SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 28, 2024 | Fifth 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.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 email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

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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 Samaritan Group Ushers St. Ambrose for Life **Vocations Committee** Women of St. Ambrose Young Adults Group Youth Choir Youth Ministry



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

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

Tour packages including accommodations and a ticket to the Congress are available through Corporate Travel Services. For pricing and more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/

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!

The Walk Humbly Podcast with Bishop Burbidge arlingtondiocese.org/walkhumblypodcast/

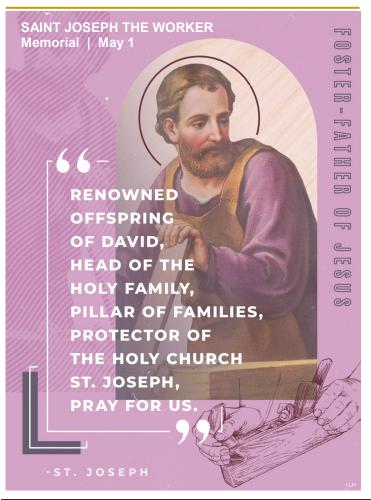
Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Satur-



day, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by

Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliners Soul/Gospel Indie artist Jervis Campbell & the Celtic rock band, Scythian. ages! Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal. For more details and to register, visit arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest/





MASS INTENTIONS

April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Monday Doctor of the Church 7:00 a.m. The Jon Laird Children 9:00 a.m. Jim Hannan🕇 Tuesday April 30: Easter Wkdy; St. Pius V., Pope Helen Patricia Payless T 7:00 a.m. Paul Sanh Nguyen T 9:00 a.m. Wednesday May 1: Easter Wkdy; St, Joseph the Worker 7:00 a.m. Ken & Lisa Dinger Marion Elder T 9:00 a.m. **Thursday** May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church James Youhon T 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Margaret Dominguez **

Friday May 3: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles—

First Friday

7:00 a.m. Jack & Lorna Atienza

9:00 a.m. For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church,

and for Holiness of Clergy

Saturday
9:00 a.m.
Mary Ann Dinger T
5:00 p.m.
Dorothy K. Holmes

Sunday May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Gerald W. Francis †
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
12:00 noon Rosanna Tapawan Vivo †

5:00 p.m. Rosa Caldwell/Emiliana Abanador 🕇

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

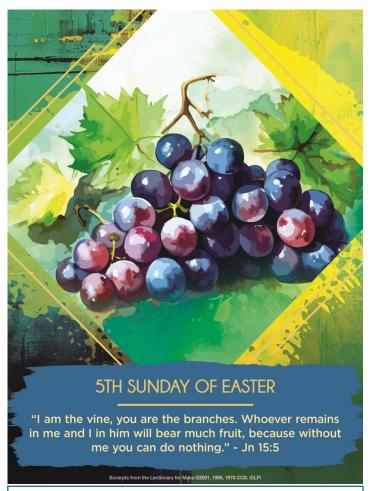
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A.Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Apr 29 Rev. John J. Riley
Apr 30 Very Rev. Robert J. Rippy, JV
May 1 Rev. Donald J. Rooney
May 2 Very Rev. Lee R. Roos, VF
May 3 Rev. Robert L. Ruskamp
May 4 Very Rev. William P. Saunders

May 5 Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia

T For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



Stewardship Reflection

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:1

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

On April 8, 2024, The Vatican released *Dignitas Infinita*, a document which Bishop Michael Burbidge says, "highlights numerous grave violations of human dignity facing society today, including abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy, gender ideology, mistreatment of people with disabilities, violence against women, sexual abuse, poverty, and human trafficking." Read the Bishop's full statement at bit.ly/BishopBurbidgeStatement. The document, *Dignitas Infinita* is available at bit.ly/Dignitas-Infinita

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke is holding a Lunch and Presentation on May 16 at Noon at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. The featured speaker is Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. To make a reservation for this event, please call Bea Stephenson, 703-273-5730 by May 10.



2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

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.

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- 2. Enter your parish zip code or name



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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 Jack-

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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 stambrosechool.org or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

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.

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

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 | principal@stambroseschool.org

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Meet our new Deacons! On April 6, 2024, the Arlington diocese had one of the most impactful events in recent memory when twelve men were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. To learn more about them, view the Mass and Bishop Burbidge's homily as well as see the content from the Arlington Catholic Herald, visit arlingtondiocese.org/ordinations/2024/

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Contact Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

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



son, cjackson@stambroseva.org.

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!



WELCOME SUNDAY!

MAY 5 AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES PARISH HALL

Hosted by St. Ambrose WorkCampers



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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall stambroseva.org/WSA WSA@stambroseva.org



young adults group



STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS

Finding Jesus in the Virtuous Life Young Adult Retreat

God's law orders us towards goodness. His grace also transforms us from within, ordering every aspect of our lives towards union with Him, and this is the essence of the virtuous life. Join Fr. Steven Oetjen for an exciting young adult retreat at Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. This young adult retreat is an opportunity to spend a weekend contemplating the "well-ordered life in Christ," with special attention given to the virtues of fortitude and temperance. The retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday, May 10, and ends at 1 pm on Sunday, May 12. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Mark Maines, mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.



EVENTS CALENDAR ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

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. Details available at 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.



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.ccda.net Project Rachel helpafterabortion.org 703-841-2504 Info @helpafterabortion.org

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

Statement of Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout regarding Governor Youngkin's vetoes of abortion shield legislation.

www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2024/statement-by-bishop-burbidge-and-bishop-knestout-on-governor-youngkins-vetoes-of-abortion-shield-legislation/

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org



garden + grounds club

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

Join US-



Rosary Makers First tuesday of the month 9:30 am | parish library

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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