

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 12, 2023 | 32nd 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 | 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



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

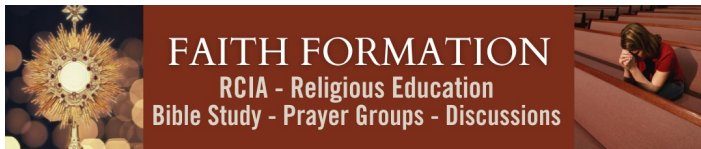
FAITH DIRECT

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 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

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

DO NOT BE AFRAID

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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!

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry

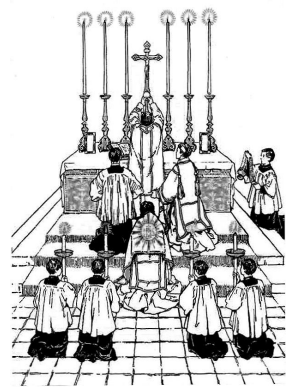


2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST

ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

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 18 at 11am in the Church. All current servers are expected to attend one of the two November trainings. Please email Cindy Hollcraft at hollcraft@stambroseschool.org to register. Thank you!



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! Please contact youngadults@stambroseva.org for more information. Join us!

Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | 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

Monday	November 13: USA: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Jordan Liu † Bob Murray †
Tuesday	November 14: Weekday Brian Houston † For the Unborn Children †
Wednesday	November 15: Wkdy; St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Liu Family Peter Yaglou †
Thursday	November 16: Wkdy; St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin Peter † Robert Hecton
Friday	November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Joyce Larsen † Rick Chiappetta
Saturday	November 18: Wkdy; The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; USA: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin; BVM Betty Drazenovich † Witter Family
Sunday	November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sonny Ngo † People of the Parish Rosa Guixens Terrana † Stephen & Cathy Rannazzisi †

First Friday Adoration | December 1

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 Respuerto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Joseph Schechtel, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Nov 13 Rev. Robert J. Wagner
Nov 14 Rev. Steven R. Walker
Nov 15 Rev. James F. Waalkes
Nov 16 Very Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, VF
Nov 17 Rev. Jason Weber
Nov 18 Rev. Michael D. Weston
Nov 19 Rev. Gerald Weymes (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12



ANTICIPATING CHRIST WITH OUR LADY & THE SAINTS LADIES ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday | December 2 | 10am | Parish Hall

Rev. Francis Peffley, Presenter

RSVP | bit.ly/wsaadvent2023

stambroseva.org/WSA

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Opening of the Golden Jubilee Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, November 26 at 5 pm, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at Saint Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP via email: events@arlingtondiocese.org



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!



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE!

Monday, November 13
8:30 am

St. Ambrose School
703-698-7171

RSVP
Now!



Discover Catholic Schools Week ~ stambroseschool.org

MY GOD ...
IF I COULD ONLY
EXTEND MY ARMS TO
EMBRACE THE WORLD
AS A GIFT TO YOU...
SHOW ME THE WAY AND
I WILL DO EVERYTHING
WITH YOUR HELP!

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 13

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ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"CHRIST IS EVERYTHING TO US" - ST. AMBROSE

NEWS & NOTES

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit stambroseschool.org or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

It's Discover Catholic Schools Week!

On Monday, November 13 at 8:30am, we're celebrating with a Kindergarten Open House. RSVP for this event at 703-698-7171.

St. Ambrose Preschool currently has some openings in our 3 year old half-day program. To 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

DISCOVER
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK 2023

November 12 - 18

3827 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22003
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stambroseschool.org

THREE KINGS GIFT SHOP NEWS

Be a star - support the Three Kings Gift Shop!

The St. Ambrose School PTO elves are preparing for your Three Kings Gift Shop donations! You can see what we need for this annual event at bit.ly/3KingsShop.

And - you won't have to traverse afar! Bring your donations to the School or Parish Hall Lobby November 20 - December 1. Thank you!



For Parishioners! We will be still proceeding in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 6, 8:30am - Noon, with the Three Kings Clearance Sale!



HEALS
Prayer

Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances.

How is God calling you to use your gifts today?
Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



**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

Knights of Columbus Events December 2023

Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday | December 2 | 6 pm | School Gym

Celebrate the Feast of St. Ambrose, our Parish Patron! All-U-Can-Eat spaghetti, famous sauce (meat or veg), salad, garlic bread, beverages & dessert. Complimentary wine & beer for adults (ID required).

Tickets

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$10, Adult: \$18, Family: \$45
- Day of: Child: \$12, Adult: \$20, Family: \$50
- Pre-Sale Online at ambrosecouncil.org/dinner or after weekend Masses on November 18 & 19 and 25 & 26.



What's the Buzz? A Feast Day Sweet Deal! One Night Only!

The Knights will be selling local honey at the Spaghetti Dinner. Supplies are limited - be sure to buy yours!

SAINT AMBROSE CHRISTMAS HONEY

8 oz. jar | \$10 | Cash or Check Only

Christmas Card Sales

After Weekend Masses

December 2 & 3 | December 9 & 10

Spread good news of great joy by sending religious cards - cards that express the meaning of the Season! The Knights offer a variety of affordable Christmas cards, with all proceeds donated to Christ House, Alexandria. Keep Christ in Christmas!

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday | December 10 | After 8 & 10 am Masses

School Gym

All-U-Can-Eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit & beverages!

Tickets

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$6, Adult: \$8, Family: \$25
- Day of: Child: \$8, Adult: \$10, Family: \$30
- Children under 3 are free!
- Pre-Sale Online at ambrosecouncil.org/pancake_breakfast or after weekend Masses on November 18 & 29, 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3.



Men's Advent Retreat

Saturday | December 16 | 9 am | Church & Parish Hall

Prepare the way of the Lord with Mass, prayer, reflection and fellowship. All men are welcome.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

Next Diaper Drive December 2 + 3 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: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance); 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

Help + Hope + Healing

visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project	Diocese of Arlington	Project Rachel
helpforpregnantwomen.org	Catholic Charities	helpafterabortion.org
703-841-3810	703-841-3830	703-841-2504
info@h4pw.org	www.cdda.net	info@helpafterabortion.org

2023 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The Novena starts on Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. To receive the Novena and submit your intentions, visit OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena.



HumbleBee Highlights

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What are some things you need to prepare to be ready for school in the morning? You may think of some things like: eat breakfast, brush your teeth, pack your lunch, have your homework done. What if you didn't do those things? You wouldn't be prepared. We also need to be spiritually prepared. Just like the wise women in the story, we need to be ready to receive Jesus. How can you and your family maintain daily spiritual practices so you are ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven? Do you set aside time to pray together as a family? (Ref: www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources)

- Suggestion: Pray the Act of Hope together today

See The Bee for more faith + fun!