

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY
MAY 21, 2023**

**THE ASCENSION
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

Email Address:

info@stambroseschool.org

Principal: Maria Tejada

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



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Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-280-4400

Website:
www.stambroseva.org

E-mail Address:
dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

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

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Principal: Maria Tejada
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Religious Education: Therese Ryan
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Director of Music: Jon Laird
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Plant & Facilities Manager: Paul Moeller
703-280-4400 | 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/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

May 22: Easter Wkdy; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Patricia Burke†
Sean DeWolfe†

Tuesday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

May 23: Easter Weekday

Renate Nicewicz†
Joanne Bogan†

Wednesday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

May 24: Easter Weekday

Bob Murray†
Robert & Carolina Koldys

Thursday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

May 25: Easter Wkdy; St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Jane Palladino
Amado de la Cruz, Sr.†

Friday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Dinger Family
Josephine G. Bourgeois†

Saturday

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

May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Evelyn Mary Brandin†
Fr. Jerome Daly†

Sunday

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

May 28: Pentecost Sunday

People of the Parish
Cathy D'Alelio
Chris Connors†
Jack Roxbrough†

STAY CONNECTED!

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Unsubscribe at any time.

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WEBSITE

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

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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 22 Rev. Dort A. Bigg
May 23 Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Ret.)
May 24 Rev. Nicolas F. Blank
May 25 Rev. Vincent P. Bork
May 26 Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan
May 27 Rev. Robert C. Brooks (Ret.)
May 28 Rev. James C. Bruse



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,

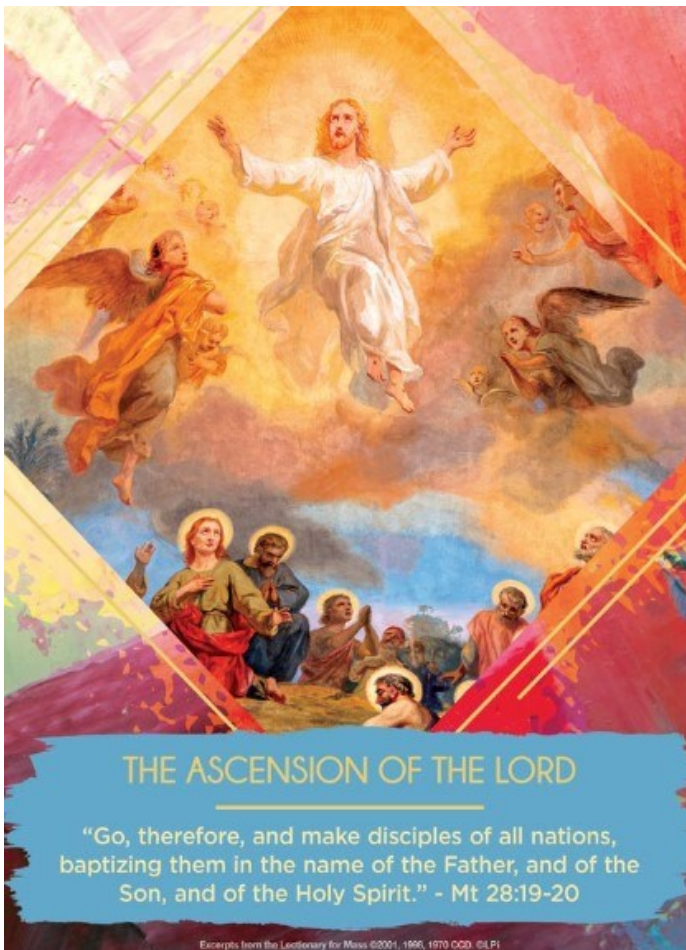
This Tuesday, May 23, Saint Ambrose School will perform the Spring concert and showcase the Art Show. We have many talented children and we are looking forward to both of these events. Friday, May 26 is Field Day and is an 11:30am dismissal. There is no Extended Day that day.

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.

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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 03001, 1990, 1970 OGD, ©LPI



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



find program details, dates, times,
locations and contacts at
stambroseva.org

THE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Accepting candidates for Fall '23 class
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

Online registration for '23-'24 classes begins June 1st

Classes for public or other non-Catholic school students are offered during the school year.

- **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

- Learn more about the faith while enjoying fellowship and building community with coffee and conversation. All adults are welcome! Meets weekly September through May on Sunday mornings.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

- Facilitators offer two distinct Bible study courses over a series of weeks on Wednesday mornings and evenings September through May.

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

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

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at www.stambroseva.org

It takes a Church - Interested in participating/volunteering?

Contact the Director of Youth Ministry
Julia Crean at jcrean@stambroseva.org

HELLO Summer

All regular Youth Ministry programs are on hold for the summer. If you'd like to be in the know about any possible events happening in the summer let Julia know!

All Youth Ministry events for the next school year are in need of adult volunteers! If you are interested in ministering to the youth of the parish please contact Julia Crean.



Thank you for a great year! -Miss Julia



St. Ambrose Summer Camp

Camp in looking for volunteers and counselors to help out and work this summer! Rising 8th graders-current high school seniors can volunteer, and current high school seniors-college grads can work full time! Contact Julia or go to the website stambrosesummer.com if you're interested!



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Mail your check made out to:
Foundation for CDA-SEEF
200 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 811
Arlington, VA 22203

CONTACT: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org
To make a gift online: arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

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/



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 or at stambroseva.org and click on "Donate" on the main menu bar.



May is the Month of Mary

Prayer of Saint Ambrose for Blessed Mary

May the life of Blessed Mary be ever present to our awareness. In her, as in a mirror, the form of virtue and beauty of chastity shine forth. She was virgin, not only in body, but in mind and spirit. She never sullied the pure affection of her heart by unworthy feelings. She was humble of heart. She was serious in her conversations. She was prudent in her counsels. She preferred to pray rather than to speak. She united in her heart the prayers of the poor And avoided the uncertainty of worldly riches. She was ever faithful to her daily duties,

Reserved in her conversations, and always accustomed to recognize God as the witness of her thoughts. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Amen



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. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus 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. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 5.

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Interpreters Needed for Our Mother of Mercy Free Clinic. Mother of Mercy (MoM) Virtual Interpreters Needed. MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the client and the medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>



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 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, 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



Memorial Day Mass and holiday cook-out



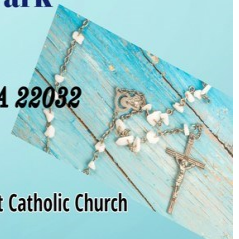
Monday, May 29 at 11:00am

**Fairfax Memorial Park
Cemetery**

9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032



Severe Weather plan: Mass to be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church



SACRED LITURGY

History & Principles of Christian Worship

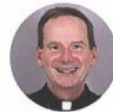
TUESDAYS
MAY 16 TO SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
8:00—9:15 PM EST
Live Online Course
Rev. David Anderson
Wyoming Catholic College
For more information visit
InstituteofCatholicCulture.org

HOPE & HEALING FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE



The Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance seeks to extend the loving compassion of Christ to victims/survivors of sexual abuse throughout their healing. If you are, or someone you know is, a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse by clergy, an employee, or a volunteer of the Diocese of Arlington, please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator to report an allegation and receive assistance.

The Office of Victim Assistance offers outreach, support, and assistance to victims/survivors to address individual needs for healing. Please contact the office for more information.



Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



Frank Moncher, PhD
Victim Assistance Coordinator



Alejandra Shapero, MA
Program Assistant

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/ Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Celebrated by Bishop Burbidge

June 21, 2023 at 6:30pm

St. Ann Catholic Church
5300 North 10th Street, Arlington, VA 22205

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Phone Number: (703) 841-2530

victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org