

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 18, 2024 | First Sunday of Lent



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 | info@stambroseschool.org

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | 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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CLERGY

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703-280-4400 | 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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

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



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.

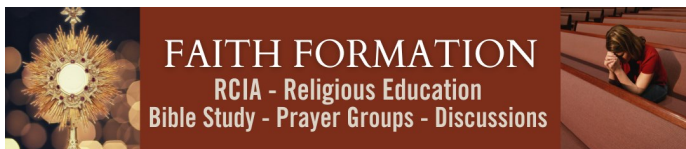
FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit 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 | School Gym

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 | 1:15-3:15 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



Monday, February 19 | Parish Offices Closed

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!

UPCOMING SATURDAY EVENTS

February 24 | Homeless Ministry

March 23 | Mount St. Marys

YOUNG ADULT MEET UP | FAITH & BEAUTY

Monday, February 19 | 10:30 am | National Gallery of Art

Take a morning stroll with Father Nugent through the National Gallery of Art to discuss a selection of religious-themed works and related poems, homilies, and details from the lives of the saints. Please meet in the West Building's Dome Room.

RSVP: frnugent@stambroseschool.org



young adults group

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 16 | 11 am

Saint Ambrose Church

The Order of Malta will host a special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for those suffering from illness in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, is the principal celebrant and homilist. The faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are encouraged to arrive no later than 10:30 am to secure parking and seating for the Mass. To RSVP for the Mass & Luncheon, please contact Brian Newsome, KM, 323-505-8846 or email nova.malta.mass@gmail.com. Please provide the name(s) of those attending and include a contact e-mail or phone number & any dietary restrictions for those attending the Luncheon following the Mass.



2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST

ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 19: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Rev. Lee Gross †
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Munley & Family
Tuesday	February 20: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Matilda Chang & Family
9:00 a.m.	Bernice Nicewicz †
Wednesday	February 21: Lenten Wkdy; St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Oliverio †
9:00 a.m.	Cory Elder & Family
Thursday	February 22: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
7:00 a.m.	Gail Carome & Family
9:00 a.m.	Maria Teresa Balda
Friday	February 23: Lenten Wkdy; St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Maureen McCormick & Family
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen McCaughey †
Saturday	February 24: Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Wendy Strycula & Family
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday	February 25: 2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen Jackson
10:00 a.m.	Cal Hecton
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Perla Saenz & Family

First Friday Adoration ~ March 1, 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, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Feb 19	Rev. James C. Hudgins
Feb 20	Rev. Zinjin N. Iglesia
Feb 21	Rev. Michael C. Isenberg
Feb 22	Rev. Joel D. Jaffe
Feb 23	Rev. John D. Kelly
Feb 24	Rev. Michael J.R. Kelly
Feb 25	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



Come spend your Lent with Saint Ambrose Parish

See detailed Lent 2024 schedule at stambroseva.org

CONFESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm

- February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturdays | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm - 8 pm

- Holy Hour Reflection | 6:30 - 7 pm
- February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

First Friday | March 1 | 9:30 am - 7 pm

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays | 6 - 7 pm | School Gym | Dates/Hosts

- February 23 | Parish
- March 1 | St. Ambrose Choir
- March 8 | WSA & Youth Ministry
- March 15 | Religious Education
- March 22 | St. Ambrose School

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 & 7:30 pm

- February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

RETREATS

Men's Retreat

February 24 | 9 am - Noon

"Spiritual Combat"

Rev. James Hinkle, Chaplain, US Navy | Presenter
Free | Light refreshments & lunch provided

Ladies Lenten Retreat

March 2 | 9:30 am - 1 pm

"The Gift of Lent:"

To See with New Eyes and Love with a New Heart"

Rev. Andrew Fisher | Presenter

Free | Light refreshments & lunch provided

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION | March 13 - 15

March 13 | Adoration begins | Noon

March 14 | Solemn Vespers & Reflection | 7 pm

Rev. John Trigilio, EWTN Host and Author

March 15 | Benediction, 8:50 am | Mass, 9 am

NIGHT OF PRAYER | March 24 | 7 pm

"Come Walk with Me"

An evening of music, meditation and prayer
with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor

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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,

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.

Saint Ambrose Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Information and application requirements are on the preschool website stambroseschool.org. Application information forms can also be obtained at the main school office and the Parish Office.

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 | principal@stambroseschool.org

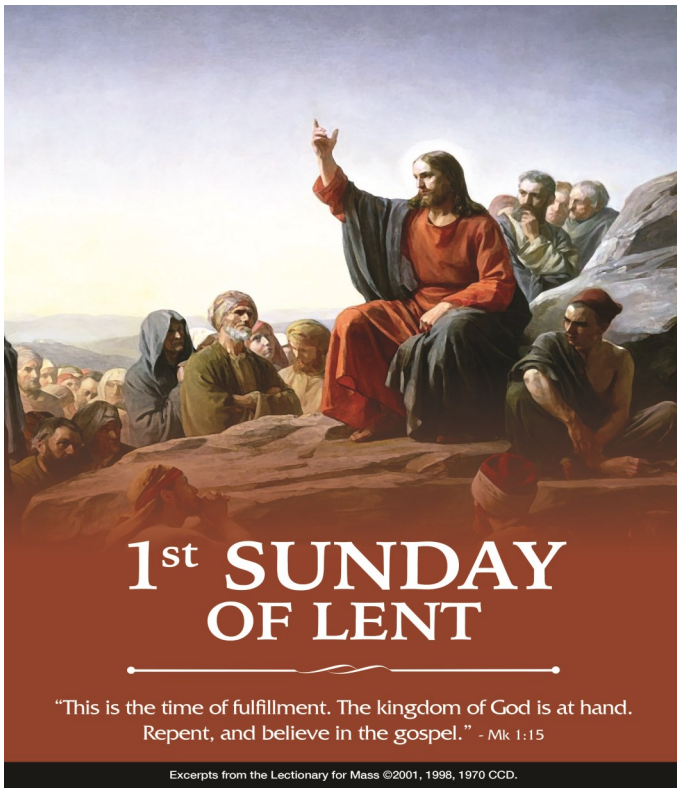
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stambroseschool.org

FORMED



Teacher Job Fair 2024 | Saturday, March 9 | 9 - 11 am
Saint Bernadette Catholic School | Springfield, VA

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools and 4 stand-alone preschools serving over 18,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



FAST AND ABSTINENCE GUIDELINES

Everyone over the age of 14 years is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone over the age of 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, therefore, are the only days of both fast and abstinence.



FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 - August 2, 2024 | stambrosesummer.com



Campers!

Camp registration opens at 1 pm, March 3, 2024. The schedule for campers, ages 4-13, is live now at stambrosesummer.com/camps.

Counselors!

Full-time | May 28 - August 2
Saint Ambrose Summer Camp is hiring engaging, fun and responsible college students who exhibit a joyful love of Christ and desire to be positive role models in the lives of young children this summer. Apply now!
stambrosesummer.com/employment



Saint Ambrose Summer Camp strives to offer a dynamic, Christ-centered summer experience that forms the next generation of saints. Join us!

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

April 27 is approaching - four vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. Lots of chances to win - if you purchase a ticket. With your support, everyone is a winner! Your purchase provides financial support for the charity work of the Knights of Columbus here at Saint Ambrose - and you could win a prize too. Please return your sold and unsold tickets in the red/white box in the church vestibule or the Parish Office by April 22.



**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



Bereavement Group

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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. Currently, we are only paying 3.5% interest on the loan. Once the loan is amortized, we will begin making a monthly mortgage payment. The more we can pay down the principal prior to amortization, the lower our monthly mortgage payment will be. Any amount that 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 our electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to Faith Direct.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: March 2 + 3

St. Ambrose Parish supports and provides The MaRiH Center with diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies.

Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, urgent needs are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), 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
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

Save the Date

Virginia Right to Life March | February 21 | Richmond, VA

Bookkeeper: Part-Time Position

St. Ambrose Parish is looking for a part-time bookkeeper to provide accounting/bookkeeping functions including, but not limited to, payables, receivables and all other Parish and School revenue and expenses, the maintenance of general ledgers and the management of the payroll process. Interested candidates should have a working knowledge of accounting principles. Email businessmanager@stambroseva.org for a detailed job description and/or to send your resume.

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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



HumbleBee Highlights

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to the desert where he is tempted by Satan for 40 days and is ministered to by angels. Lent is our 40 days of trying to be more like Jesus, battling temptation and growing closer to God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What temptations seem to be most challenging for us? What temptations seem to interfere with our growing closer to God?

Only special graces from God can help us battle these temptations. Just as the angels ministered to Jesus during this time, so we need to seek Heaven during this time. How can we pray and receive God's grace in the Sacraments during this time so that we may be fortified for our time in the desert?

See The Bee for more faith + fun!