of the parish, ages 9-14, to compete in this annual event. What's the challenge? Kicking 15 shots at a soccer goal! Look for the blue pop-up tents on the East side of the school near Door 3. The competition will be held rain or shine.



FORMED

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stambroseva.org/formed

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



- **Young Adults Women's Group** meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9 pm. 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, please contact youngadults@stambroseva.org
- **Join us** on Friday, November 3, 6-7 pm for Eucharistic Adoration. A social follows at Glory Days on Nutley Street, Fairfax.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 23: Wkdy; St. John of Capistrano, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
9:00 a.m.	Caitlin Marie Elder
Tuesday	October 24: Wkdy; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
7:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Cory Elder
Wednesday	October 25: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Martin †
Thursday	October 26: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine G. Bourgeois †
Friday	October 27: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
9:00 a.m.	Jenifer Midili
Saturday	October 28: Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
9:00 a.m.	Bob Murray †
5:00 p.m.	Brian Houston †
Sunday	October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Douglas Jude Dussman †
12:00 noon	Bob Murray †
5:00 p.m.	Leonida Aromin & Stan Ross, Jr. †

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, 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. Spychala,
Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Oct 23	Rev. Scott Sina
Oct 24	Rev. Charles C. Smith
Oct 25	Rev. Jonathan M. Smith
Oct 26	Rev. Terry W. Specht (Ret.)
Oct 27	Rev. Daniel S. Spychala
Oct 28	Rev. Terrence R. Staples
Oct 29	Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski



For the repose of the soul of
John Hetman



ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & RECEPTION

Saturday | November 4 | 9 am



St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass & Reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish during the past year. We invite you to include the names of your loved ones who've died since November 2022, even if the funerals were celebrated elsewhere. Please contact the Parish Office (703-280-4400) by October 24 to provide the names for the Memorial Mass program and RSVP for the Reception. The Memorial Mass & Reception are hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose.

The Annual Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 11 am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Bishop Michael Burbidge is the principal celebrant and homilist. Included in this beautiful liturgy will be the traditional blessing of the gravesites of deceased priests. A reception follows. Please join us as we pray for our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.



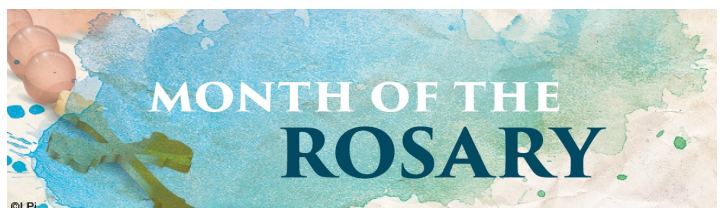
Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Tuesday, October 31 | 7:30 pm | Vigil
Wednesday, November 1 | 7 am, 9 am, 7:30 pm

Retreat for Young Adults: Finding Jesus with Frassati November 14-16 | San Damiano Center | White Post, VA

Come climb with us! Join us at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center for a weekend of spiritual adventure as we ascend "the Heights" with Pier Giorgio Frassati & Jesus Christ. Cost is \$285 and financial assistance may be available. For more details and/or to register, visit arlingtondiocese.org/frassati2023/



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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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

"...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction."

You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life?

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



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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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,

Saint Ambrose Preschool Little Lambs 3 Year Old Class: it's 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.

Saint Ambrose School Winter Wear Drive October 23 - November 20

Are you housecleaning to get ready for the holidays? Consider purging those closets of coats and other winter wear for our annual **WINTER WEAR DRIVE** for those in need. Please donate items **WASHED and/or DRY CLEANED** and in **GOOD CONDITION**.



Please give items you would be happy to receive if your family was in need. Donations are given to our Catholic Charities' Mobile Response Team. Some adult coats are donated to the INOVA Mental Health Institute, which helps clients get mentally well to gain steady employment (men's ties are appreciated, too). We also appreciate those who have donated professionally cleaned and brand-new items in the past. We hope to have a banner year in donations for our less fortunate neighbors. The Drop Box is located in the School Lobby. God bless your charity and kindness!

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) provides transportation services and hosts social/educational events in our community. SCFB is holding an event on November 16 which features a local pastor/author. More details and sign up information on SCFB's website, www.scfbva.org/

St. Ambrose Knights Pro-Life Novena

The Ambrose Council's Pro-Life Novena continues through October 25. Please join us wherever you are in praying to end abortion (novena prayer at bit.ly/prolifeprayer). 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



All Saints Peg Doll Swap + Potluck

Friday | October 27 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome! —————→ stambroseva.org/WSA

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL PTO

is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 27 from 6:30-8 pm for the St. Ambrose community. The gates open at 6 pm for anyone who is decorating a trunk. The more trunks that are decorated and handing out candy, the more fun the event is! There's a contest for best trunk and best costumes, too. Please use this link to sign up to decorate your trunk and/or let us know you will be attending: <https://tinyurl.com/StAToT2023signup>. Use this link to pre-order pizza and drinks for dinner while you set up your trunk: <https://tinyurl.com/StAToT2023food>. Questions? Please contact PTOPresident@StAmbroseSchool.org



PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

Next Diaper Drive November 4 + 5 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, the most urgently needed items are: all sizes of diapers; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes, and 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

40 Days for Life

September 27 - November 5 | 7 am-7 pm daily
Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion.
Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S Washington St, Falls Church.
www.40daysforlife.com/en/fallschurch

Mass in Celebration for Respect Life Month

Please join the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, on Sunday, October 29 at 11 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Alexandria, for the Mass to Celebrate Respect Life Month. All are welcome!

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.ccda.net

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

respect life month

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HumbleBee Highlights

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



In this week's Gospel, we learn a lesson from Jesus that Christians are both citizens of the earthly nations into which they are born and of the heavenly Kingdom into which they are baptized. We are called to live out both roles with obedience and responsibility and in collaboration with others.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- In what ways is our family living out our citizenship of our community and country?
- In what ways do we live out our citizenship of God's heavenly Kingdom?
- How are these roles similar and different?
- Are there any additional ways we're being called to serve in either role?

See The Bee for more faith + fun!