

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter



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

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | 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
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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

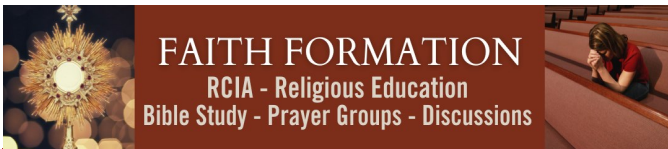
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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



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

May 24 | Lock In
 June 22-28 | Diocesan WorkCamp

The Diocesan Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries is coordinating a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024.

If you have a family and have been looking for a low-cost option to participate in this experience, this is a great solution for you! We have rented a beautiful camp for youth, young adults and families to partake in summer activities during the day and the Eucharistic Congress in the afternoon/evening. Families may choose to join us on the motor coach (at cost) or drive themselves and meet us there!

Email grace.gretz@arlingtondiocese.org for more information.



You are cordially invited

Spring Tea Party

Sunday, April 28

2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall

All funds will directly support St. Ambrose Garden & Grounds Club

Tickets

On sale at April 13 & 14, 20 & 21 Masses

Tea | \$35 | \$20 (12 & under)

Raffle | 1 ticket \$2 | 2 tickets \$5

You may also contact Chris Getek (703-280-1417) to purchase tickets or donate raffle prizes

Fancy hats optional, but highly encouraged! Prizes awarded for great hats!

Hosted by

St. Ambrose Choir | School PTO | Women of St. Ambrose

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 15: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Jeff Marcell †
9:00 a.m.	Jim Hannan †
Tuesday	April 16: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	John Carlton Roxbrough †
9:00 a.m.	Juanita Luna †
Wednesday	April 17: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	James Hannan †
9:00 a.m.	Rolando & Teresita Nahial †
Thursday	April 18: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Michael & Paul Tchong
9:00 a.m.	Richard Green †
Friday	April 19: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Monsignor R. Roy Cosby †
9:00 a.m.	Johnny Festin †
Saturday	April 20: Easter Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Stanley Frank Janicki, Jr. †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday	April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Col. Richard Mulhern †
5:00 p.m.	Ray & Cecilie Thierry †

First Friday Adoration ~ May 3, 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

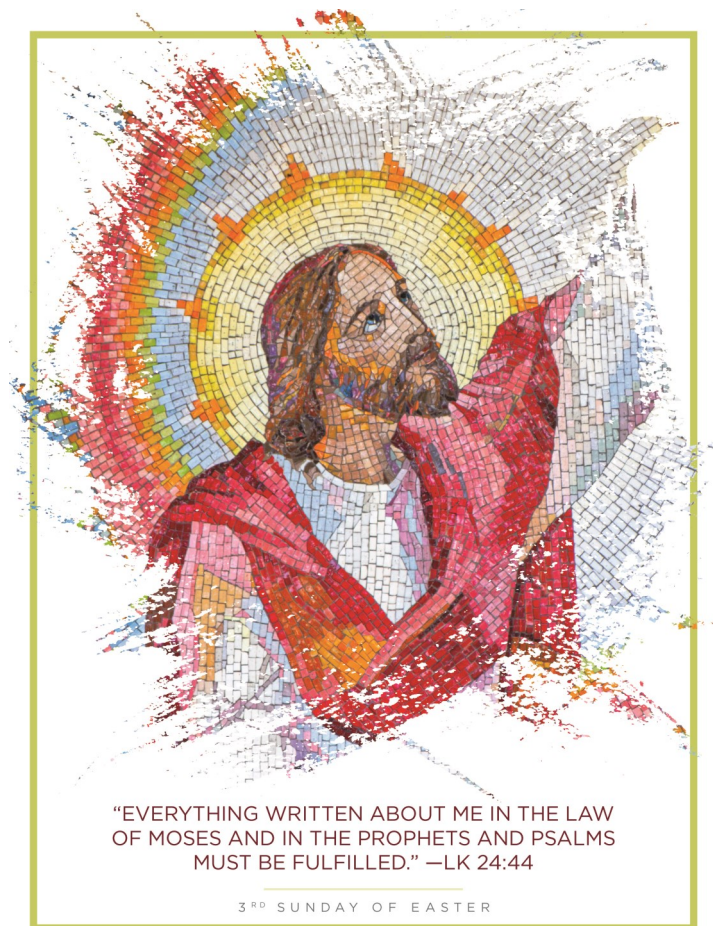
For the Sick

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, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, 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. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Apr 15 Rev. Stanley J. Poczatek, IV
 Apr 16 Rev. Jerry Pokorsky
 Apr 17 Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
 Apr 18 Rev. Marcus A. Pollard
 Apr 19 Rev. Carlos Mauricio Portillo
 Apr 20 Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, VF
 Apr 21 Rev. Juan A. Puigbo

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



Stewardship Reflection

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."
 - Luke 24:36-3

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus "to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE PRAYER: RENEW

Heavenly Father, in your mercy you have called us out of darkness, into your own wonderful light. In the gift of the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of your Only-Begotten Son, and we remember in gratitude the good things you have done for us. As you invite us to rejoice, with Mary, in the work of the Lord, may you who "make all things new" now renew us in the Holy Spirit, and inspire us to share the Good News of the Gospel so that all may come to know the love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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,

It's almost here!! Join us for the annual St. Ambrose School Gala, *A Knight in The Roaring 20s*, on Saturday, April 20 from 6-10 pm!

On May 7, eighth graders will attend the Called & Chosen 8th grade vocations event from 10am - 1:30pm at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas. The students will participate in a vocations rally, Mass and lunch.

The First Communion Retreat is April 27. Please pray for them all as they continue preparing to receive First Holy Communion on May 11.

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 stambropreschool.org as well as the School Office and the Parish Office.

Yours in Christ,
Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women
Has God made your heart for religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday - Sunday, June 14-16. The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will lead the retreat this year. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; the deadline to register is Monday June 3.

Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress
Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024

If you and your family are considering attending the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, there are still spots available through the Diocese. Visit bit.ly/nec2024 to register.

"Watch over me, Father, so that everything I do may be with the intention of pleasing Jesus."
- Saint Bernadette Soubirous
Feast Day | April 16



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SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL GALA
A KNIGHT
in the
ROARING 20s
SATURDAY | APRIL 20 | 6 PM

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Help Supply Summer Camp!

St. Ambrose Summer Camp seeks donations for some of our new and returning camps. We're particularly looking for American Girl dolls, nerf toy guns/bullets and other assorted crafts & sports supplies. If you have gently used or new materials that you are willing to donate, please contact Claire Jackson, cjackson@stambroseva.org.



FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

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



REGISTER 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!

Knights of Columbus Car Raffle



Next Sunday, April 20 and 21 is the last weekend to turn in your tickets for the car raffle that we be held at All Saints in Manassas, VA on April 27th in the red box located in the Vestibule. Tickets will not be accepted at the Parish Office after noon on Monday, April 22nd. The Knights will

be selling raffle tickets in the Vestibule after all of the Masses this weekend and again the following weekend, April 20th and 21st.



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 | info@ambrosecouncil.org



garden + grounds club

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

Join US!



young adults group

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

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

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: May 4 & 5

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.



Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Help + Hope + Healing

visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project
helpforpregnantwomen.org
703-841-3810
info@h4pw.org

Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
info@helpafterabortion.org

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org

THE PAUL STEFAN FOUNDATION

12th Annual Mother's Day Golf Classic
Friday, May 10, 2024
Meadows Farms Golf Course, Locust Grove, VA
8 am, Registration & Breakfast
9 am, Captain's Choice

\$2,000 IN PURSE MONEY FOR WINNERS

Your support helps provide essential services for every mother & baby

To register and/or sponsor,
visit paulstefanhome.org/golf-tournament

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Abuse

All of the faithful are invited to attend a Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Arlington on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. Reception to follow. Please join us as we gather to pray for the healing of victims/survivors, their loved ones, and for the Church. This event is hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance. For more information, please call (703) 841-2530 or email victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

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email ushers@stambroseva.org

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.



Knights of Columbus

