

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 3, 2024 | Thirty-first 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

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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

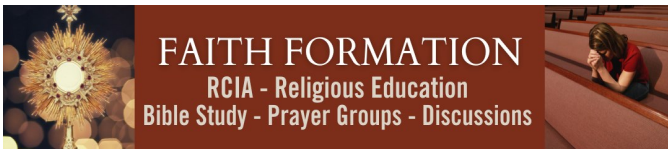
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL COAT DRIVE

Ends November 22 | Drop Box in School Lobby

Are you cleaning closets to prepare for the holidays? We are collecting gently used or new coats for those in need. Please donate WASHED or DRY CLEANED coats for men, women or children in GOOD CONDITION. God bless your charity and kindness!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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



NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY
PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Patrick DiVietri † Meldy de la Cruz
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	November 5: Weekday Cecile Tchong † John Vasilakos
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	November 6: Weekday Joseph Davis † Cooper Family
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	November 7: Weekday Hermenegild † Lorna Elder Atienza
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	November 8: Weekday Deceased Members of Sindabiganza Etienne Family † Margaret Dominguez †
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Souls in Purgatory † Sean P. Weide †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stanley & Mary Oberc † Mr. and Mrs. Sonnen People of the Parish James Robert Hurst †

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Tuesday, November 5, 2024
9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)
Please 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 4	Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, VF
Nov 5	Rev. Juan A. Puigbo
Nov 6	Rev. Luis Quinones
Nov 7	Rev. Joseph M. Rampino
Nov 8	Rev. Robert C. Renner
Nov 9	Rev. Daniel S. Reuwer
Nov 10	Rev. Daniel A. Rice

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



Solemn Vespers with Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for the celebration of Solemn Vespers to be held in thanksgiving for the naming of 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, on 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.



First Sunday of the Month

WELCOME SUNDAY

After 8 and 10 am Masses | Parish Hall

Sunday | November 3

Hosted by St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus

Stewardship Reflection

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."
(MARK 123)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.



national vocations
AWARENESS WEEK

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November 3 –9 is National Vocations Awareness Week, a good time to ask if God is calling you to pray for, support, promote or discern a vocation. To learn more, visit www.ArlingtonVocations.org or contact Father Michael Isenberg in the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.
- USCCB -

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. Contact the Office of Development at (703) 841-3819 with questions.

Saint Ambrose

JOIN OUR SCHOOL!

Dual Language Learning in Grades
PREK -3RD

School Contact :

📞 703-698-7171

🌐 www.stambroseschool.org

📍 3827 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA

Learn more about our dual language program and experience dual language learning in action on

NOVEMBER 21

10:00 - 11:30 AM

- St. Ambrose School PTO -
help support our parish school!

Restaurant Fund Raisers

- Tuesday, November 12, 4 - 8 pm at Noodles & Co., 10296 Main St, Fairfax, VA. St. Ambrose School will receive 25% of sales.
- 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

Be a star - support the Three Kings Gift Shop! Donations may be dropped off in the School or Parish Hall Lobbies November 25 - December 6. Please visit bit.ly/3KingsShop for details.



EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

Catholic Charities | St. Lucy Project Fall Food Drive



St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus sponsors the annual Fall parish-wide food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. Filled bags are delivered to the St. Lucy Food Bank in Manassas which distributes the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items - *no glass items, please*.
November 2 + 3: bag distribution at weekend Masses. November 9 + 10: bag collection.





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

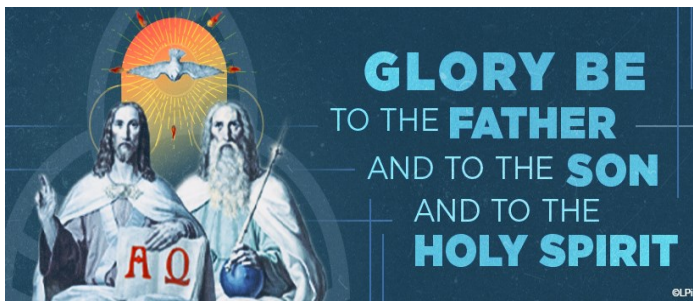
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org

SAVE THE DATE | WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, December 7, 9 am - 1:30 pm

Father Michael Nugent, Presenter

More information at stambroseva.org/WSA

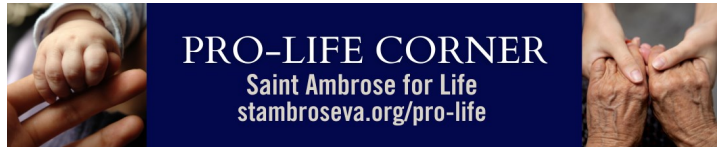


Please join us for **A Spiritual Date Night** on Saturday, November 16, from 7-9 pm. Come spend the evening with other married and engaged couples for dessert, fellowship, practical marriage talk, and reflection. There will also be the opportunity for Confession. The event will be held at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. To register visit <https://regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2512656> or use the QR Code. For more information, please contact Charlie & Leslie McCullough at cwmccfamily@gmail.com.



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.



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

Group Rosary with Father Nugent on Saturday, November 16 at Falls Church abortion clinic, 900 S. Washington Street. Carpool from the Church parking lot departs at 10:30 am. Organized by St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

EVENTS CALENDAR

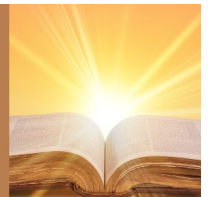
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Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library

All are welcome!

bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



ALTAR SOCIETY

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP



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



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email ushers@stambroseva.org

