

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2024 | Third 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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://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  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

### CLERGY

**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
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### STAFF

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703-698-7171 | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

**Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry**  
703-280-1122 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

**Jon Laird, Obl.O.S.B., Director of Music**  
703-280-4400 | [jlaird@stambroseva.org](mailto:jlaird@stambroseva.org)

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

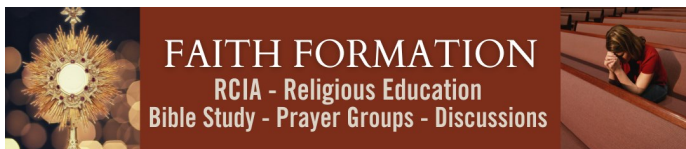
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct.  
Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://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

## Stewardship Reflection

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://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

March 23 | Mount St. Marys

March 28 | Seven Churches Pilgrimage

## Forty Hours Devotion | March 13 - 15

March 13 | Noon

Adoration begins

March 14 | 7 pm

Solemn Vespers & Reflection

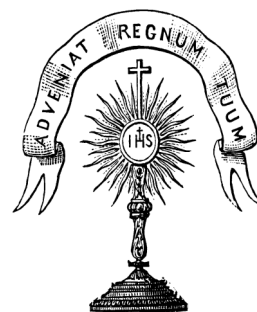
Rev. John Trigilio

EWTN Host and author of  
*Catholicism for Dummies*

March 15

Benediction | 8:50 am

Mass | 9 am



## 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](mailto: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.



## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 17

After 8 and 10 am Masses | School Gym

Pre-Sale Tickets

[bit.ly/kc8043marchpancakes](http://bit.ly/kc8043marchpancakes) or scan QR



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St. Ambrose Council





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 4: Wkdy; St. Casimir</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dorothea Coss †
9:00 a.m.	Estela Laguda
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 5: Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dorothea Coss †
9:00 a.m.	Catherine Tierney †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 6: Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Maria Lomboy †
9:00 a.m.	Salvatore Coniglio †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 7: Wkdy; Sts. Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Martyrs</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary Knowlan †
9:00 a.m.	An Cao
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 8: Wkdy; St. John of God, Religious</b>
7:00 a.m.	Nicogossian Family
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 9: Wkdy; St. Frances of Rome, Religious</b>
9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Magana-Mendoza
5:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen & Ed York
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10: 4th Sunday of Lent</b>
8:00 a.m.	Jane Crutcher †
10:00 a.m.	Jack Haberle †
12:00 noon	Carl Pietrobani †
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

### 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 Respuerto, 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

Mar 4	Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)
Mar 5	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
Mar 6	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat, SS
Mar 7	Rev. Elder Maldonado
Mar 8	Rev. David L. Martin (Ret.)
Mar 9	Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Ret.)
Mar 10	Rev. Brian B. McAllister

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



**Come spend your Lent with Saint Ambrose Parish**

*See detailed Lent 2024 schedule at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)*

## CONFESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm

- 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
- March 6, 13, 20, 27

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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

- March 8 | WSA & Youth Ministry
- March 15 | Religious Education
- March 22 | St. Ambrose School

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 & 7:30 pm

- March 8, 15, 22

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION | March 13 - 15

March 13 | Adoration begins | Noon

March 14 | Solemn Vespers & Reflection | 7 pm

*Rev. John Trigilio*

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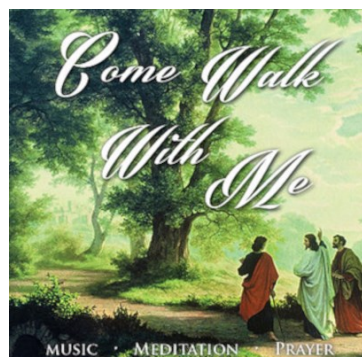
March 15 | Benediction, 8:50 am | Mass, 9 am

## NIGHT OF PRAYER | March 24 | 7 pm

*"Come Walk with Me"*

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

### Night of Prayer | Sunday, March 24 | 7 pm



The *Come Walk With Me* evening is a time for us to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Irish tenor Mark Forrest will take you through an evening of music, reflection, and healing. Consider taking an hour with the Lord as he invites you to a closer walk with him.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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### 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.



**young adults  
group**

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS)



## 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](http://stambroseschool.org) or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

Exciting news! Visit [bit.ly/schoolfacilitynews](http://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 [stambrorespreschool.org](http://stambrorespreschool.org) as well as the School Office and the Parish Office.

Save the date for our annual school gala, *A Knight in the Roaring 20s*, Saturday, April 20, 6-10 pm!

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)



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### St. Ambrose School Gala!

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! We will have a table after Mass on March 3 + 10 with more information. In addition, if your business would like to sponsor or donate to the gala, please email [gala@stambroseschool.org](mailto:gala@stambroseschool.org).



## FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp | June 17 – August 2, 2024 | [stambrosesummer.com](http://stambrosesummer.com)

**Saint  
Ambrose  
Summer Camp  
2024**

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Schedule for campers (ages 4-13) at [stambrosesummer.com/camps](http://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](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)

**Part-Time Volunteers: High School Students**  
[stambrosesummer.com/volunteer](http://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!



### 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](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE  
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)



### WELCOME SUNDAY!

MARCH 3  
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES  
PARISH HALL  
Hosted by  
Garden & Grounds Club

### 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. **More details available at [bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt).** Any amount 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 - use the QR code to access Faith Direct. God bless your generosity!

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# FORMED



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

### It's 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, needs are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance); diaper rash ointment. To donate other critical items, please visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).



### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

#### Help + Hope + Healing

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.ccda.net](http://www.ccda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

#### Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)

**Action Alert:** legalization of physician assisted suicide is moving rapidly through the Virginia General Assembly. Read Bishop Burbidge & Bishop Knestout's joint statement and call to action at [bit.ly/vccalert](http://bit.ly/vccalert).



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
ARLINGTON

## EVENTS CALENDAR

[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)

## Bereavement Group

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG)



### 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, we see Jesus cleanse the temple of those who turned the place of worship into a marketplace, placing the exchange of goods and money above worship of our one, true God. St. Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; therefore, this passage should encourage us to rid our own temple of any false idols or attachments.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION

- In the temples of our own bodies, where are we attached to worldly things that might take us away from true worship of the Lord?
- Have we identified these attachments as a place to make specific sacrifices this Lent? If not, how can we?
- It's important to remember that we cannot rid ourselves of these attachments on our own. We must ask Jesus to give us the grace to do so; he wants us to ask! Ask now, through prayer.

See The Bee for more faith + fun!