

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 16, 2023**

**DIVINE MERCY**

**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](http://www.stambroseschool.org)**

**Email Address:**  
**[info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)**

**Principal: Maria Tejada**  
**[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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](http://www.stambroseva.org)**

**E-mail Address:**  
**[dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)**

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

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.  
[frfisher@stambroseva.org](mailto:frfisher@stambroseva.org)

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Joseph M. Rampino  
[frampino@stambroseva.org](mailto:frampino@stambroseva.org)

**Permanent Deacon:** Ted Devlin  
[tdevlin@stambroseva.org](mailto:tdevlin@stambroseva.org)

**Parish Secretary:** Donna Vasilakos  
[dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

**Administrative Assistant:** Margaret Kelty  
[mkelty@stambroseva.org](mailto:mkelty@stambroseva.org)

**Business Manager:** Carla Yaglou  
703-280-4400 | [businessmanager@stambroseva.org](mailto:businessmanager@stambroseva.org)

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

**Youth Ministry:** Julia Crean  
703-280-4400 | [jcrean@stambroseva.org](mailto:jcrean@stambroseva.org)

**Religious Education:** Therese Ryan  
703-280-1122 | [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org)

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

**Plant & Facilities Manager:** Paul Moeller  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

**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/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 17: Easter Weekday</b> Alan Sjostrand † Deceased Members of Muryango Family †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 18: Easter Weekday</b> Roger Borch † Sophie Midili
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 19: Easter Weekday</b> Carolyn Ann Nangle † Nick, Kayla, & Aniela
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 20: Easter Weekday</b> Carolyn McNutt Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 21: Easter Wkdy; St. Anselm, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Rosalie Berthe Josephine G. Bourgeois †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>April 22: Wester Weekday</b> Catherine Ramazzisi † Michael Laird
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>April 23: Third Sunday of Easter</b> William G. Galway † Robert Laird Shane West † 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](http://stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard) to sign up.

Choose only the groups YOU want to hear from!  
*Unsubscribe at any time.*

### FACEBOOK

Share the love and like us on Facebook!  
Visit [stambroseva.org/facebook](http://stambroseva.org/facebook) to follow us.

### WEBSITE

Visit our website for updated information at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. Ambrose now has a YouTube channel! Subscribe today to see videos from your St. Ambrose priests and parish community.  
Visit [stambroseva.org/youtube](http://stambroseva.org/youtube) to subscribe.

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at  
[twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1](https://twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCa1)



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, 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. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Apr 17 Rev. Joseph B. Townsend  
Apr 18 Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran  
Apr 19 Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Ret.)  
Apr 20 Rev. Clarence M. Trinkle (Ret.)  
Apr 21 Rev. John T.B. Trong (Ret.)  
Apr 22 Rev. James A. Tucker  
Apr 23 Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro



### For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



## 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,

Welcome back school families. Praying you had a blessed Easter break with family, and are renewed and ready to finish out this school year! Tomorrow we switch to our Spring uniforms. The next couple of months will be jam packed with many activities and events at the school. If you haven't already done so please purchase your ticket and join us at our annual school Gala on May 6. It's going to be a fun filled evening amongst parents, parishioners and staff. Please visit our website for additional information.

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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)



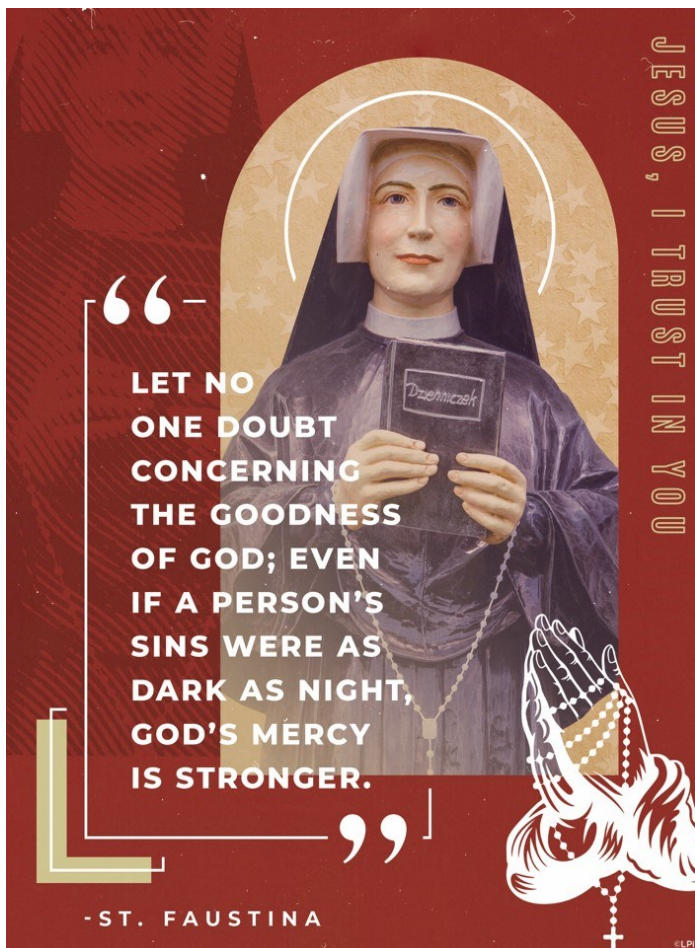
## SAVE THE DATE

### 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



## Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Please visit each program's web page for details

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 - May 10	February 15 - May 10
Ron + Mary DeSantis	Lee Cena

### BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](http://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](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)

- Take time for God! Meets weekly on Sunday evenings.

Faith Formation Contact:  
Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education  
[tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) | 703-280-1122

## YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

*It takes a Church - Interested in participating/  
volunteering?*

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry  
Julia Crean at [jcrean@stambroseva.org](mailto:jcrean@stambroseva.org)



### Divine Mercy Sunday

#### 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

Jr. High Ignite is over for this school year, we'll see you in the fall!"

##### 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!

Happy Easter! Alleluia!

The countdown to camp has begun! If you are in college or graduating from high school and need a great summer job consider St. Ambrose Summer Camp-if you are in middle/high school and in need of service hours spend a week at St. Ambrose Summer Camp! It's a great opportunity for fellowship, prayer, service, and fun all wrapped into one!

If you have any questions feel free to email me.

-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](http://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](http://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](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)

### New Church Fundraising Update

We have had tremendous support for our capital campaigns to build our new Church. Thank you to all those who have pledged to help build the new church. We have increased our parish population and want to invite new parishioners to join us in supporting our Church. Likewise, many past pledges have been paid and we would welcome additional pledges of any size to help with the miscellaneous items still needed and the pay-back of the loan from the diocese. Please help us complete the building of God's Church here at St. Ambrose. There are still some memorial items available for the new church. Please visit the website [www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org) and click on "New Church" for additional information. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

### 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](http://member-ship.faithdirect.net/VA401) or at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) and click on "Donate" on the main menu bar.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

3:00 TO 4:00 PM

Saint Ambrose parish will host a Special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16, 2023 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall Chapel.

- Exposition and Benediction
- A reflection on Divine Mercy
- Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Veneration of the Image
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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**Confessions WILL NOT be offered at this time. Please avail yourself of the many opportunities to go to confession during Holy Week.**

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### Divine Mercy Novena

**The Novena to The Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, April 7th. Please pick up a pamphlet at the back of the School Gym / Parish Hall Chapel. It includes prayers for each of the nine days. Join us for this beautiful devotion!**

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](mailto:gala@stambroseschool.org)

**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**  
1974-2024





**"MARY WENT IN HASTE,"  
A MARIAN SYMPOSIUM**  
with Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.  
*Archbishop of the Military Services  
President, United States Conference  
of Catholic Bishops*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
7600 Old Keene Mill Rd. Springfield, VA 22152

9:00 MASS  
Celebrant: BISHOP BURBIDGE | Homilist: ARCHBISHOP BROGLIO  
10:30 a.m. "MARY WENT IN HASTE" KEYNOTE TALK BY ARCHBISHOP BROGLIO  
11:15 a.m. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS  
11:30 a.m. - Noon PRAYING THE ROSARY  
LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY. Please respond as soon as possible via the link below  
[arlingtondiocese.org/marian-symposium](http://arlingtondiocese.org/marian-symposium)

To join the journey, scan the QR code or go to:  
**JUBILEE.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG**




**Knights of Columbus Car Raffle.** April 29th is approaching - 4 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 school lobby or the parish office by April 24th."

**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](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

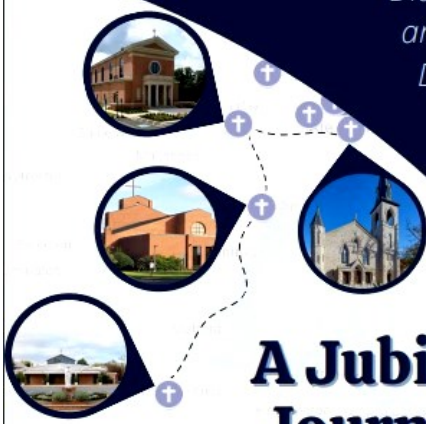
**PRAY DAILY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR SISTER**

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/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/)




**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women**  
Could Christ be calling you to the 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 16-18. Sister Maria Gonzalo, OCSO, from Our Lady of Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA, 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 \$100 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 5.

Did you know that there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington named after the Blessed Mother?




**A Jubilee Journey with Mary**

During this second year of preparation for the Diocesan Jubilee, Bishop Burbidge invites you to visit as many of these churches as possible through this Marian journey!



#ArlingtonJubilee



To join the journey, scan the QR code or go to:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney)

