

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our 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.

FAITH DIRECT

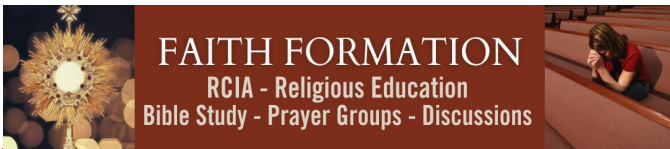
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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	



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

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

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



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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 EVENTS

April 13 | Hike

May 24 | Lock In



*This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!*

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL GALA

A KNIGHT in the ROARING 20s

SATURDAY | APRIL 20 | 6 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 1: Monday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 a.m.	Tom & Maria Stasik, Jr. †
9:00 a.m.	Vanessa
Tuesday	April 2: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 a.m.	Jan Witter †
9:00 a.m.	Dave Carter
Wednesday	April 3: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 a.m.	Rufina B. Bermor / Rupita B. Bentres †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday	April 4: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Delores Callaghan †
Friday	April 5: Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 a.m.	Gary Wayne Bianucci †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	April 6: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m.	Maddie Laird
5:00 p.m.	Martin Tohill, Jr.
Sunday	April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Peter Perla †
12:00 noon	Margaret Dominguez †
5:00 p.m.	Robert Milford †

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

Apr 1	Rev. John F. O'Farrell
Apr 2	Rev. John T. O'Hara (Ret.)
Apr 3	Rev. Keith M. O'Hare
Apr 4	Rev. J. Kevin O'Keefe
Apr 5	Rev. Steven G. Oetjen
Apr 6	Rev. Michael T. Orlovsky
Apr 7	Rev. Carroll L. Oubre

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †

EASTER MASSES

SUNDAY | MARCH 31

8 am, 10 am (Parish Choir & Livestream), Noon

No 5 pm Mass

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!



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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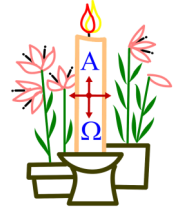
“Christ is Everything to Us” - St. Ambrose

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,

Happy Easter! May the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ serve to transform our lives so that we may learn to know the freedom of goodness, the love for our neighbor, the respect for all creation, and the hope and mercy for the future.



Do you have friends or family looking for a Catholic school? Have they been put on a waitlist at another school? Please let them know St. Ambrose has space and welcomes their applications. Call us at 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. Saint Ambrose Pre-school is also accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. Information/application requirements are available at stambroseschool.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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“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.” Are you being called to proclaim the life of the resurrected Christ to the world?
Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg,
michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Join us for a Spring Tea Party!
Sunday, April 28 | 2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall
Fundraiser for St. Ambrose Garden & Grounds Club
See April bulletins and stambroseva.org/wsa for RSVP & ticket information
Hosted by
St. Ambrose Choir | School PTO | Women of St. Ambrose



EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

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



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!



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Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter Season, I reflect on how blessed we are as followers of Christ to live in a diocese that has been given abundant blessings. Our Risen Lord invites us to take those blessings and walk in newness of life as his sons and daughters, each and every day.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a diocese, we are renewed in the joyful hope of witnessing and celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Now strengthened in this hope-filled faith, we can better respond to his call to witness to the Risen Lord with greater authenticity, to follow his commands, and willingly proclaim our faith and the truth of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

By relying on God and trusting in his grace, may we strive daily to live in Christ Jesus, who rose from the dead, bringing a message of new life in him. Jesus Christ is risen today; he is victorious, and his victory is ours. For this reason, we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers for you and your family. May Our Risen Lord shower his abundant blessings upon you at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington