

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 28, 2024 | Seventeenth 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 | info@stambroseschool.org

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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
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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

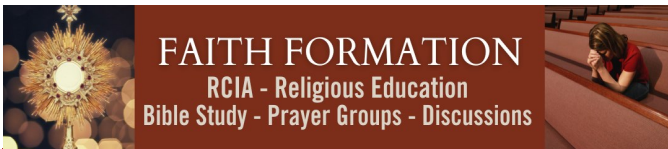
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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 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

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, September - June. 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 and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

August 20 | Purgatory | 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

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

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

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

Sunday | August 11

6 - 7:30 pm

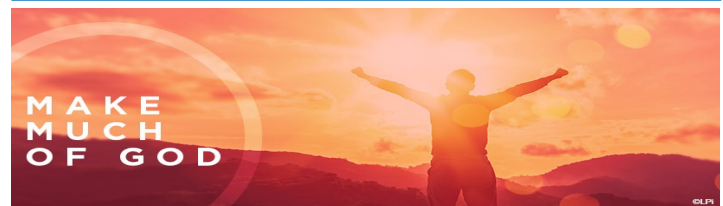
All rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join Father Nugent and Seminarian Joseph Chester for pick-up sports in the field behind St. Ambrose School.

August 11, 6 - 7:30 pm

Bring a friend!

Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at (703) 841-3819 or john.french@arlingtondiocese.org.



CALLED 2024

Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) to join him at the second annual CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults! Join hundreds of young adults at the Sheraton Hotel in Reston, VA on Saturday, September 21,

2024, for Mass with Bishop Burbidge and an incredible keynote from Arthur C. Brooks, Harvard professor and best-selling author. Arthur teaches courses on leadership, happiness, and social entrepreneurship.

The day will also include breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, and plenty of social time! Complimentary childcare is available throughout the entire event. Encounter Jesus, connect with other young adults and to your local Young Adult Ministries and be encouraged in how the Lord has CALLED YOU to holiness. Register NOW at arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/ Last year CALLED sold out ahead of time - and you are not going to want to miss being a part of this incredible event.



EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 29: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Hang Tran Molly & Shea McIlvaine
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 30: Wkdy; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church John Gabriel Ryan Norah Grace Atienza
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Leonidas Valdez † Isabel Hope Atienza
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Jan Koldys † Jacob Joseph Atienza
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 2: First Friday Wkdy; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Margaret Dominguez † For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	August 3: Weekday BVM Kathryn Ryan Aunt Mary †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bino Pao People of the Parish Terry Hines Conchita Ferry †

First Friday Adoration ~ August 2, 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 Respueto, 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

Jul 29	Rev. David A. DuFresne
Jul 30	CH (LT) Like R. Dundon
Jul 31	Rev. Richard E. Dyer
Aug 1	Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen
Aug 2	Rev. Ronald S. Escalante
Aug 3	Rev. Wilhelm J. Ettner
Aug 4	Rev. Paul M. Eversole

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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Syro-Malabar Rite Liturgy

Sunday, August 4 | 5 pm | Father Sunny Joseph, Celebrant

Syro-Malabar Catholics trace their origin to St. Thomas the Apostle, who is said to have come to India in 52 AD and to have been martyred near Chennai. Seven churches in Kerala and Tamil Nadu are commonly said to have been founded by the Apostle, and a Christian tradition grew up from there, linked to the East Syrian Church, which was a primary source for Syro-Malabar Christians' liturgy, spirituality, governance and practices. Source: www.catholicsandcultures.org/eastern-catholic-churches/syro-malabar-catholic-church

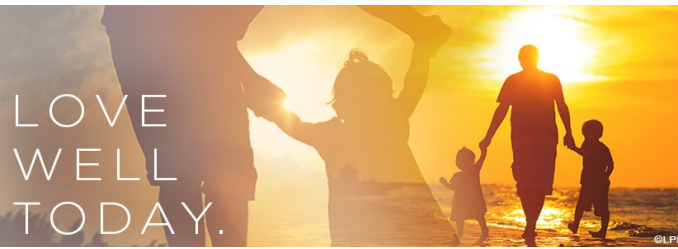
Mass for Multicultural Communities with Bishop Burbidge

Celebrate our Diocesan Jubilee and our unity in diversity! All are invited to the annual Mass for Multicultural Communities celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and concelebrated by priests of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be a Marian Procession prior to the Mass beginning at 6 pm. The Mass celebration will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax VA at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 16, 2024. Following the Mass, there will be a reception featuring cultural dishes and performances! The reception is free for all. Mass attendees are encouraged to wear cultural attire if desired. There is no registration required. If you would like to participate in the Marian Procession and would like more information, please contact mcm@arlingtondiocese.org with any questions or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/mcmmass2024



2024 Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

Registration for the 2024 Arlington Life-Giving Wounds retreat is open. We warmly invite anyone who comes from divorced parents to attend this powerful retreat taking place Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, at San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA. Welcome our Lord into this wound, connect with others from this background, and go forward renewed in faith, hope, and love. Cost is \$375 through August 14 or \$425 after August 14. Registration can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat. Do you know someone who might benefit from this retreat? Please tell them about it. If they have questions, they can call the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 703-841-2550.



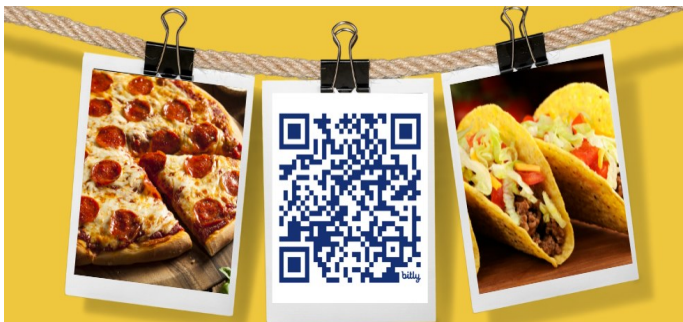
"He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the needs of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

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
- 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.



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

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Father Capodanno Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, will be the principal celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Father Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on September 4, 1967, as he ministered to embattled Marines. Father Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God and thus formally initiated his Cause for Canonization. The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization established to promote the cause for canonization of Father Capodanno. For more information, visit www.CapodannoGuild.org. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 57th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

Mother of Mercy Free Clinic - Volunteer OB/GYN Medical Professionals Needed! Join our mission to improve women's health! We are seeking OB/GYN professionals to volunteer at our Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic. Make a difference in Prince William County's underserved communities in a compassionate Catholic environment. Join our team, provide vital healthcare, and transform lives. Email volunteer.clinic@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3838 for details.



Knights of Columbus

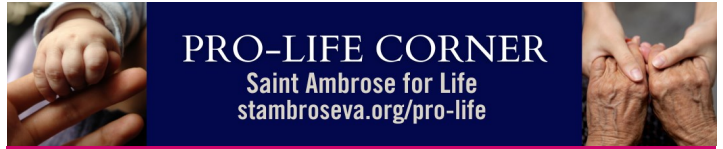
ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm
Parish Library
ambrosecouncil.org | info@ambrosecouncil.org

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: August 3 + 4

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 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.cdda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
Info@helpafterabortion.org

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | 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 the Project Rachel Ministry: info@helpafterabortion.org or call 703- 841-2504.

 **2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST**
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE](https://arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue)

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS
[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](https://bit.ly/stambrosechmm)



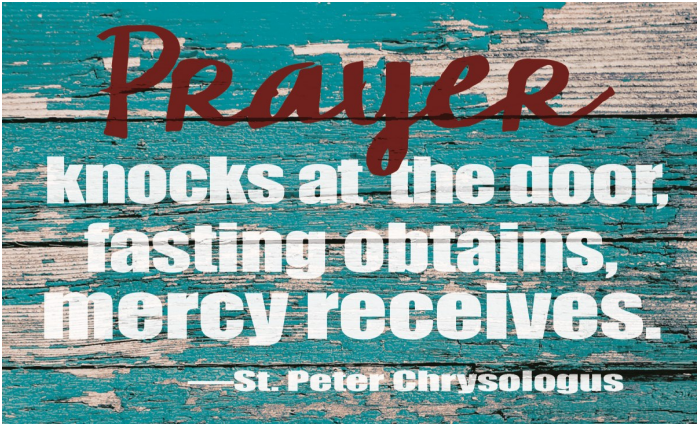
KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP
FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY



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



Prayer
knocks at the door,
fasting obtains,
mercy receives.
— St. Peter Chrysologus



 Widows Fellowship
Saint Paula Society
THIRD THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM | PARISH LIBRARY

 **garden + grounds club**
2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE
Join US!

 **young adults group**
[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](https://stambroseva.org/youngadults)



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