

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 30, 2024 | Thirteenth 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

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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**

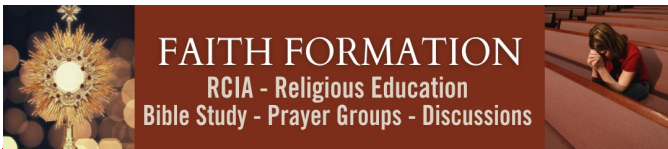
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**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



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

# 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.

- 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)

**GOD Bless AMERICA**



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 1: Wkdy; USA: St. Junipero Serra, Priest</b>
7:00 a.m.	Alessandra Clemente Lowe
9:00 a.m.	Vincent Bransfield †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 2: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Nancy White
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Cory Elder
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 3: St. Thomas, Apostle</b>
7:00 a.m.	Nancy White
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 4: Wkdy; USA: Independence Day</b>
7:00 a.m.	Jeff †
9:00 a.m.	John R. McIntyre †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 5: Wkdy; St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; USA: St. Elizabeth of Portugal</b>
7:00 a.m.	Gary Wayne Bianucci †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 6: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
9:00 a.m.	Edward Dinger †
5:00 p.m.	Helen & Michael Gemmell
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Jim Hannan †
12:00 noon	Nancy White
5:00 p.m.	Ken Stepka †

**First Friday Adoration ~ August 2nd, 2024**  
**No Adoration in July due to the Holiday**  
 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

Jul 1 Rev. Philip D. Briggs  
 Jul 2 Rev. James C. Bruse  
 Jul 3 Rev. Christopher M. Buckner (Ret.)  
 Jul 4 Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago (Ret.)  
 Jul 5 Rev. Jason C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN  
 Jul 6 Rev. Richard T. Carr  
 Jul 7 Rev. Mark F. Carrier

† For the repose of the soul of Charles Bryan Ross †

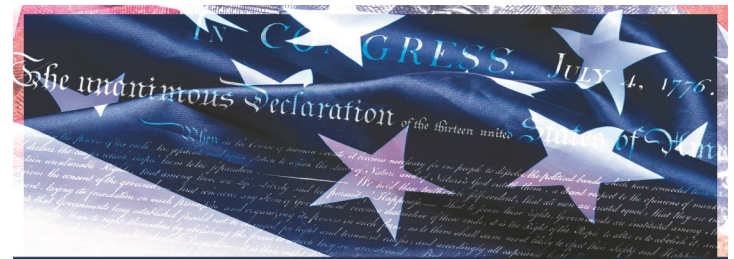


## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

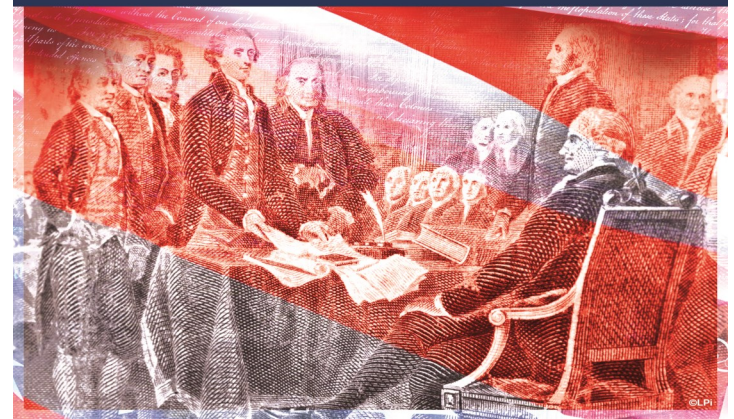
Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY



**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 4**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom**

God, giver of all good gifts,  
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,  
and remember that, in all we do or say,  
you are with us, here this day.

We are thankful for all you do  
and for everything you have given us.  
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms  
and the ability to protect others' freedom.

We are free because of you.  
We ask your continued blessing on all your creation.  
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.  
(Source: lpi)

**"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

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

**Attention High School Students  
Volunteers Needed**

**Apply today!**

**stambrosesummer.com/volunteer**



**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)

**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)**

**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 & 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!)

*Stewardship Reflection*

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."  
2 Corinthians 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

**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.



**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).



**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)



**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)



**garden + grounds  
club**

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM  
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

*Join  
us!*



**young adults  
group**

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



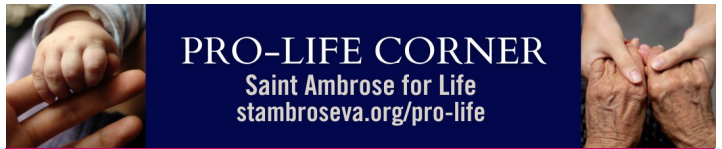
**ALTAR  
SOCIETY**

[bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety](http://bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety)



**Bereavement  
Group**

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



**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**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**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)

**After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing** for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org) or call 703- 841-2504.

**CHRIST HOUSE  
MONTHLY MEALS**

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



**KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP**

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



**FORMED**

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/formed](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/formed)



**USHERS NEEDED**

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)