

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 18, 2024 | Twentieth 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

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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.

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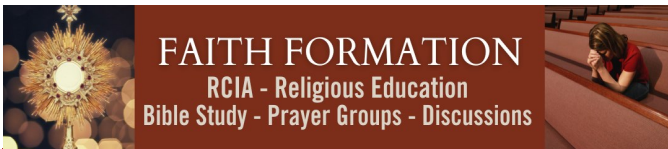
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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

September - May

Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include 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 18 - February 26 | Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon
Parish Hall

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis

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 | No Meetings August 4 - Sept 1

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

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YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD SUMMER SPORTS!

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

Sunday | August 11

6 - 7:30 pm | Bring a friend!

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



BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | SEPTEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 26
10 AM | PARISH HALL
STAMBROSEVA.ORG/BIBLESTUDY

The Women of St. Ambrose (WSA) will lead one decade of the Rosary on Sunday, August 18, immediately following the 10 am Mass, to pray for all students of the Arlington Diocese for a holy, healthy and prosperous 2024-2025 academic year. We invite all parishioners, including school children, to stay to pray the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and the Glory Be, for our Catholic students. Prayer is powerful.



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 at the Sheraton Hotel in Reston, VA on Saturday, September 21, 2024, for Mass with the Bishop and an incredible keynote from Arthur C. Brooks, Harvard professor and best-selling author. Register NOW at arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 19: Wkdy; St. John Eudes, Priest Gerald W. Francis † Vanessa
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 20: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church Theresa Fruet † Val Krzeminski
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 21: St. Pius X, Pope Harry Russell † Benjamin Turner
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Timothy Jackson † Ryan Chiappetta †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	August 23: Wkdy; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Robert Price † Benjamin Turner
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle Theresa Fruet † Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Alex & Catherine Chunn Alfonso & Idalia Dominguez People of the Parish William & Patricia Jackson †

First Friday Adoration ~ September 6, 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, 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. Sychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Aug 19 Rev. Lee W. Gross (Ret.)
Aug 20 Rev. Richard M. Guest
Aug 21 Rev. Edouard B. Guilloux
Aug 22 Rev. Andrew W. Haissig
Aug 23 Rev. Daniel F. Hanley
Aug 24 Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway (Ret.)
Aug 25 Rev. Christopher H. Hayes

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."
- Jn 6:56-57

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A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass:

summer sessions on participating more fully in the Mass

MONDAYS | August 12 & 19 | 6:30 PM | PARISH HALL

Potluck Dinner followed by Talk & Discussion

Join fellow parishioners for a 2-part mini-series to deepen your understanding of the scriptural roots of the Mass. For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well-known author, Dr. Edward Sri, takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance.

August 12 | The Liturgy of the Word

August 19 | The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Sign Up for potluck dinner <https://tinyurl.com/yewu3zyh>

Save THE Date!

**St. Ambrose Parish Annual Picnic
Sunday | September 22 | 1-4 pm
Watch for details!**

Mass of Thanksgiving

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge invites you to join him in celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More renovations. Pray with us on Sunday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the 11 am Mass; a reception will follow in Burke Hall. The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. www.cathedralstm.org



Mass Honoring Military and First Responders

The Ninth Annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders will be held on Sunday, September 8, at 11 am at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax. The Very Reverend Robert J. Wagner, Dean, and pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church will be the celebrant. All Military, Law Enforcement, and Fire and Rescue personnel are welcome to join us with their families, and are requested to wear their dress uniform for the Mass. A group photo will be taken after the Mass. All are welcome to a luncheon in the school gym following Mass.

St. Ignatius of Loyola Men's Retreat

Join Father David Dufresne at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat House in White Post, VA, as we consider the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We will study St. Ignatius' battle plan on how to win "the identity war," focusing on the importance of knowing Jesus Christ, recognizing who we are in Him, and helping others to discover their true identity. This silent retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday, September 6, and ends at 1 pm on Sunday, September 8. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

Stewardship Reflection

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

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 stambroseschool.org or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.



Now hiring staff for our Extended Day program!

Help care for our students after school. Hours are 2:45 - 6pm Monday-Friday. Applicants will need to undergo a complete background check. If interested, please contact Julia Amis at jamis@stambroseschool.org

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St. Ambrose School
**2024-25
ENROLL NOW!**

stambroseschool.org

Dual Language Program

MORE INFO
703-698-7171

2024-25 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



STAMBROSEPRESCHOOL.ORG



EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS



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

A Deacon's Journey



Tuesday, August 27
7 pm | Parish Library

Deacon Ted Devlin, Presenter
Refreshments | All men welcome!

WSA

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

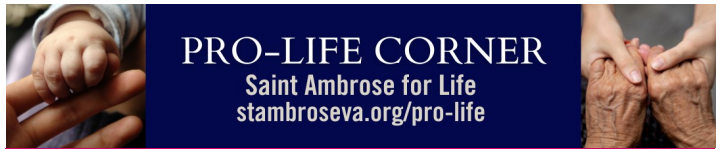


USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org

KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: September 7 & 8

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.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.

Bereavement Group

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG](https://bit.ly/stambrosebg)



Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library
All are welcome!
bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



apol·o·get·ics discussion group

third tuesdays | 7:30 pm | parish hall