

# ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 30, 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**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)

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703-280-1122 | [tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org)

**Director of Music:** Jon Laird  
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**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.

**May 1: Easter Wkdy; St. Joseph the Worker**  
Catherine Wilkinson †  
Marion Elder †

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

**May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
Frank McGuire  
Margaret Dominguez †

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

**May 3: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles**  
Dennis Blank †  
Joe & Lorna Atienza

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

**May 4: Easter Weekday**  
Jorge Bergoglio  
Thomas Donahue †

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

**May 5: Easter Weekday**  
Julia Lima  
For the victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy

**Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**May 6: Easter Weekday**  
Donald Carson †  
Divine Mercy

**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
5:00 p.m.

**May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Annie Brouillard †  
Joann Petze †  
Jack Roxbrough †  
People of the Parish

*First Friday Adoration is this Friday, May 5. Adoration starts at 9:30 am and Benediction will be at 7:00 pm. Please sign-up in the binder at the back of the School Gym/Parish Hall, or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.*

[www.stambroseva.org](http://www.stambroseva.org)

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/stambroseva.org) 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](https://www.youtube.com/stambroseva.org) to subscribe.

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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

May 1 Rev. Jason Weber  
May 2 Rev. Michael D. Weston  
May 3 Rev. Gerald Weymes (Ret.)  
May 4 Rev. David A. Whitestone  
May 5 Rev. Jordan M. Willard  
May 6 Rev. Jerry A. Wooton  
May 7 Very Rev. Jamie R. Workman, VF



For the repose of the soul of  
**Bob Murray**



## 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,

April 28th marked the halfway point through the 3rd trimester. It's hard to believe this year is winding down already. Our 3rd and final standardized testing will be taking place over the next few weeks as well as the 8th grade World Language Exam on May 9. Passing this exam will give our 8th graders their first High School Language credit. On May 11 the school will celebrate the May Crowning during the 9am Mass. This is a beautiful school tradition honoring our Mother Mary. And finally, our 2nd graders will make their First Holy Communion on May 13.

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



### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

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# Faith Formation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## 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:

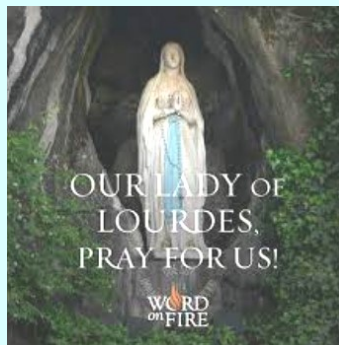
Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education  
[tryan@stambroseva.org](mailto:tryan@stambroseva.org) | 703-280-1122

## 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)



### 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-our last meeting will be May 7th.

#### First Friday Night

Our next First Friday Night is May 5th.  
6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come for adoration and snacks!

#### Meeting at Peet's

Our next Peet's afternoon is TBD.

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 Thursdays, 3:30-4:45pm in the Parish Library. Open to all 5th-8th graders-our last meeting will be May 8th.

#### Jr. High Ignite

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

#### Weekend WorkCamp

Our next Weekend 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! And 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



**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.

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!

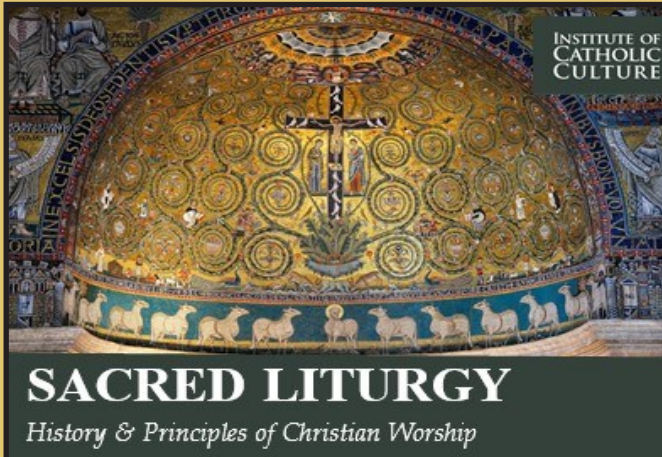
Don't miss this night of serious fun to support our school with your St. Ambrose community!

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.



**TUESDAYS  
MAY 16 TO  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023  
8:00—9:15 PM EST  
Live Online Course  
Rev. David Anderson  
Wyoming Catholic College**

When the Second Vatican Council spoke about the celebration of the Eucharist, it said: "Christ indeed always associates the Church with Himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified." This course will examine and explore the rich liturgical traditions of the Church, beginning from our Jewish roots through centuries of apostolic and patristic tradition, to reach a deeper understanding of Christ present in His Church.

For more information about our courses, please visit [InstituteofCatholicCulture.org](http://InstituteofCatholicCulture.org) or call (540) 635-7155.

*Father David Anderson is a priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago and has served as a parish priest for 37 years. He is also a published translator of patristic texts and Byzantine liturgical texts. For over 40 years, he has presented many classes on liturgy and the Church Fathers throughout the country, but especially in northern California. He is presently the Byzantine-rite chaplain at Wyoming Catholic College.*

Classes will meet weekly and recordings will be made available for those who cannot attend live.

Registration will be open from March 21st to May 2nd.

To register, visit: [InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events](http://InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events)





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)

# Mother's Day in the Park

*Join us for a blessing of all Moms*  
a Celebration with Sundaes  
from Baskin-Robbins

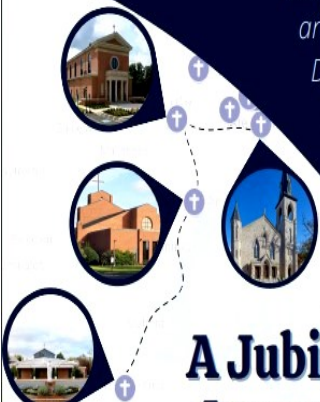
**AND A RAFFLE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 14  
AT 1:00PM**

**FAIRFAX MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY  
NEXT TO THE CEMETERY OFFICE**




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!



**50** DIOCESAN JUBILEE 2022-2024

#ArlingtonJubilee



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

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