

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 24, 2024 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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](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  
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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](http://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](http://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**

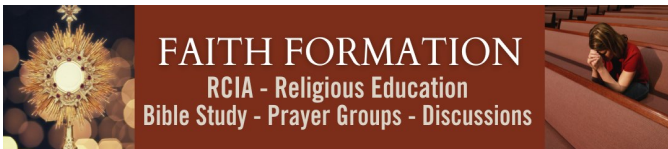
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

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

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 am | Parish Hall

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](mailto:fnugent@stambroseschool.org).

## TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://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](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD

[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!

The theme for the 2024 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is "Together in Hope." When vulnerable people come to Catholic Charities, they encounter Christ's love and the hope that springs from love. And, in a beautiful way, our own faith is strengthened when we join "Together in Hope" with those needing a helping hand. Please consider donating at Mass the weekend of December 7-8 via the special insert in the December 1 bulletin, or at [ccda.net/Christmas](http://ccda.net/Christmas), or add the Christmas Collection to your Faith Direct e-giving account.



## PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

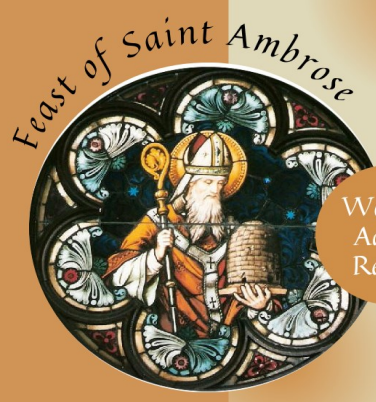


## MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 14 | 9 AM

Church | Parish Hall

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus




Feast of Saint Ambrose

Women's Advent Retreat

December 7  
9 am - 1 pm  
Church / Parish Hall

WSA  
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 25: Weekday</b> Lucille Blackburn † Anonymous Donor †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 26: Weekday</b> Mr. & Mrs. Kiet Tuan Tran Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 27: Weekday</b> Bernice Nicewicz † Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Thursday</b> 10:30 a.m.	<b>November 28: Wkdy; USA: Thanksgiving Day</b> Mary E. Wilson †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>November 29: Weekday</b> Eric Baltar Joel Gonzales †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle</b> Fr. Fisher Elizabeth M. Tirolly †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>December 1: First Sunday of Advent</b> Ashley Simpson † Ann Nicogossian John Hetman † People of the Parish

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, December 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

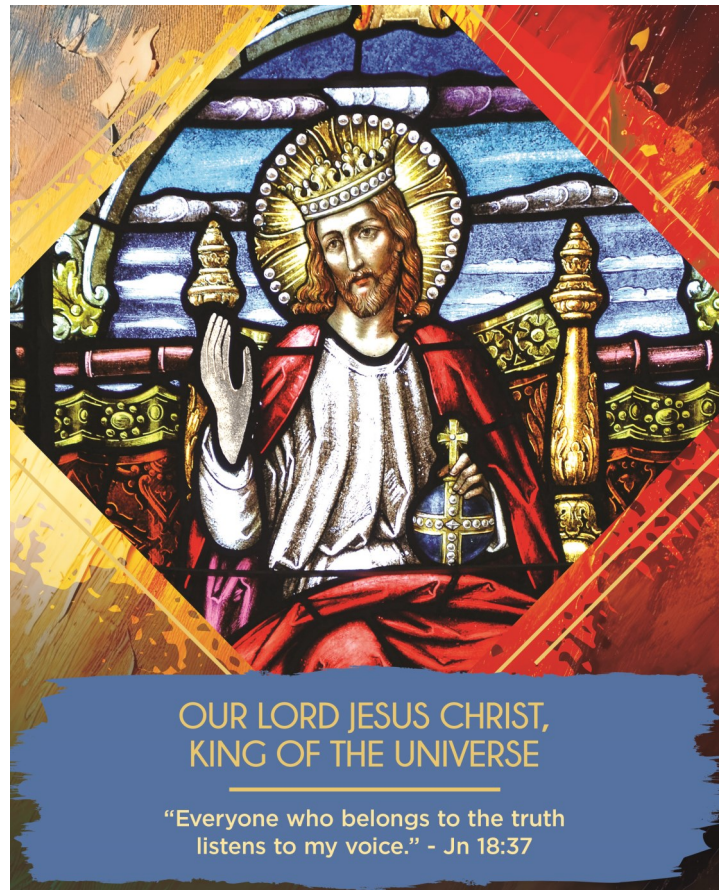
### For the Sick

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. Sychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Nov 25	Rev. Eric L. Shafer
Nov 26	Rev. Charles C. Smith
Nov 27	Rev. Jonathan M. Smith
Nov 28	Rev. Terry W. Specht (Ret.)
Nov 29	Rev. Daniel S. Sychala
Nov 30	Rev. Peter J. St. George
Dec 1	Rev. Terrence R. Staples

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year. The obligation to attend Mass for the holy day is Monday, December 9. The faithful are obliged to attend Mass on both days. *One Mass does not fulfill the obligation for both days.*

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**

8 & 10 am, Noon, 5 pm (*is not the Vigil Mass for the holy day*)

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

*Holy Day of Obligation Masses*

7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm





**camino pilgrimage**  
 september 20 - 30, 2025

PORTUGUESE ROUTE OF THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

**St. Ambrose is going on the Camino!**  
[stambroseva.org/camino-pilgrimage](http://stambroseva.org/camino-pilgrimage)

Join Father Mike Nugent September 20-30, 2025 for a 10-day hike across Portugal and Spain - the Portuguese Route of the centuries-old Catholic tradition called the Camino de Santiago. This pilgrimage features:

- 100+ kilometers of hiking across 10 days
- Visit to Fatima, Portugal
- Visit to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James in Spain
- Daily Mass

For detailed information & pricing options, please email Bill Williams at [journeys@medseas.com](mailto:journeys@medseas.com). The Pilgrimage is operated by MedSeas Catholic Journeys, [www.medseas.com](http://www.medseas.com).



**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
 Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,  
 didst give us food for all our days,  
 giving in Christ the Bread eternal;  
 Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**  
 Thursday | November 28 | 10:30 am  
 No 7 or 9 am Mass



**2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE)

**Solemn Vespers with Bishop Burbidge**

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for Solemn Vespers in thanksgiving for naming six priests of the Diocese of Arlington as "Chaplains to His Holiness" by Pope Francis, and bestowing on them the title of Monsignor. Solemn Vespers will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, at 7 pm, Sunday, November 24, 2024, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. A dessert reception follows in Burke Hall; all are invited.



We wish you a  
 Happy and Blessed  
**Thanksgiving**

St. Ambrose School Students, Faculty & Staff  
[stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)



**Saint Ambrose School PTO Notes**

**Restaurant Fund Raiser**

- Tuesday, December 11, 4 - 8 pm at Old Dominion Pizza, 3950 University Dr, Fairfax, VA. St. Ambrose will receive 15% of sales.

**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! Discover what we need for this annual event at [bit.ly/3KingsShop](http://bit.ly/3KingsShop). And - you won't have to traverse afar! **Bring your donations to the School or Parish Hall Lobbies November 25 - December 6.** Thank you!



*Parishioners: we will be still proceeding on Wednesday, December 11, 8:30 am - Noon with the Three Kings Klearance Sale in the Parish Hall!*



save the Date!  
**Havana Knights**  
 Saint Ambrose School Gala  
 Saturday, February 22, 2025  
 We hope to see you there!  
 More details to come...





# Knights of Columbus®

## Saint Ambrose Council 8403 Advent 2024 Events

### Christmas Card Sales

After Weekend Masses | Church Narthex  
November 30 & December 1 | December 7 & 8

Keep Christ in Christmas! Spread good news of great joy by sending religious 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.

### Parish Feast Day Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday | December 7 | 6 pm | School Gym

Join us to 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 <https://kofc-council-8403.square.site/> or scan code

### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday | December 15 | 8 - 11 am | School Gym

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

#### Tickets

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$7, Adult: \$10, Family: \$30
- Day of: Child: \$9, Adult: \$12, Family: \$35
- Children under 3 are free!
- Pre-Sale online at <https://kofc-council-8403.square.site/> or scan code



Scan to purchase  
Spaghetti Dinner and/or Pancake Breakfast tickets

### Men's Advent Retreat

Saturday | December 14 | 9 am - 1 pm | Church & Parish Hall

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



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

## Diaper Drive Weekend: December 7 & 8

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](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

### 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.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

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

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)



**Work of Human Hands** The St. Ambrose Knitting Group displays its latest handiwork. These items were donated to Christ House, which distributes them to those in need at Thanksgiving. God bless all! [stambroseva.org/ministries/service-outreach/knitting-group](http://stambroseva.org/ministries/service-outreach/knitting-group)



## USHERS NEEDED

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)



## WELCOME SUNDAY!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES  
PARISH HALL