

ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY
MAY 7, 2023

**FIFTH 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

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



3901 Woodburn Road
Annandale, VA 22003

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Website:
www.stambroseva.org

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

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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
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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 8: Easter Weekday
Ernest Klimonda †
Pierre-Yves Klimonda

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

May 9: Easter Weekday
Kathryn Jung †
Isabella Matea †

Wednesday

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
Nevin Oca †
Bernadita Libot †

Thursday

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

May 11: Easter Weekday
Joan Francis
Josephine G. Bourgeois †

Friday

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

May 12: Easter Wkdy; Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wilfredo Llamas
Patricia Burke †

Saturday

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

May 13: Easter Wkdy; Our Lady of Fatima
Souls in Purgatory †
Lady of Fatima

Sunday

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

May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter
People of the Parish
Margaret Dominguez †
Sean DeWolfe †
Linda Bolognesi †

STAY CONNECTED!

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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 8 Rev. Thomas M. Yehl, YA
May 9 Rev. John A. Ziegler
May 10 Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler
May 11 Rev. William M. Aitcheson (Ret.)
May 12 CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson
May 13 Rev. Ramon a. Baez
May 14 Very Rev. James S. Barkett, VF



For the deceased of St. Ambrose



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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.

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



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



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

- 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

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



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

First Friday Night is on pause for the summer.

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 and click on "New Church" for additional information. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

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.



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.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called 'charisms' and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.



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

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

Mother's Day in the Park

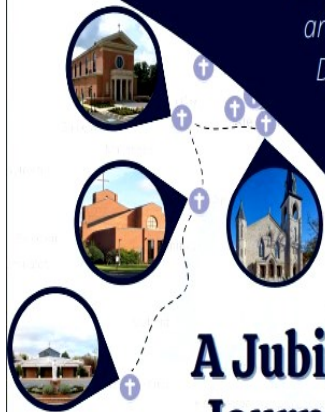
Join us for a blessing of all Moms
a Celebration with Sundaes
from Baskin-Robbins

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!



#ArlingtonJubilee



To join the journey, scan the QR code or go to:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney

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