

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 7, 2024 | Fourteenth 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

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | 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
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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

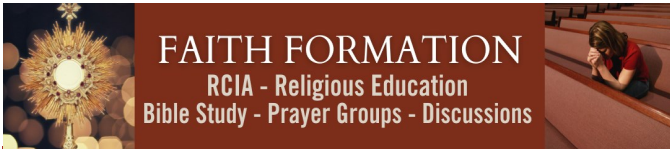
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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

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

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



EVENTS CALENDAR

ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD SUMMER SPORTS!

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 8 | *The Obligations of Truth and the Freedom of Conscience* | Father Andrew Clark



THINK OF WHAT IS **above**, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.

COLOSSIANS 3:2

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 8: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Nancy White
9:00 a.m.	Jean-Pierre LaMarre †
Tuesday	July 9: Wkdy; St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Joyce Larsen †
9:00 a.m.	James Joseph McCaughey †
Wednesday	July 10: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Robert Larsen †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday	July 11: St. Benedict, Abbot
7:00 a.m.	Nancy White
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
Friday	July 12: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ken Stepka
9:00 a.m.	Gina (L) & Matt (†) Miller
Saturday	July 13: Wkdy; St. Henry; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday	July 14: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Daniel Gutierrez †
12:00 noon	Ken Stepka †
5:00 p.m.	Keith E. Weide †

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'Alerio, 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 8 Rev. Christopher P. Christensen
 Jul 9 Very Rev. Robert C. Cilinski
 Jul 10 Rev. Andrew W. Clark
 Jul 11 Rev. Peter J. Clem
 Jul 12 Rev. Msgr. R. Roy Cosby (Ret.)
 Jul 13 Rev. Philip M. Cozzi
 Jul 14 Rev. Timothy A. Courtney

† For the repose of the souls of
Wanda Smith and Shirley Ann Zych †



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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 visit 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.



Finding Jesus with Saints Francis and Clare Men's and Women's Retreat

Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi have fascinated the world for centuries. How can active men and women in the world draw nearer to Our Lord by learning from their Wisdom, imitating their charity, and finding little ways to embrace their poverty? Join Father John Riley and a small band of brothers and sisters at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA from 5 pm on Friday, July 19 to 1 pm on Sunday, July 21. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

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 john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-3819 with questions.

"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
- 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
703-698-7171 | 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 or email jhernandez@ccmgmu.org. (Note: No TNG on July 4th!)

Stewardship Reflection

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out.

He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

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. 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.



**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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



**garden + grounds
club**

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

*Join
us!*



**young adults
group**

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



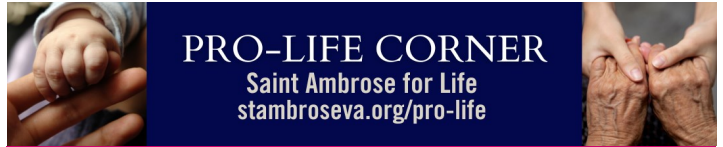
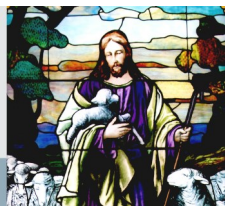
**ALTAR
SOCIETY**

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



**Bereavement
Group**

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PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
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 or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.

Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

Help + Hope + Healing

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

**Diocese of Arlington
Catholic Charities**
703-841-3830
www.ccda.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 Project Rachel Ministry: info@helpafterabortion.org or call 703- 841-2504.

**CHRIST HOUSE
MONTHLY MEALS**

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KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

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



FORMED

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/formed



Widows Fellowship

Saint Paula Society

THIRD THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM | PARISH LIBRARY