

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 29, 2023 | 30th 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**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



## 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  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

### CLERGY

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[frfisher@stambroseva.org](mailto:frfisher@stambroseva.org)

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### STAFF

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**Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry**  
703-280-1122 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

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703-698-0374 | [jlaird@stambroseva.org](mailto:jlaird@stambroseva.org)

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

### 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](http://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](http://stambroseva.org)

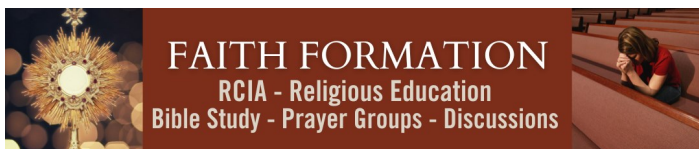
### FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or click Donate tab on [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://stambroseva.org)

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

### Stewardship Reflection

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

High School Youth Ministry

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym  
Open to everyone in Grades 9-12  
Bring a friend! See you there!

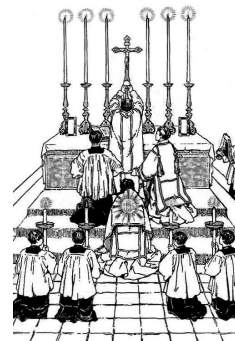
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### ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Young men (Third Grade through High School) are invited to serve as altar boys for Sunday Masses at St. Ambrose. Required training sessions for all new servers will be held on November 11 and 18 at 11 am in the Church. All current servers are expected to attend one of the two November trainings.

Please email Cindy Hollcraft at [chollcraft@stambroseschool.org](mailto:chollcraft@stambroseschool.org) to register. Thanks!



**Election 2023 Resources** The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) provides election resources - including new Virginia political maps. Visit the VCC 2023 Election Resource Hub at [vacatholic.org/Election2023](http://vacatholic.org/Election2023).

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://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](mailto: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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress**  
Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | [bit.ly/nec2024](http://bit.ly/nec2024)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON

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](#)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>October 30: Weekday</b> St. Jude Bob Murray †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>October 31: Weekday</b> Hang Tran Bob Murray † Rosie Tria †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>November 1: All Saints</b> Joan Francis Jan Koldys † Brian Houston †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)</b> Pro Life Campaign Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 3: Wkdy; St. Martin de Porres, Religious - First Friday</b> Patricia Burke † For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Medly de la Cruz Heather Sell Karl †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish John Vasilakos Bob Murray † Douglas Dussman †

### 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 30 Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF  
Oct 31 Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien, SS  
Nov 1 Rev. Gregory Thompson  
Nov 2 Rev. Christopher F. Tipton  
Nov 3 Rev. Joseph B. Townsend  
Nov 4 Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran  
Nov 5 Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †

# LOVE



"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with  
all your mind."

MATTHEW 22:37

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

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## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & RECEPTION

**Saturday | November 4 | 9 am | Church**

St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass & Reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish during the past year. All are welcome.

**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. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.



LISTEN & LEARN  
**New Mass Parts**

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/MUSIC

## SAVE THE DATE

**Anticipating Christ with Our Lady & the Saints**

Ladies Advent Retreat | Rev. Francis Peffley, Presenter

Saturday | December 2 | 10 am | Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Women of St. Ambrose



### 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

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!



**2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST**  
**ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE**

### Saint Ambrose School Winter Wear Drive

October 23 - November 20 | Drop Box in School Lobby

Getting 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 or DRY CLEANED** and in **GOOD CONDITION** that you would be happy to receive if your family was in need. Items are given to our Catholic Charities' Mobile Response Team and some adult coats/men's ties are donated to the INOVA Mental Health Institute. We 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. God bless your charity and kindness!



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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](mailto:mcuccias@stambroseschool.org) with any questions or to arrange a tour.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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.

**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Friday, November 10

St. Ambrose School & Parish Office are Closed

## ST. LUCY PROJECT FALL FOOD DRIVE

St. Ambrose Council, Knights of Columbus, hosts the annual Fall parish-wide food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. It provides food resources to local pantries that distribute the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items. *No glass items, please.*

- November 4 + 5: Bag distribution at weekend Masses
- November 11 + 12: Bag collection







## National Vocation Awareness Week

November 5 - 11, 2023

The annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States, National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations.

**St. Ambrose Council, Knights of Columbus, will celebrate NVAW on Sunday, November 5, in the Parish Hall with coffee and donuts after the 10 am Mass.** This year, **Deacon John Kist** and **Seminarian Sam McPeak** from the Theological College in D.C. are teaching religious education classes to our students on Sunday mornings. Stop by for coffee and donuts to meet them and hear about their discernment stories. Join us for a fun morning and thank them for following God's call!

*"Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."*

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director  
703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)

### How to Promote Vocations

All are invited on Thursday, November 9, at 7 pm in the Basilica of Saint Mary's Saint Joseph Room, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria. The Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway, pastor and rector of the Basilica of Saint Mary, will be speaking about how to promote vocations at the invitation of the Serra Club of Arlington, which is part of the USA Council of Serra International. The Serra Club promotes vocations to the ministerial priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Arlington. For additional information, contact Mary Petrino, President-Elect, Serra Club of Arlington, at [mary.petrino@gmail.com](mailto:mary.petrino@gmail.com).

### SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011.

SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian.

Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Questions? Contact John French at [john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-3819.



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/fallschurch)

### Help + Hope + Healing

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington**  
**Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.ccca.net](http://www.ccca.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)



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### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm

Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm

Parish Library

[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



**HumbleBee Highlights**

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus clearly tells us that the whole law, our whole moral code, depends on the greatest commandment, to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, mind, and the second commandment like it, to love your neighbor as yourself.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION

- Do you love God with all your heart? Soul? Mind? Think of some times when this has been challenging or you've been tempted to place other things before God. How can your family help you prioritize God again in your life?
- Do you always love others? Do you always love yourself? You must honor the dignity of others and yourself in order to be loving. In what ways can you be more loving? What help do you need from God or your family in order to be more loving?

**See The Bee for more faith + fun!**