

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 30, 2023 | 17th 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 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday | 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

Saturday | 9 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Holy Days | As announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday | 9:30 a.m., 3 - 4 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday | After 9 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome!

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your information to Donna Vasilakos.
Bulletin deadline is 12 days before publication.



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee,
for Christ's sake, Amen.

Prayer of St. Ambrose

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction prior to 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 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 a 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 contact Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound, for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist and 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. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, the Church vestibule, and on the parish website.

FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct.
Enroll today at membership.faithdirect.net/VA401 or
click on the Donate link on stambroseva.org

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 as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are posted at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection

Faith Formation

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10



Visit each program's webpage for details at stambroseva.org

THE 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
- Accepting candidates for Fall 2023. Meets weekly September - May.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stambroseva.org/RE

2023-24 REGISTRATION FORM NOW ONLINE
stambroseva.org/RE

Classes for public or other non-Catholic school students are offered September through May. Grade K-8 instruction includes required Sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

2023-24 Class Meetings

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School
Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

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 September - May on Sunday mornings.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Facilitators offer two distinct Bible study courses over a series of weeks on Wednesday mornings and evenings in the Fall and Spring.

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



Please note:

All regular Youth Ministry programs are on hold for the summer.
God Squad (Grades 9 - 12) resumes in the Fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY needs YOU!

Adult volunteers are needed for the next school year.
If you are interested in ministering to the youth of the parish,
please contact Julia Crean, jcrean@stambroseva.org

Summer 2023 Events

ST. AMBROSE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

stambroseva.org/YoungAdults

We hope to see you there!

details at stambroseva.org/youngadults

August 4, 6-7 pm. First Friday Adoration and Benediction. Social follows at Glory Days on Nutley.

August 19, after 9am Mass. Carpool to Front Royal Outdoors for tubing on the Shenandoah River.

FORMED

catholic content online
stambroseva.org/formed



Family Holy Hour First Fridays | 5-6 pm

Join us to pray and adore
our Eucharistic Lord and
teach our children about
this beautiful devotion.



"No one heals himself by wounding another."

St. Ambrose

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
9:00 a.m.	Jacob Joseph Atienza
Tuesday	August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Jan Koldys †
9:00 a.m.	Norah Grace Atienza
Wednesday	August 2: Wkdy; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
7:00 a.m.	George Nicogossian
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday	August 3: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Vee & Patrick Murray Family
9:00 a.m.	Marcia Skrajny
Friday	August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest First Friday
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	August 5: Wkdy; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Mark Anthony Weiser †
5:00 p.m.	Richard Jagen †
Sunday	August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Bernice Nicewicz †
12:00 noon	Bob Murray †
5:00 p.m.	Bernice Reif †

First Friday Adoration | August 4

9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.. (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, Therese Hile, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuerto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

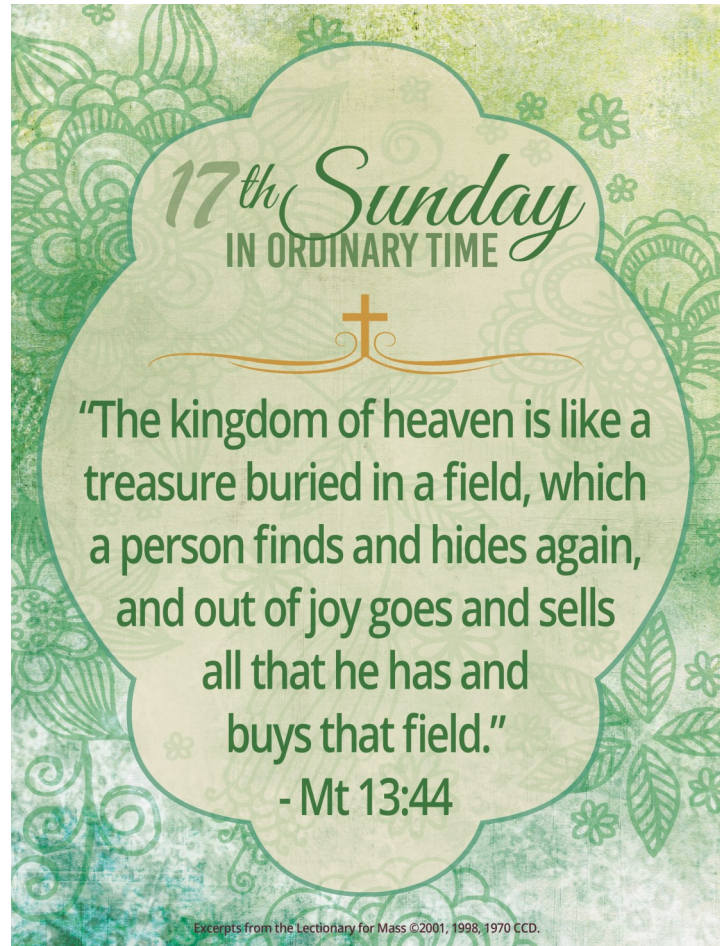
For Our Diocesan Priests

Jul 31	Rev. Edward R. Horkan
Aug 1	Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos
Aug 2	Rev. James C. Hudgins
Aug 3	Rev. Michael C. Isenberg
Aug 4	Rev. Joel D. Jaffe
Aug 5	Rev. John D. Kelly
Aug 6	Rev. Michael J.R. Kelly

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †

Welcome to Our Parish!

We are happy to welcome you to Saint Ambrose Catholic Church. Whether you are a current parishioner, a visitor, someone looking to come home to the Catholic Church, or someone seeking God and answers to the questions of daily life, we invite you to come and be a part of our growing parish family. Visit stambroseva.org to learn more.



Join St. Ambrose in helping Ma-RiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. We will collect these items before and after each Mass on the first weekend of each month. Our next collection will be Aug 5 & 6. The items most urgently needed include:

- Diapers – urgent need for all sizes
- Formula – especially Similac Advance
- Wipes + Diaper rash ointment

You can also donate the following critically needed items directly to The MaRiH Center located at 3230 Duke Street B, Alexandria VA, 703-370-4774:

Grocery Gift Cards, Baby Shampoo, Baby Blankets, Summer Clothes sizes 0-3 months + 2T



PRAY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS

arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society



The St. Theresia Vocation Society is a group of men and women praying daily for vocations and specific individuals in formation as priests and religious in our diocese. Start your day by saying a short, personal prayer for someone discerning a vocation.

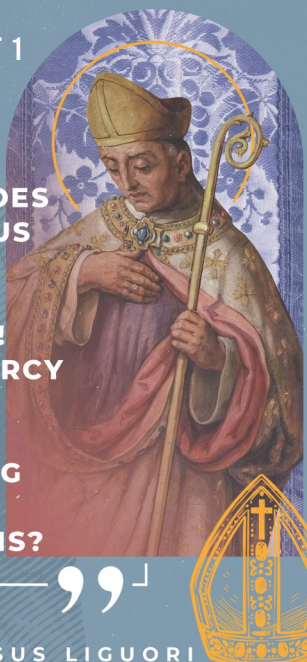
SEMINARIAN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians through the SEEF permanent endowment fund. Established by the Diocese in 2011, SEEF's income supports annual expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! For details and to donate to the fund, visit arlingtondiocese.org and search SEEF.



FEAST DAY | AUGUST 1

“WHAT DOES IT COST US TO SAY, ‘MY GOD HELP ME! HAVE MERCY ON ME!’ IS THERE ANYTHING EASIER THAN THIS?”



FOUNDER, CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER

- ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

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"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose



SCHOOL NEWS

Now Enrolling for the 2023-24 School Year

Pre-School stambroseschool.org

Grades K-8 stambroseschool.org

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

St. Ambrose Catholic School is seeking candidates for three exciting positions available for next school year. These positions offer unique opportunities to contribute to the education and well-being of students.

School Nurse: The nurse provides clinical assistance to the school community for the safety and well-being of the students, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a joyful, hardworking personality that can handle the daily rigors of a school day.

Part-Time School Counselor: The school counselor plays a vital role in supporting students' social, emotional, and academic development. The position provides guidance and counseling services to students, helping them navigate personal challenges, manage stress, set goals, and make informed decisions. The counselor may also collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to create a supportive school environment and facilitate interventions when necessary.

Instructional Assistant/Extended Day Director: This position combines instructional support during regular school hours with overseeing the extended day program. The instructional assistant role provides assistance to teachers in the classroom, working with students individually or in small groups, and helping with administrative tasks. As the Extended Day Director, responsibilities include planning and implementing enriching activities for students after school, ensuring their safety and well-being, and managing the overall program effectively.

Application Instructions

- **School Counselor or Instructional Assistant/Extended Day Director**
 - Send a cover letter, CV or resume, and three professional references to mtejada@stambroseschool.org
- **School Nurse**
 - In addition to the items above, complete and submit the Diocese of Arlington electronic application at <https://lnkd.in/eDFQ8TwR>

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal
principal@stambroseschool.org

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL MISSION

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For details & contacts,
visit stambroseva.org and click on Ministries tab

Adult Choir	Altar Servers
Altar Society	Bereavement Committee
Bible Study Group	Children's Choir
Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
Garden & Grounds Club	Gabriel Project
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knitting Group
Knights of Columbus	Lectors
Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group
Ushers	Vocations Committee
Weekend WorkCamp	Women of St. Ambrose
Young Adults Group	Youth Ministry

PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | stambroseva.org/pro-life



Held the first weekend of the month after all Masses, the parish Diaper Drive supports The MaRiH Center in Alexandria, VA. For dates & types of items needed, visit stambroseva.org/pro-life

God bless you!

The MaRiH Center recently sent a thank you note to St. Ambrose for Life, thanking the parish for our donations in support of its work.

Help + Hope + Healing

Visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project
helpforpregnantwomen.org
703-841-3810
info@h4pw.org

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

Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830 | www.cdda.net



Join us!
Fourth Tuesday of the Month
After 9am Mass | Parish Library



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



Submit your recipe for

GATHER AT THE TABLE

Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living



Tell your family story through food! We are seeking recipes from across the globe for a special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook. To find out more and submit your recipe, scan the QR code or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Questions?

Contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703 (841) -3881



garden + grounds club

FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9:45 AM [BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](http://bit.ly/stambroseggc)

AMBROSE COUNCIL #8403 Knights of Columbus



AMBROSECOUNCIL.ORG

*Submissions will be reviewed by a diverse panel.
Not all recipes will be selected for the final product.*