

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY
MARCH 12, 2023

**THIRD 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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Office Hours and Staff:
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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph M. Rampino
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Director of Music: Jon Laird
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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.	March 13: Weekday Bobby Sharpe Margaret Dominguez†
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 14: Weekday Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vincent Robert Seoane, Sr.†
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 15: Weekday Ginny Garretson Patricia Burke†
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 16: Weekday Sean Corscadden† Margaret Dominguez†
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 17: Wkdy; St. Patrick, Bishop Nicole Sheehy† Minh Van Nguyen†
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	March 18: Wkdy; St. Cyril of Jersalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Souls in Purgatory† Rev. Al McCoy†
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent John M. Donlon† Rev. Mark Andrew Pilon† People of the Parish Richard Healy†

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.

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 to follow us.

WEBSITE

Visit our website for updated information at www.stambroseva.org

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

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at
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, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

Mar 13	Rev. Anthony J. Pinizzotto (Ret.)
Mar 14	Rev. Donald J. Planty, Jr.
Mar 15	Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky
Mar 16	Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
Mar 17	Rev. Marcus A. Pollard
Mar 18	Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, VF
Mar 19	Rev. Juan A. Puigbo



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Roxbrough



Lenten Events this week at St. Ambrose

Wednesday, March 15

6:30—8:00 pm (Parish Hall Chapel)

Adoration, Confession & Sacred Architecture Reflection

Friday, March 17

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)

Saturday, March 18—Womens Lenten Retreat

9:00 am—1:00 pm (Parish Hall)

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,

We are looking for an assistant in our extended day program (K-8) The hours are 3-6pm, Monday-Friday. This position requires helping students with homework, preparing snacks, and monitoring activities. Interested applicants please send your resume to: principal@stambroseschool.org.

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!

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

Faith Formation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



Please visit each program's web page for details

THE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

stambroseva.org/RCIA

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
- Meets weekly September - May

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - stambroseva.org/RE

Classes for public or other non-Catholic school students.

- **Grades K-8** meet weekly on Wednesday evenings. Instruction includes required Sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation. Stop by the **Religious Education Parents' Group** while waiting for your student(s).
- Students in **Grades 9-12** participate in Youth Ministry's weekly God Squad program.

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE—stambroseva.org/JMJ

- Learn more about the faith and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults are welcome! Meets weekly on Sunday mornings.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

- Facilitators offer two distinct Bible study courses over a series of weeks on Wednesday mornings and evenings.

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group

Spring 2023 Courses

Wednesday Mornings	Wednesday Evenings
<i>Understanding the Mystery of the Bible</i>	<i>The Sacraments + More</i>
February 22 - April 26	February 15 - May 10
Ron + Mary DeSantis	Lee Cena

- Read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading. All adults are welcome! Meets weekly on Friday mornings.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP—stambroseva.org/WSA

- Take time for God! Meets weekly on Sunday evenings.

Faith Formation Contact
Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education
tryan@stambroseva.org | 703-280-1122

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 April 2nd! 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 May 13th, 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 is open 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)

The 2023 BLA is underway! The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord" which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge.

You can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



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.



The 2023 St. Ambrose School Gala tickets are now on sale.

The event will take place May 6, 6pm – 10pm
at the Burke Volunteer Fire Station Hall

Get full details and your tickets today at
<https://2023ambrosegala.givesmart.com/>
bourbon tasting, BBQ dinner, music and a live & silent auction!

Don't miss this night of serious fun to support our school with your St. Ambrose community!

Questions? Contact gala@stambroseschool.org

Dispensation granted by Bishop Burbidge

The obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season.

This year, March 17, the Friday of the Third Week of Lent corresponds with St. Patrick's Day, traditionally an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese. Bishop Burbidge, taking into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2023.

Those taking advantage of this dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.

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.

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.

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

The Alexandria/Springfield/Arlington Chapter of CBN Nova will have its March networking meeting at the Uncommon Luncheonette in Arlington. This is a great location for coming after work to network with fellow Catholic business people and supporters of Catholic education in our diocese. The restaurant will open specially for us to give us a wonderful environment for finding new contacts and introducing your needs for us to support as a Catholic business community. Location: Uncommon Luncheonette, 1028 North Garfield St. Arlington (Clarendon), Virginia

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Pre-registration member cost \$20 which includes hors d'oeuvres; cash bar.

Non-Member/ less than 48 hours/ At-the-door: \$25

Please RSVP at www.CBNNoVa.org with the link below, or on the website. Pre-registration and pre-payment are preferred.

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!