

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 12,  
2023**

**6TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Joseph M. Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Parish Office Phone Number: 703-280-4400**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m.**

## **WEEKDAYS**

**Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m.**

## **HOLY DAYS**

**As announced**

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Saturdays: 9:30 & 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

**After 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass**

## **ADORATION**

**Following 9:00 a.m. Mass First Fridays until 7:00 p.m. Benediction**



## **PARISH SCHOOL**

**3827 Woodburn Road  
Annandale, VA 22003**

**Phone: 703-698-7171**

**Website:**

**[www.stambroseschool.org](http://www.stambroseschool.org)**

**Email Address:**

**[info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)**

**Principal: Maria Tejada**

**[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)**

## **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend a prior instruction on 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 12:00 pm 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 are happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is a process by 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 & teachings of His Church, please contact Mrs. Therese Ryan in the Office of Religious Education.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the parish office to schedule visits to the sick/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 office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the parish office, the vestibule of the Church, and on the website.

## CONTACT INFORMATION



3901 Woodburn Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Phone: 703-280-4400**

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**Office Hours and Staff:**  
**Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.  
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**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Joseph M. Rampino  
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**Permanent Deacon:** Ted Devlin  
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**Director of Music:** Jon Laird  
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**Plant & Facilities Manager:** Paul Moeller  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

**Bulletin Notices:** Please email your information to Donna Vasilakos. Deadline for the bulletin is **12 days before publication.**

Diocesan Resource Page on Issues Affecting the Catholic Church Available. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding the recent events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses to the crisis from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
**February 13: Weekday**  
Meredith Hartley  
Margaret Dominguez†

**Tuesday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
**February 14: Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop**  
Nicki Coss  
Sean Scott Elder

**Wednesday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
**February 15: Weekday**  
Katherine Kem  
Shannon Lester

**Thursday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
**February 16: Weekday**  
Mary Ann Munley  
Jack Hayes†

**Friday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
**February 17: Wkdy; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
Mathilda Chang  
Geronima Gallarda de la Cruz†

**Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
**February 18: Weekday BVM**  
Cory Elder  
Alyssa Gainey†

**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
5:00 p.m.  
**February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Mary Gaziano  
Maureen McCormick  
People of the Parish  
Michael Molina†

## STAY CONNECTED!

### FLOCKNOTE

Sign up for email and/or text message notifications.  
Text **Annandale** to 84576 or visit  
[stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard](http://stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard) to sign up.

Choose only the groups YOU want to hear from!  
*Unsubscribe at any time.*

### FACEBOOK

Share the love and like us on Facebook!  
Visit [stambroseva.org/facebook](http://stambroseva.org/facebook) to follow us.

### WEBSITE

Visit our website for updated information at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. Ambrose now has a YouTube channel! Subscribe today to see videos from your St. Ambrose priests and parish community.  
Visit [stambroseva.org/youtube](http://stambroseva.org/youtube) to subscribe.

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at  
[twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1](https://twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

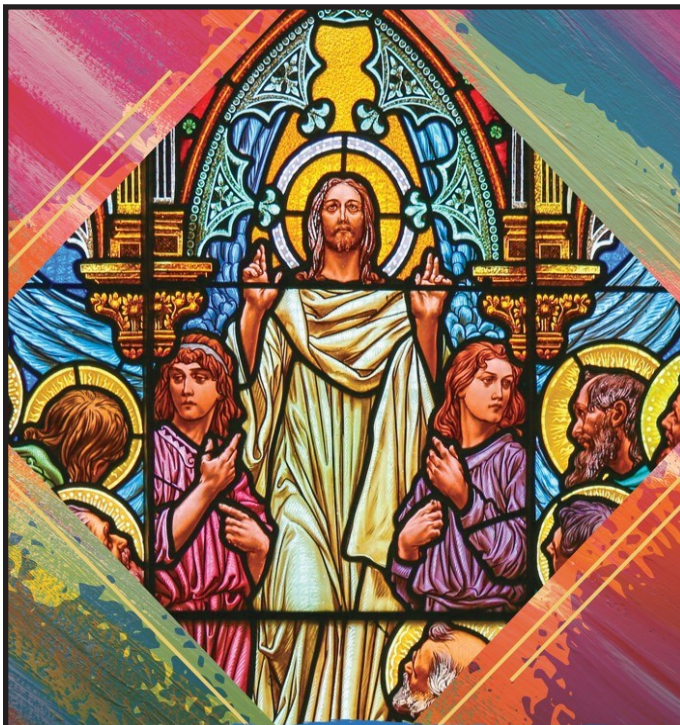
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Therese Hile, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

## PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

Feb 13	Rev. John H. Melmer
Feb 14	Rev. Francisco Mendez De Dios (Ret.)
Feb 15	Rev. David P. Meng
Feb 16	Rev. Charles W. Merkle III
Feb 17	Rev. Richard A. Miserendino
Feb 18	Rev. Daniel L. Mode
Feb 19	Rev. Mark E. Moretti



*Please pray for the deceased  
of St. Ambrose*



### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a

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## ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"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."*

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

St. Ambrose school continues to accept applications for all grades. We invite you to call the school to schedule a private tour at your convenience. The school will be closed Monday, February 13, for teachers to attend a spiritual retreat.

Saint Ambrose Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Information and requirements for applying can be found on the preschool website [stambrosepreschool.org](http://stambrosepreschool.org). Application information forms can also be obtained at the main school office and the Parish Hall.

St. Ambrose School is always in need of extra substitute teachers. If you would be interested in being added to our sub list please call the front office at (703) 698-7171.

Yours in Christ,  
Maria Teresa Tejada  
[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

### Faith Direct

*Have you signed up for Faith Direct yet? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and plan your offertory by setting up a recurring donation.*

*Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/VA401](http://faith.direct/VA401) or go to our Website, [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org) and scroll down the page to Faith Direct.*

### TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

If you have not received your tax statement, please call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.



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## ST. AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### K – 12 Religious Education

Contact: Therese Ryan DRE at [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org)



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those over the age of seven who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition who are now interested in becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated (need 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation). **\*\*\*Fall 2023 Classes are forming now** and will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall, September through May. [stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA) or contact Therese Ryan [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) for more info.

### Religious Education

St. Ambrose offers religious education opportunities for students in grades K - 8 who attend public or other non-Catholic schools which include the preparation necessary to receive the Sacraments of 1st Penance, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also have a great Youth Ministry program for our students in grades 9-12, which offers faith formation and community for teens on Sunday nights, throughout the school year. Visit [stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE) and [stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad) for more details.

### Wednesday Evening REL ED Parents' Group

Meets 6:15-7:30pm in the Art/Science room during Religious Ed. Bring a hot drink and a tot, or not. Good conversation and fellowship and snacks will be provided. Come join us!

### Jesus, Mary and a Cup of Joe

Join us Sundays at 8:45 am starting September 18<sup>th</sup> in the school library for Jesus, Mary, and a Cup of Joe! We meet to learn more about the faith while enjoying fellowship and building community. All adults are welcome! *Not sure it's for you?* Come check it out. Can't come every week? No problem. Come when you can. There's no commitment and no pressure, just good coffee.

### Wednesday "Bible Studies"

**Wednesday Mornings** PH 10-11:30am January 18<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH** w/ Dr. Edward Sri  
<https://ascensionpress.com/products/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass-study-set-10th-anniversary-edition>

w/ Chrissy Rabayda [Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com](mailto:Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Evenings** PH library 7-8pm **February 15<sup>th</sup> - April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**The Sacraments: a deeper dive into the 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar of the catechism** w/Lee Cena [leecena@earthlink.net](mailto:leecena@earthlink.net)

**Women's Group**-Meets Sunday Nights 6-7pm in the parish hall library for faith and fellowship!  
[Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com](mailto:Chrissyrabayda@gmail.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

*It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?*

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry  
Julia Crean at [jcrean@stambroseva.org](mailto:jcrean@stambroseva.org)



### High School Events:

#### God Squad

God Squad is our high school group that meets in the gym on Sundays from 5:45-8pm, open to all 9th-12th graders!

\*Tonight we are watching the Superbowl 6-8:30pm at the Keunings, email Julia for the address!\*

#### First Friday Night

Our next First Friday Night is March 3rd. 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come for adoration and snacks!

#### Meeting at Peet's

Our next Peet's afternoon is February 15<sup>th</sup>, at a new time, 4-5PM.

We meet at the Peet's across from Woodson High School. The first time you join us your coffee/treat is on us!

### Middle School Events:

#### Kolbe's Kids

Kolbe's Kids meets on Thursdays, 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Library. Open to all 5th-8th graders!

#### Jr. High Ignite

Our next Ignite Night is March 5<sup>th</sup>! We will be in the gym 6-7:30pm on the 1st Sunday of every month. Open to all 6-8th graders. Come for pizza, games, and a talk on a Saint!

#### Weekend WorkCamp

Our next Weekend WorkCamp is March 11<sup>th</sup>, with check in 8:30-8:45am and pick up at 12:30pm at the Parish hall. Come for Mass, donuts, and a morning of service!

### A note from the DYM:

It's only February but preparations for St. Ambrose Summer Camp are already underway! We had a great time at camp last year and are hoping this year is even better, and there is a way for every parishioner to be involved at St. Ambrose Summer Camp, *especially* the youth! Check the camp bulletin blurb to get specific updates and information as we get closer!

-Julia Crean





June 20th-August 4th, 2023

St. Ambrose will be offering summer camps for Summer 2023! We hope you'll consider joining us, there's a way for every age to get involved from attending camps, to working at camp, to supporting our counselors! We know it's going to be a great summer and we hope you'll be there with us.

Campers: Registration for Camp opens **March 5th at 1PM**, and our schedule is live now! Check out [stambrosesummer.com/camps](http://stambrosesummer.com/camps) to see what we'll be offering this year! Camp is for ages 4-13 years old.

Volunteers: Are you going into 8th grade-senior year of high school and looking for service hours? Come volunteer! Volunteer information can be found at [stambrosesummer.com/volunteer](http://stambrosesummer.com/volunteer), applications are open now.

Counselors: Are you a senior in high school-graduating from college and looking for a meaningful summer job? Consider St. Ambrose! Applications are open now! Find more information at [stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)

## 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA): "My soul rejoices in the Lord." This weekend each household is asked to make a BLA pledge or gift. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a BLA pledge. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift.



## Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-50) Friday-Sunday, February 24-26, 2023. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$100 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register is Monday February 13. There is a similar retreat for women June 16-18.

## Please Come to Meet Chaplain Vic Ransom & his wife Suebee

will make a presentation  
on the  
Fairfax Prison Ministry



**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

Parish Hall



Please bring books for the Prison Library  
Bibles, Classics and Spanish books encouraged

**PAPERBACKS ONLY!**

Contact Chrissy Rabayda [WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)  
for drop off

The WSA will provide coffee and muffins

### Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023.

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. For single women ages 18-50. Upcoming: Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; March 26: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. RSVP by the Monday before event to [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). More info at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour).

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*Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm*

**RSVP by February 15**

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### ST. AMBROSE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- ♦ Open to children in grades 4-12
- ♦ Weekly rehearsals beginning in March (day/time TBD)
- ♦ Choir will prepare for Church Dedication Mass on July 15, 2023
- ♦ No prior music experience necessary
- ♦ Directed by Mr. Jon Laird, Director of Music at St. Ambrose Parish
- ♦ Rehearsals include lessons in improving music literacy and knowledge of the sacred liturgy.

For more information, please contact:  
Jon Laird, Director of Music  
[jlaird@stambroseva.org](mailto:jlaird@stambroseva.org)  
703-280-4400

*If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the electronic interest form by February 8:*

<https://bit.ly/saccinterest>



**Annual Men's Conference.** "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord" -- Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and prolific writer; and Tim Staples, Convert Apologist at Catholic Answers and author of Behold Your Mother. Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with confessions, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15 a.m. \$65 until February 1; \$80 after. Register at [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org/men](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org/men).

**Help for Troubled Marriages.** Marriage Help -- Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of February 17, 2023. Please call 703.351.7211 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).