

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY OF  
THE PASSION OF  
THE LORD**

**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**

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

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

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[mkelty@stambroseva.org](mailto:mkelty@stambroseva.org)

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**Principal:** Maria Tejada  
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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

**Monday**  
7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**April 3: Monday of Holy Week**  
Patricia Burke†  
Margaret Dominguez†

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

**April 4: Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Marjorie Balicki†  
Gertrude "Joan" Heider†

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

**April 5: Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Carol Nangle†  
Margaret Dominguez†

**Thursday**  
7:30 p.m.

**April 6: Holy Thursday**  
Mary (Mimi) Coogan†

**Friday**

**April 7: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) - No Masses**

**Saturday**  
8:30 p.m.  
Vigil

**April 8: Holy Saturday**  
Robert E. Morin†

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon

**April 9: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Lala Hacopien†  
Lucy DeGance  
People of the Parish

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass today**

## 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 3 Rev. Stephen J. Schultz  
Apr 4 Rev. James R. Searby  
Apr 5 Rev. Eric L. Shafer  
Apr 6 Rev. Scott Sina  
Apr 7 Rev. Charles C. Smith  
Apr 8 Rev. Johathan M. Smith  
Apr 9 Rev. Terry W. Specht (Ret.)



Please pray for the repose of the  
soul of Sean DeWolfe



## 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,

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)

## Lenten Events during Holy Week

*For all Lenten Events  
during Holy Week please  
see the enclosed flyer or  
Website*

**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.*



# 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](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 - April 26	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.

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)



### 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 tonight! 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](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)

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)

## 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.



## 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

## 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 payback 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.

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



### 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 stop on the tour is with 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](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). More info at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour](http://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.ccda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.

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

## 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!**

### 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](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with questions.