

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 25, 2024 | Twenty-first 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.

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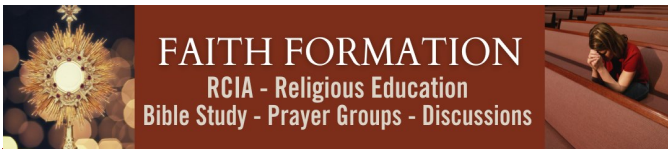
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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

Third Tuesdays | 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

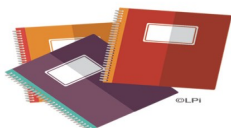
Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library | No Meetings August 4 - Sept 1

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



Back to School

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



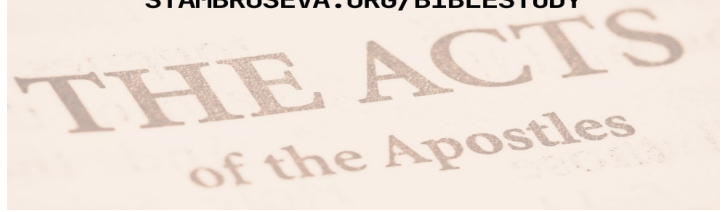
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ST. AMBROSE PARISH

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | SEPTEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 26

10 AM | PARISH HALL

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/BIBLESTUDY



SEPTEMBER 2
LABOR DAY
PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED

"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

Retreat for the Seriously Ill

This retreat provides a chance for those with serious illness to find spiritual renewal and comfort. Held at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia, from Friday-Sunday, September 27-29, it includes a special opening Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge. Caretakers are also welcome. Please email retreat@ccda.net or call 703-841-3830 if you are interested in attending, or have questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	August 26: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Peter Benson †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
Tuesday	August 27: St. Monica
7:00 a.m.	Brian Ross †
9:00 a.m.	Jim Hannan †
Wednesday	August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Larry Payne
9:00 a.m.	Benjamin Turner
Thursday	August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
7:00 a.m.	Rev. Mark Pilon †
9:00 a.m.	Steven Wu
Friday	August 30: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Gary Wayne Bianucci †
9:00 a.m.	Brayden Wu
Saturday	August 31: Weekday BVM
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez
11:00 a.m.	Marjorie Ridenour †
5:00 p.m.	Ken Stepka †
Sunday	September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Rev. Dominic P. Irace †
10:00 a.m.	David & Sandra Sonnen
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Guiseppe & Caroline Bolognesi †

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, Lois LeFebvre, 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 26	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
Aug 27	Rev. John F. Heisler
Aug 28	Rev. John Paul Heisler
Aug 29	Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Ret.)
Aug 30	Rev. James C. Hinkle
Aug 31	Rev. Stephen Holmes
Sep 1	Rev. Patrick Holroyd

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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2024 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

The Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life will host the 2024 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 20 at 3 pm. This event publicly acknowledges and expresses gratitude for couples in the Diocese of Arlington who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this calendar year. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Michael Burbidge. Commemorative certificates will be given out at the reception in the parish hall following the Mass, where Bishop Burbidge will be available for pictures with jubilarians. To register, contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400, by October 2.

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

Diocese Golden Jubilee Celebration | September 5 | 12:30 pm

Participate virtually in the Golden Jubilee celebration by attending this special livestream event, featuring a premiere of an historical documentary of the diocese, an exclusive narrated first-look of the renovated Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, followed by the Solemn Mass and Altar Dedication celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. *Please note this is a livestream-only event.* Details at bit.ly/CDAJubileeMass

Save THE Date!

St. Ambrose Parish Annual Picnic
Sunday | September 22 | 1-4 pm

Special Events!

Juggling Show | Fr. Francis Peffley | 2:30 pm
KofC Youth Soccer Challenge after Juggling Show



MERCY RIDE

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
 Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta Northern Virginia Lieutenancy is hosting a "Mercy Ride" to benefit Catholic Charities' Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics.

The bicycle ride will kick off at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Sept. 14 at 7 AM. The Order of Malta is seeking participants and volunteers.

Please visit mercyride.org for more information.



MARRIED COUPLES Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Contact Mark & Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or stang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (only 8 slots left!)
- October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

Stewardship Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

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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2024-25
ENROLL NOW!

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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

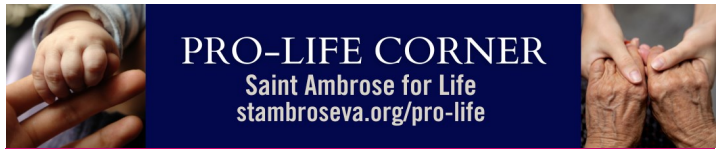


USHERS NEEDED

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



Institute of Catholic Culture

Free Online Course

Mondays | September 30 - March 17
8 pm Eastern

Fire & Spirit: Prophets & Prophecies of the Old Testament

Apply by September 16

Instituteofcatholicculture.org/prophets



Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library
All are welcome!

bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



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discussion group

third tuesdays | 7:30 pm | parish hall