SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 5, 2024 | Sixth 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

CLERGY

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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!

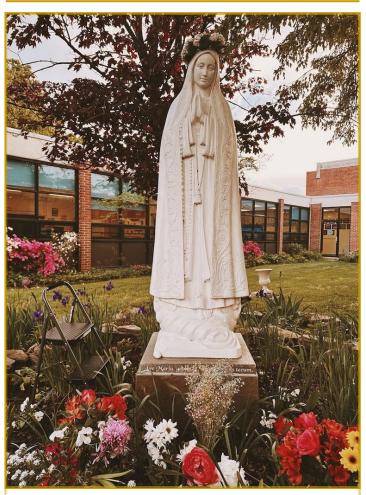
Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Satur-



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/





Hail! to thee, dear Mary, the guardian of our way; To the fairest of Queens, be the fairest of seasons, sweet May.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 6: Easter Weekday Mr. & Mrs. Peter Corro Jim Hannan †
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 7: Easter Weekday Helen & Paul Morsdorf † Belinda Lee May 8: Easter Weekday Elma Huss Jim Hannan †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 9: Easter Weekday Dorothy Shapiro
7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 10: Easter Wkdy; St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; USA: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest Gary Wayne Bianucci T Patricia Burke T
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	May 11: Easter Weekday Josephine Bourgeois † Richard Soehngen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	May 12: Ascension of the Lord Rosemary Weide Jeffrey Michael Perkins † People of the Parish Emma Gonzalez †

First Friday Adoration ~ June 7, 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

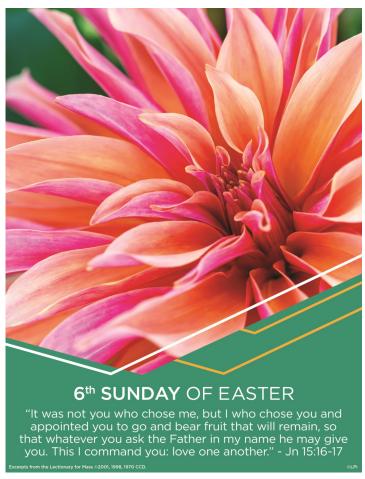
For the Sick

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

May 6	Rev. William B. Schardt (Ret
May 7	Rev. Nicholas J. Schierer
May 8	Rev. William B. Schierer
May 9	Rev. Stephen J. Schultz
May 10	Rev. James R. Searby
May 11	Rev. Eric L. Shafer
May 12	Rev. Charles C. Smith

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Please join The Serra Club of Arlington

Holy Hour for Vocations Friday, May 31, 2024 | 11 am St Ambrose Catholic Church Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.

Offered for the priesthood, consecrated life & the perseverance of all vocations.

(Please park near the church, not in front of the school.)



The Serra Club of Arlington was formed so parishioners across the Diocese of Arlington could encourage voca-



tions throughout the Diocese and support the works of the Office of Vocations. The Serra Club continues to grow in membership and outreach across the Diocese to create the culture of vocations. For more information, please visit

serraclubarlington.org.

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

Witness the Ordination to the Priesthood!

The ordination of men to the priesthood is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness this sacrament. The Mass of Ordination to the priesthood for Deacons James Joseph and Deacon Sean Nypaver is Saturday June 1 at 11 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville. Come and pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. Learn more at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services 30th Annual Memorial Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Mass Time: 4:30 pm, honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The principal celebrant and homilist will be The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited, carpooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: civilian - business attire; military - service dress. To request seating or for more information, please visit: www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/



Let's Do Lunch!

Support Saint Ambrose Summer Camp June 3 - August 2

- Volunteers needed to provide lunch for 35 camp staff
- Up to \$125 reimbursement per lunch
- For details and to sign up, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/summercamplunch
- Questions? Please contact Claire Jackson, cjackson@stambroseva.org

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,

This is a big week for our 8th graders. On Tuesday, May 7, they will attend the Vocations Mass with the Bishop This is an annual field trip and is a wonderful event that brings the whole Diocese together to pray for Vocations. On Thursday, May 9, they will take the World Language Exam. A passing grade on this exam will earn them their first foreign language credit in High School.

To prepare for our upcoming school renovations, the school library will be closed temporarily from May 20 through June 6. We need volunteers to help pack up the library during this timeframe. For details, visit bit.ly/librarypacking or scan the code. If you can help, contact Mrs. Healy at mhealy@stambroseschool.org.



We are accepting applications for Pre-K through Grade 8. Visit our website, stambroseschool.org, for the processes and appropriate forms.

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/



2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN!

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



REGISTER NOW!

Schedule for campers (ages 4-13) at stambrosesummer.com/camps

WE'RE HIRING COUNSELORS / UOLUNTEERS MAY 28 – AUGUST 2 APPLY ΝΟΨ!

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



Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall stambroseva.org/WSA WSA@stambroseva.org



young adults group



STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke is holding a Lunch 'n Life 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. Lunch & program cost is \$15. To make a reservation for this event, please call Larry Velte at 703-851-2561 by May 10.



EVENTS CALENDAR ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Abuse

All of the faithful are invited to attend a Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Arlington on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 830 23rd Street S., Arlington. Reception to follow. Please join us as we gather to pray for the healing of victims/survivors, their loved ones, and for the Church. This event is hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance. For more information, please email victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2530.

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life stambroseva.org/pro-life



Next Diaper Drive Weekend: May 4 & 5

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies. The items are collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month. Needed items are diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), diaper rash ointment. To donate other things, 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-burbidgeand-bishop-knestout-on-governor-youngkins-vetoes-of-abortion-shield-legislation/

May is the month of Mary, and she always points to Jesus and devotions that help us to know Him. You're invited to pick up a copy of *Peaceful Hearts, Zealous Hearts* (Sophia Press) by Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, a deacon of the Diocese and friend of the parish. This book helps you to know how to embrace the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy - to literally "take heart" and be made new. Copies will be available at The Pascal Lamb on May 22.





Rosary Makers
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY



garden + grounds club

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



Bereavement Group

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