

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

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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

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.

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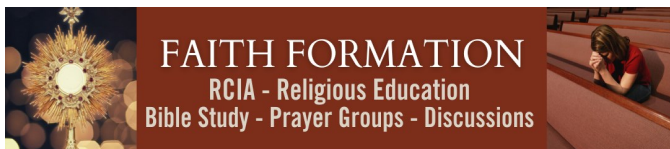
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct.
Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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. Ambrose Samaritan Group	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



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

.FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study

Fridays | 9:30 -11 am | Parish Library

Carol Russell, Coordinator. All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

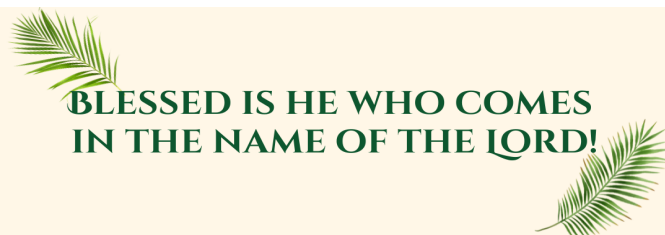
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Sundays | 1:15-3:15 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122



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 HOLY WEEK EVENTS

March 28 | Seven Churches Pilgrimage

March 30 | Stations & Passion of the Christ film

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL GALA

A KNIGHT in the ROARING 20s

SATURDAY | APRIL 20 | 6 PM

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Diocesan Jubilee Festival | Saturday, June 8, 2024



Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. Head to arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest for a preview of events. Registration coming soon!

Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained Transitional Deacons

On Saturday, April 6, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | bit.ly/nec2024



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON

We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 25: Monday of Holy Week Stephanie McGuigan Margaret Dominguez †
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 26: Tuesday of Holy Week Dianne Garcia Josephine Bourgeois †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 27: Wednesday of Holy Week Carisse Bickert † Dianne Garcia
Thursday 7:30 p.m.	March 28: Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) George Munkachy †
Friday	March 29: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - No Masses
Saturday 8:30 p.m. Vigil	March 30: Holy Saturday No morning Mass Jimmy Foley
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	March 31: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord People of the Parish Mr. Lyng † Nancy Hernandez † No 5:00 p.m. Mass today

First Friday Adoration ~ April 5, 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. Spychala, Jim Smith,
Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 25	Rev. Mark Mullaney
Mar 26	Rev. Richard A. Mullins
Mar 27	Rev. Christopher D. Murphy
Mar 28	Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA
Mar 29	Rev. Michael T. Nugent
Mar 30	Rev. William Nyce
Mar 31	Rev. John M. O'Donohue

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

NIGHT OF PRAYER | March 24

Palm Sunday, 7 pm

"Come Walk with Me" - an evening of music, meditation and prayer with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor

MASS | March 25 - 30

- Monday, March 25 | 7 & 9 am
- Tuesday, March 26 | 7 & 9 am
- Wednesday, March 27 | 7 & 9 am
- Holy Thursday, March 28 - Holy Saturday, March 30
No morning Masses

CONFESSION | March 25 - 30

- Monday, March 25 | 7 - 8 pm
- Tuesday, March 26 | 7 - 8 pm
- Wednesday, March 27 | 7 - 8 pm
- Holy Thursday, March 28 | No Confession
- Good Friday, March 29 | 1 - 2 pm
- Holy Saturday, March 30 | 11 am - Noon

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS | March 27

- Wednesday | 2:15 pm | Church

HOLY THURSDAY | March 28

- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:30 pm | Parish Choir & Livestream
- Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until Midnight in the Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY | March 29

- Confession | 1 - 2 pm
- Stations of the Cross | 3 pm
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 7:30 pm | Parish Choir & Livestream

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA | March 29 - April 6

HOLY SATURDAY | March 30

- Confession | 11 am - Noon
- Blessing of Easter Food | Noon

EASTER MASSES

SATURDAY | March 30

- 8:30 pm | Easter Vigil | Parish Choir & Livestream

SUNDAY | MARCH 31

- 8 am, 10 am (Parish Choir & Livestream), Noon
- No 5 pm Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

- April 7 | 3 - 4 pm

FORMED



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,

Exciting news! Visit bit.ly/schoolfacilitynews or scan the QR to learn about our plans to renovate and expand our parish school!



Did you know Saint Ambrose School offers financial aid? Last year we awarded over \$105,000 to families in need. Don't let the cost of a priceless Catholic education prevent you from inquiring about admissions. Please call today – 703-698-7171.

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 also accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. Information/application requirements are available at stambrospreschool.org as well as the School Office and the Parish Office.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the annual St. Ambrose School Gala, *A Knight in The Roaring 20s*, on Saturday, April 20 from 6-10 pm!

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

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Hippity, hoppity...

Get ready for Easter at the St. Ambrose School Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Bunny will visit St. Ambrose a little early to hide some Easter eggs for our families to find. Please join us on Sunday, March 24 at 1 pm - behind the school - following the Noon Mass. The Egg Hunt is open to kids up to age 10. Please remember to bring a basket or container for each participant! See you there!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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"He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him." The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

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

Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp
2024

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Schedule for campers (ages 4-13) at stambrosesummer.com/camps

WE'RE HIRING COUNSELORS / VOLUNTEERS

MAY 28 – AUGUST 2

APPLY NOW!

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp is hiring engaging, fun and responsible students who exhibit a joyful love of Christ and desire to be positive role models in the lives of young children this summer.

Full-Time Counselors: College Students

stambrosesummer.com/employment

Part-Time Volunteers: High School Students

stambrosesummer.com/volunteer



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

St. Ambrose for Life

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: April 6 + 7

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, 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.

WELCOME SUNDAY!

APRIL 7
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES
PARISH HALL
Hosted by
St. Ambrose School PTO

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY



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USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org

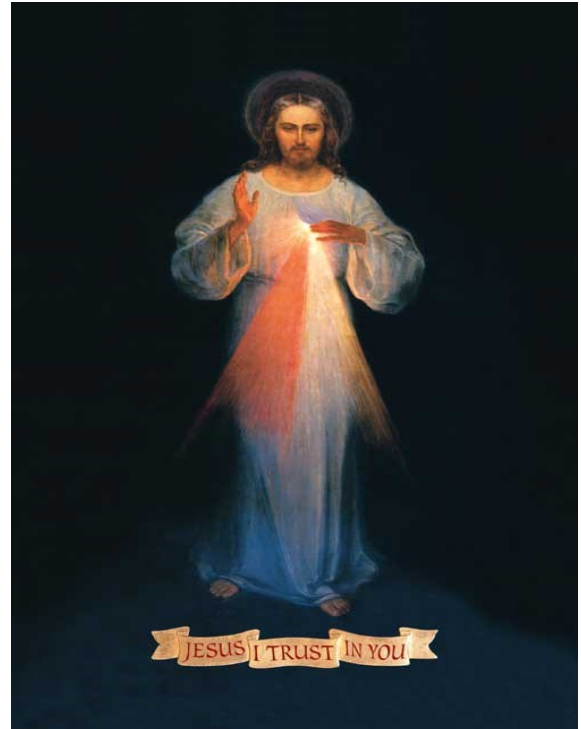
young adults group

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7 | 3-4 PM



*St. Ambrose Parish will hold
a special celebration of the Divine Mercy*

Exposition & Benediction
A Reflection on the Divine Mercy
Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions *will not* be offered at this time.
Please avail yourself of the many opportunities
to go to Confession during Holy Week.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena to the Divine Mercy
begins on Good Friday, March 29.
Divine Mercy pamphlets, which include
the prayers for each of the nine days,
are available in the church narthex.

Join for this beautiful devotion!



Knights of
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St. Lucy Project Spring Food Drive

St. Ambrose Council, Knights of Columbus, sponsors the annual Spring parish-wide food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. It provides food resources to local pantries that distribute the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items. *No glass items, please.*
April 13 + 14: Bag distribution at weekend Masses. April 20 + 21: Bag collection.

