

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY
MARCH 26, 2023

**FIFTH 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



3901 Woodburn Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-280-4400

Website:
www.stambroseva.org

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

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph M. Rampino
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Principal: Maria Tejada
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Religious Education: Therese Ryan
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Director of Music: Jon Laird
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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.

March 27: Weekday
Frank and Rose Pascale†
Thomas Stasik†

Tuesday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

March 28: Weekday
Filomena Pascale, Mary Morin†
Milagros Daez-Sevilla†

Wednesday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

March 29: Weekday
Renate Nicewicz†
Vu Family†

Thursday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

March 30: Weekday
Rosario & Almario De Los Santos†
Denis Kuznecovs†

Friday
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

March 31: Weekday
Janice Dean†
Liz Post & Family

Saturday
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

April 1: Weekday
Stina Thompson
Cynthia Laird

Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon
5:00 p.m.

April 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
John & Anita Domon /
James & Reda Buchanan†
Johnny Laird
Tim Johnston†
People of the Parish

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.

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Share the love and like us on Facebook!
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WEBSITE

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

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Visit stambroseva.org/youtube to subscribe.

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We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at
twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick

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. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 27 Very Rev. Lee R. Roos, VF
Mar 28 Rev. Robert L. Ruskamp
Mar 29 Very Rev. William P. Saunders
Mar 30 Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia
Mar 31 Rev. William B. Schardt
Apr 1 Rev. Nicholas J. Schierer
Apr 2 Rev. William B. Schierer

† For Deceased St. Ambrose Parishioners †
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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,

Our 8th graders will attend the Vocations Mass on March 28 with Bishop Burbidge at All Saints Catholic Church. Every year 8th grade students attend this Mass together to pray for vocations and enjoy a Chick Fila lunch.

We continue to accept applications for all grades. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

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.

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

Lenten Events this week at St. Ambrose

Wednesday, March 29

6:30—8:00 pm (Parish Hall Chapel)

Adoration, Confession & Sacred Architecture Reflection

Friday, March 31

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.*

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

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
Saturday | July 15, 2023 | 11:00 AM

Celebrant & Homilist

His Excellency Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

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

RITE 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.

Spring 2023 Courses

Wednesdays - 10 am	Wednesdays - 7 pm
<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

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

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

- 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.

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 April 26th, 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 Mondays, 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!

Special event we have on the calendar:

⇒DC United Game, parents and siblings welcome!
May 13th, 7:30PM, tickets \$25-\$40

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

-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



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

FAITH DIRECT

Plan your offertory by setting up a recurring donation through Faith Direct. Enroll today from your computer, smartphone or tablet at member-ship.faithdirect.net/VA401 or at stambroseva.org and click on "Donate" on the main menu bar.



Take Time for God Women's Sunday Fellowship

The Women of St. Ambrose are excited to present, *Daughter by Design* as our Sunday small group book series. This book is designed to speak God's truth to every woman on her identity - first and foremost as His beloved daughter. If you're looking to grow in self awareness of God's design for your life and cultivate your personal relationship with God, journey with us during this Lenten season with *Daughter by Design*. Come join our small group discussion **each Sunday evening at 6 pm in the Parish Hall Library** as we share our hearts based on each week's readings/reflections. Even if you can't come regularly, not to worry, we're happy to have you join us on any week that you can!

PRAY DAILY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR SISTER

The St. Therese Vocation Society is a group of men and women praying daily for vocations as well as specific individuals in formation as priests and religious in our diocese. It's a beautiful way to start the day by saying a quick, personal prayer for someone discerning a vocation. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/



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.

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. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below:



"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Witness the Ordination to the Diaconate of our Seminarians

The ordination of men to the diaconate is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians James Joseph and Sean Nypaver is Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax. Come and pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. Learn more at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations.

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs from Sunday-Thursday, July 9-13. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs from Sunday-Thursday, July 16-20. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery is now open. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

Sundays with the Sisters

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! The tour showcases the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The next stops on the tour are with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (March 26) and the Sisters of Our Lady of LaSalette (April 16). For single women ages 18-50. RSVP by the Monday before each event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

Bring Love! Lenten Service Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to serve your community during Lent, and beyond? Join us in our mission to serve the needy in our diocese. We are seeking volunteers to help with feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and welcoming the newcomer. Visit <https://volunteer.cdda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.

"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director,
at (703) 841-2514 or
email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.