

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26,
2023**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

**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

Email Address:

info@stambroseschool.org

Principal: Maria Tejada

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



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www.stambroseva.org

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Religious Education: Therese Ryan
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Director of Music: Jon Laird
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

Plant & Facilities Manager: Paul Moeller
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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/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	February 27: Wkdy; St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church Mrs. Virginia Francis Margaret Dominguez†
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	February 28: Weekday Thomas Stasik, Jr.† James E. Wright, Jr.†
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 1: Wednesday Deceased Member of the Ricigliano Family† Margaret Dominguez†
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 2: Weekday John & Mary McDermott Cindy Hollcraft
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 3: Wkdy; USA: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin—First Friday John Hayes† For the victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	March 4: Wkdy; St. Casimir Baxter Family Rosario & Almarion de los Santos
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	March 5: Second Sunday in Lent Steven Wu† Hermenegilde Mtunzwenimona† People of the Parish Carson Family

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, March 3. Adoration starts at 9:30 am and Benediction will be at 7:00 pm. Please sign-up in the binder at the back of the School Gym/Parish Hall, or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.

www.stambroseva.org

STAY CONNECTED!

FLOCKNOTE

Sign up for email and/or text message notifications. Text **Annandale** to 84576 or visit stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard to sign up.

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WEBSITE

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SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa

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, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

Feb 27	Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA
Feb 28	Rev. William Nyce
Mar 1	Rev. John M. O'Donohue
Mar 2	Rev. John t. O'Hara (Ret.)
Mar 3	Rev. Keith M. O'Hare
Mar 4	Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe
Mar 5	Rev. Steven G. Oetjen



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Nangle



Lenten Events this week at St. Ambrose

Friday, March 3

2:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall Chapel)

6:00—7:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper in School Gym

7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall Chapel)

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.***

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,

Prospective teachers are invited to attend the Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair on March 18, 2023, from 9am - 11am at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Potomac Shores, VA. Principals from over 30 Catholic schools will meet with candidates for the 2023/2024 school year. If you have any questions please feel free to call us!

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. 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

Each Wednesday evening during Lent: A series on Sacred Architecture in preparation for Dedication Day

On Wednesday evenings Adoration and Confession start at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel. At the beginning of Adoration, one of the parish priests will speak on how God uses sacred objects, space, and architecture to communicate Himself to us, and draw us towards the life of heaven. These talks will help prepare us for the dedication of our new parish church.

SAVE THE DATE

MASS OF DEDICATION
SATURDAY, July 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM

His Excellency
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop Of Arlington
Celebrant & Homilist

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
3901 Woodburn Road
Annandale, Virginia
stambroseva.org

ST. AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K – 12 Religious Education

Contact: Therese Ryan DRE at tryan@stambroseva.org



RCIA: Becoming Catholic

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 1st 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 or contact Therese Ryan 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 and 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. 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 **February 22nd-April 26th**
UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE
https://ascensionpress.com/products/unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-workbook?Variant=7553718091812_w/ChrissyRabayda
ChrissyRabayda@gmail.com

Wednesday Evenings PH library 7-8pm **February 15th-May 10th**
The Sacraments: a deeper dive into the 2nd pillar of the catechism
w/Lee Cena leecena@earthlink.net

Women's Group-Meets Sunday Nights 6-7pm in the parish hall library for faith and fellowship! ChrissyRabayda@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at www.stambroseva.org

It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry
Julia Crean at 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!

First Friday Night

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

Meeting at Peet's

Our next Peet's afternoon is March 22nd, 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 5th! 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 11th, 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!

Two special events we have on the calendar:

⇒ Matt Maher concert-March 23rd at 7pm in Leesburg, VA, tickets are \$30

⇒ DC United Game, parents and siblings welcome!

May 13th, 7:30PM, tickets \$25-\$40

Send me an email if you'd like to attend either or both!

-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 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, 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

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

"My soul rejoices in the Lord." 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. Just complete and mail in a pledge card, or go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA. You can also scan the QR code to make a gift.



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 or go to our Website, 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.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

On Saturday March 25 at 11 a.m., Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will offer Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Michael Church, Annandale, Virginia. Sponsored by the Order of Malta, this Mass brings the Lourdes Pilgrimage experience to parishioners of the Diocese of Arlington. Please register by Wednesday, March 22 for attendance at the Mass by contacting Brian Newsome, KM, via email at malta.nova.mass@gmail.com or via phone at 323.505.8846. Please provide the name(s) of all those attending along with a contact email or telephone number.

2023 AOH Mass in Gaelic. The 45th Annual Mass in Gaelic in honor of St. Patrick will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church (905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046). The Mass is organized and hosted by the Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). Sean O'Riada Mass in its original Gaelic will be celebrated with organ, harp, and chorus accompaniment. The celebrant will be Rev. M. Valentine Keveny from County Mayo, Ireland. A reception will follow. Contact Alex Wilson (ajwilzn@gmail.com) with any questions.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

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. More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

Gifts for 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 John French at john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Retreat for Women

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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. Registration: \$80. Register at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org/men.

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
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>



PRAY DAILY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR SISTER

The St. Therese Vocation Society is a group of men and women who pray daily for vocations and for the individuals in formation as priests and religious in our diocese. These men and women who have responded to God's call rely on these prayers from hundreds of their brothers and sisters in Christ. **Members of the society receive a calendar in the mail twice a year** that lists someone in formation to pray for each day. **There are no dues or meetings**; only the promise of your prayers and an annual Morning of Reflection offered each February to strengthen you as a prayer warrior.

You simply go to the Arlington Diocese website, www.arlingtondiocese.com: (1) click on [Vocations](#) (2) Scroll down to [Promote Support and Pray for Vocations](#) (3) Click on the word [Pray](#) (4) Scroll down to the picture of St. Therese and click on [Pray Daily for a Future Priest or Sister](#). It's easy, free, and a beautiful way to start the day by saying a quick prayer for one individual discerning. We need daily prayer warriors for the future of our Church!