

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 27, 2023 | 21st 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**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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

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#### CLERGY

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**Youth Ministry | 703-280-4400**

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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](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or  
click on the Donate link on [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)

# Faith Formation

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

Psalm 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](https://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [stambroseva.org/RCIA](https://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. Classes start September 11 and meet weekly on Mondays through May 15, 2024.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION [stambroseva.org/RE](https://stambroseva.org/RE)

**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

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.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE [stambroseva.org/JMJ](https://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](https://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*

- Sep 13, 2023 - May 15, 2024 | Weds | 10am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron + Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

## BIBLE PRAYER GROUP [stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](https://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](https://stambroseva.org/WSA)

Take time for God! Meets weekly on Sunday evenings.

## Faith Formation

Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education  
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### Please note:

All regular Youth Ministry programs are on hold.  
Stay tuned for God Squad (Grades 9 - 12) details.

### 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 the Parish Office, 703-280-4400.

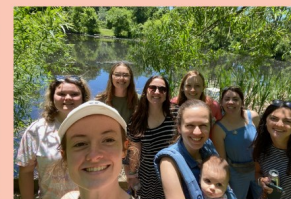


## Family Holy Hour First Fridays | 5-6 pm

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](https://arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called)

## Mission Trip for Young Adults

The Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry is partnering with Commissioned by Christ to offer a Mission Trip for Young Adults to Piura, Peru. It is often by being sent on Christian service that a person's faith life becomes a much more tangible and important part of who they are. Join other young adults from around the diocese February 28 - March 2, 2024 on a transforming journey serving the Catholic mission parish Santísimo Sacramento. For more information and to sign up, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/mission-trip-for-young-adults/](https://arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/mission-trip-for-young-adults/)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
7:00 a.m.	Teresita Lerias-Coperos
9:00 a.m.	Stephen Greenwalt ✝
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Jake Valdez
9:00 a.m.	James Davey ✝
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 30: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Diane Hoag & Family
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez ✝
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 31: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Michael Hatfield & Family
9:00 a.m.	Catherine Pezalla ✝
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 1: Weekday—First Friday</b>
7:00 a.m.	For the victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
9:00 a.m.	Rev. Dominic P. Irace ✝
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 2: Weekday; BVM</b>
9:00 a.m.	Michael Hatfield & Family
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez ✝
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Carole & Kevin Boland
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Bob Murray ✝
5:00 p.m.	Bob Murray ✝

### 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 Respuesto, 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 28	Rev. Brian B. McAllister
Aug 29	Rev. Stephen F. McGraw
Aug 30	Rev. Martin McGuill (Ret.)
Aug 31	Rev. Peter M. McShurley
Sep 1	Rev. John H. Melmer
Sep 2	Rev. Francisco Mendez De Dios (Ret.)
Sep 3	Rev. David P. Meng

✝ For the repose of the soul of  
**Douglas Jude Dussman**, nephew of Joan Baxter ✝



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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### PRAY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS

[arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st-therese-society](http://arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st-therese-society)

The St. Therese 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.



"Pray without ceasing."

*Thessalonians 5:17*



## INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

[bit.ly/stambroseprayerree](http://bit.ly/stambroseprayerree)





**SAVE THE DATE + SIGN UP TO HELP**  
**[bit.ly/stambrosepicnic2023](https://bit.ly/stambrosepicnic2023)**  
**Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm**



### 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](https://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](mailto:DASF@arlingtondiocese.org), 703- 841-2764

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*"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose*

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit the school website or call the school office.



### SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

We are very excited for this new school year with many fun family activities planned. Please stay tuned at [stambroseachool.org](https://stambroseachool.org) for current information.

- We had a successful first week back with our new parent orientation on Thursday and an Ice Cream Social with the Kona Ice vendor truck on Friday. Fun was had by all and it was so nice to see many new faces.
- Friday, September 1 will be our first Spirit Wear dress down day. We will continue this on the first Friday of every month for the whole school year.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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.

**A**re you celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary this year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Join Bishop Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians on Sunday, October 15, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington, VA. To register, please contact the St. Ambrose Parish Office by Monday, October 2. For more information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](https://arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

*"Who has known the mind of the Lord?"*

Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Father Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, 703-841-2514 | [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)



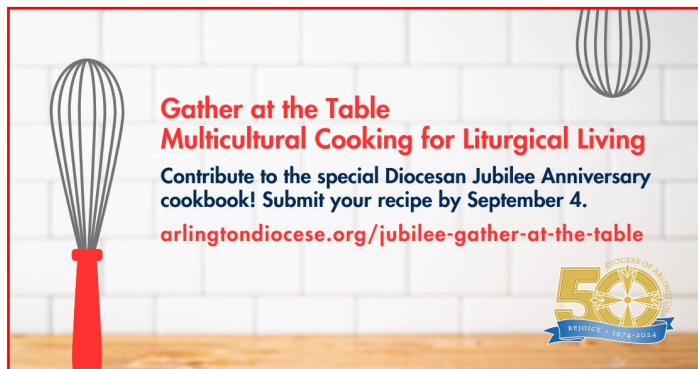


Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) and click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Committee	Bible Study Group	Christ House Meals
Eucharistic Adoration	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	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Weekend WorkCamp	Women of St. Ambrose
Young Adults Group	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry



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



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AMBROSE COUNCIL #8403  
**Knights of Columbus**



[AMBROSECOUNCIL.ORG](http://AMBROSECOUNCIL.ORG)

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://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](http://marih.org).



### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

#### Help + Hope + Healing

Visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

#### Gabriel Project

[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

#### Project Rachel

[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

#### Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities

703-841-3830 | [www.ccca.net](http://www.ccca.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

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. For



more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" (or your desired location.) Only 25 couples per weekend - register soon! Contact Mark & Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Remaining 2023 local weekends

- Sep 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
- Nov 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA