

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 23, 2024 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.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](http://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](http://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**

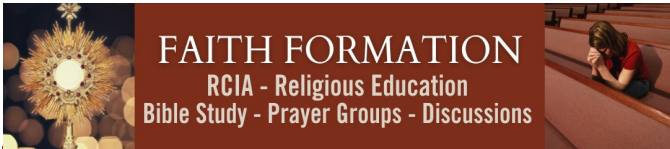
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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 for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group	St. Paula Society
Ushers	Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose
Young Adults Group	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry



# FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://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](http://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, September - June. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

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

September - May | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30 - 9 pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our faith.

Facilitator: Lee Cena

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Anne Rossi

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us! Carol Russell, Coordinator.

## TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library

Open to all women of the parish to celebrate God's goodness through praise and thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words and lift up each other's personal prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA. Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD SUMMER SPORTS!

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

Sunday | June 30, July 21, August 11

6 - 7:30 pm

All rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join Father Nugent and Seminarian Joseph Chester for pick-up sports in the field behind St. Ambrose School, June 30, July 21 + August 11, 6 - 7:30 pm. Bring a friend!



MONDAYS | JUNE 17 - JULY 8 | 6:30 PM | PARISH HALL

Refreshments & Conversation, 6:30 pm | Session Talk, 7 - 8 pm

This summer, join Father Nugent, guest speakers, and your fellow Saint Ambrose parishioners for a series of talks on Catholic social doctrine. Saint John Paul II defines Catholic social doctrine as "the application of the Word of God to people's lives and the life of society."

Our Catholic faith has powerful insights about government, economics, and the principles that make for the flourishing of society. In this wild election year, elevate the conversation and consider politics through the lens of our Catholic faith.

- June 24 | *The Pope and Caesar: A History of Church-State Relations* | Father Joseph Rampino
- July 1 | *God and Mammon: Catholic Perspectives on Economic Life* | Father Michael Nugent
- July 8 | *The Obligations of Truth and the Freedom of Conscience* | Father Andrew Clark

View livestream at [stambroseva.org/parish-special-events](http://stambroseva.org/parish-special-events)



EVENTS CALENDAR  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Helen O'Leary Matthew & Kelly Elder
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 25: Weekday</b> Juffrey Bermor † Kevin McIntyre †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 26: Weekday</b> Jose Atienza Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 27: Wkdy; St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Robert & Michelle Seoane, Jr. † / L Margaret O'Brien †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 28: St. Irenaeus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Tom Sonnen Agnes Hue Nguyen †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 29: Sts. Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b> Agnes Hue Nguyen † Laura Sutherland †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Renate Nicewicz † Mrs. Virginia Francis † Mahin Nahid People of the Parish

### First Friday Adoration ~ July 5, 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. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Jun 24 Rev. Paul A. Berghout  
Jun 25 Rev. Robert D. Bergida  
Jun 26 Rev. Dort A. Bigg  
Jun 27 Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Ret.)  
Jun 28 Rev. Nicholas F. Blank  
Jun 29 Rev. Vincent P. Bork  
Jun 30 Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. - Mk 4:39

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### - SECOND COLLECTION -

#### Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal

On the weekend of July 13 & 14, our second collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Jesus Child Community. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, such as Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs - like food, shelter, and healthcare. Please go to [arlingtonmissions.org/mission/jesus-child-community/](http://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/jesus-child-community/) to learn more about their ministry. If you would like to donate to their efforts, click the link at the bottom of their web page. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries.

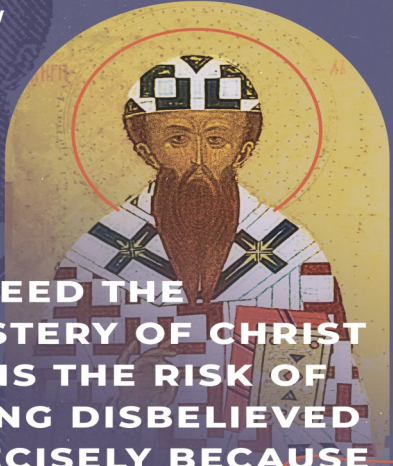
"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

There is nothing to be afraid of in following Christ. Could he be calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Michael Isenberg, 703-841-2514 or [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org)



FEAST DAY  
JUNE 27

BISHOP



“  
INDEED THE  
MYSTERY OF CHRIST  
RUNS THE RISK OF  
BEING DISBELIEVED  
PRECISELY BECAUSE  
IT IS SO INCREDIBLY  
WONDERFUL.  
”

- ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

# 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](http://stambrosechool.org) or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.



Do you have friends or family looking for a Catholic school? Are they on a waitlist at another school? Please let them know St. Ambrose has space in all grades and welcomes their applications for the 2024-25 school year. Call us at 703-698-7171.

3827 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003  
703-698-7171 | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

### SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER CAMP June 17 - August 2

Attention High School Students  
Volunteers Needed

*Apply today!*

[stambrosesummer.com/volunteer](http://stambrosesummer.com/volunteer)

### Thursday Night Gatherings at GMU

The Catholic Campus Ministry at George Mason University is hosting Thursday Night Gatherings (TNG) for all local college students and graduating high school seniors on Thursdays in June and July, 7 - 9 pm, at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax. It's a great way to meet college students from different schools and stay connected to the Faith! Follow us @catholic.patriot on Instagram! Find out more at [gmuccm.org](http://gmuccm.org) or email [jhernandez@ccmgmu.org](mailto:jhernandez@ccmgmu.org). (Note: No TNG on July 4th!)



**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED  
THURSDAY, JULY 4**



### 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/summercamlunch](http://bit.ly/summercamlunch)
- Questions? Please contact Claire Jackson, [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

## THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



JUNE 24

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WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE  
 Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)

**WSA Painting Party | June 28 | Parish Hall  
 Summer Dragonflies Theme - Acrylic Paint**

- Social + Refreshments (BYOB), 6 - 6:30 pm
- Painting, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- \$20 per person for supplies + guided instruction



**Knights of  
 Columbus**

**ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403**

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
 Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
 Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

**Religious Freedom Week 2024:  
 Called to the Fullness of Dignity**

USCCB's Religious Freedom Week begins with the feast day of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher on June 22 and concludes with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29. Learn how you can **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)



RELIGIOUS  
 FREEDOM  
 WEEK

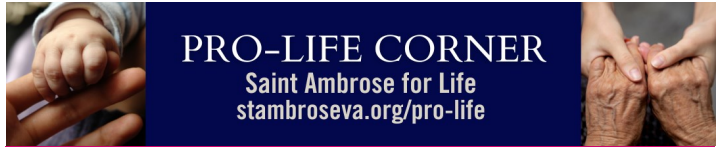
**Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics  
 Volunteer Obstetric Medical Professionals Needed!**

*Obstetricians | Nurses/Midwives  
 Radiologists | Ultrasound Technicians*

Join our mission to provide free, quality obstetric care to pregnant women in Prince William County! We are seeking obstetric professionals to volunteer at our free clinics in Manassas and Woodbridge. To learn more about how you can answer God's call to serve others and help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable, call 703-842-3838 or email [volunteer.clinic@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer.clinic@ccda.net).

**CHRIST HOUSE  
 MONTHLY MEALS**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM)



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Next Diaper Drive Weekend: July 6 + 7**

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, critical needs are diapers (all sizes), wipes and formula (especially Similac Advance). To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
 703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington  
 Catholic Charities**  
 703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
 703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)



**young adults  
 group**

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS)



**Garden +  
 Grounds Club**  
[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC)  
 2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
 9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



**Bereavement  
 Group**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG)



**KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP**

**FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
 AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY**



**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](http://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.

