

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 20, 2023 | 20th 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!

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.

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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



REGISTER AT [STAMBROSEVA.ORG/RE](https://stambroseva.org/re)
2023-24 Religious Education

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

- 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 RE Classes | September 10, 2023 - May 19, 2024

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



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.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](https://stambroseva.org/youngadults)



CALLED: A Diocesan Conference for Young Adults

September 23, 2023 | Sheraton Reston Hotel

arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called

Beloved of God: Overcoming Stigma and Finding Community

A Day of Prayer for Mental Health

August 26, 2023

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

All Saints Catholic Church

Manassas, VA

Hosted by the Catholic Diocese of
Arlington, Divine Mercy University, and the Saint Labre
Community. St. Benedict Joseph Labre, pray for us!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	August 21: St. Pius X, Pope
7:00 a.m.	Mary †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Tuesday	August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 a.m.	Jeanne Bullock †
9:00 a.m.	Ryan Chiappetta †
Wednesday	August 23: Wkdy; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
9:00 a.m.	Paul †
Thursday	August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:00 a.m.	Keith E. Weide †
9:00 a.m.	All Souls †
Friday	August 25: Wkdy; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Edmund Bransfield †
9:00 a.m.	Grace Hecton
Saturday	August 26: Weekday; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving †
5:00 p.m.	Josephine G. Bourgeois †
Sunday	August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Diane Kelley †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Bob Murray †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †

First Friday Adoration | September 1

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 Respueto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Aug 21	Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Ret.)
Aug 22	Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)
Aug 23	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
Aug 24	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat, SS
Aug 25	Rev. Philip S. Majka (Ret.)
Aug 26	Rev. David L. Martin (Ret.)
Aug 27	Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Ret.)



For the repose of the soul of
Carmen C. Lima, Mother of Vera Meehan



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

"Pray without ceasing."

Thessalonians 5:17



INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

bit.ly/stambroseprayertree





DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Give the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back through federal and state tax savings.

The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income new students to attend a Diocese of Arlington Catholic School.

- Donors receive 65% of their approved donation in Virginia tax credits
- Donors who itemize also receive a Virginia tax deduction and a partial federal tax deduction
- Donating appreciated stock also avoids capital gains taxes - contact the Arlington Diocese Development Office for the stock donation form
- Donors may download the preauthorization application & submit directly to the DASF office for approval.

To obtain the required preauthorization form for making your DASF donation

- click the "DONATE" tab on stambroseva.org then click Support St. Ambrose School for additional information
- download it directly from the VA Department of Education website
- request it from the Diocese of Arlington Development Office, DASF@arlingtondiocese.org, 703- 841-2764

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"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose



SCHOOL NEWS

Enroll for the 2023-24 School Year

School starts August 23, 2023

Pre-School stambrorepschool.org
Grades K-8 stambroseschool.org

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

Welcome back to the first week of school 2023-2024! We are very excited for this new school year with many fun family activities planned. Please stay tuned to our website for information.

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

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.

To apply for either of these positions, please send a cover letter, CV or resume, and three professional references to mtejada@stambroseschool.org

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.

Men's Dinner + A Movie | August 22 | 7 pm

All men are cordially invited to the Knights of Columbus Social Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy dinner and some social time, followed by a viewing of the movie *Courageous* (see film trailer at https://youtu.be/i9VT_NBIVfs). Please RSVP at KofC8403Events@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 17 | 1 - 4 pm
Picnic Food + Picnic Fun!

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

bit.ly/stambrosechmm

AMBROSE COUNCIL #8403 Knights of Columbus



AMBROSECOUNCIL.ORG

"Woman, you have great faith."

It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact Father Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, 703-841-2514 | vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

NEXT DIAPER DRIVE SEPTEMBER 2 + 3 AT ALL MASSES

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. We collect items at all Masses on the first weekend of each month. Most urgently needed items are: diapers of all sizes; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes and diaper rash ointment. Other critical needs (grocery gift cards, baby shampoo, baby blankets, summer clothes sizes 0-3 months + 2T) can be donated directly to The MaRiH Center, 3230 Duke Street B, Alexandria VA, 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

Project Rachel

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

Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities

703-841-3830 | www.cdda.net

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. 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: 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.



2 MINUTES TO VIRTUE PODCAST
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE



Gather at the Table Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living

Contribute to the special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook! Submit your recipe by September 4.

arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table

