

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 4, 2024 | Eighteenth 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  
 3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
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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](http://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](http://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**

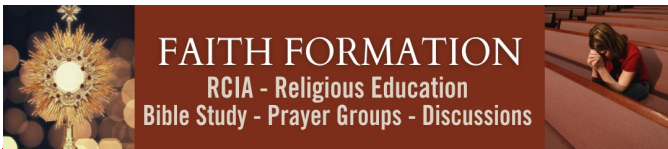
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## GOD SQUAD SUMMER SPORTS!

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

Sunday | 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.

August 11, 6 - 7:30 pm

Bring a friend!

## 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 (703) 841-3819 or [john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org).



## 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! Join hundreds of young adults at the Sheraton Hotel in Reston, VA on Saturday, September 21, 2024, for Mass with Bishop Burbidge

and an incredible keynote from Arthur C. Brooks, Harvard professor and best-selling author. Arthur teaches courses on leadership, happiness, and social entrepreneurship. The day will also include breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, and plenty of social time!



Complimentary childcare is available throughout the entire event. Encounter Jesus, connect with other young adults and to your local Young Adult Ministries and be encouraged in how the Lord has CALLED YOU to holiness. Register NOW at [arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/) Last year CALLED sold out ahead of time - and you are not going to want to miss being a part of this incredible event.



EVENTS CALENDAR  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 29: Saints Martha, Mary, &amp; Lazarus</b> Hang Tran Molly & Shea McIlvaine
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 30: Wkdy; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> John Gabriel Ryan Norah Grace Atienza
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b> Leonidas Valdez † Isabel Hope Atienza
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Jan Koldys † Jacob Joseph Atienza
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>August 2: First Friday—Wkdy; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</b> Margaret Dominguez † For the victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>August 3: Weekday, BVM</b> Kathryn Ryan Aunt Mary †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Bino Pao People of the Parish Terry Hines Conchita Ferry †

### 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

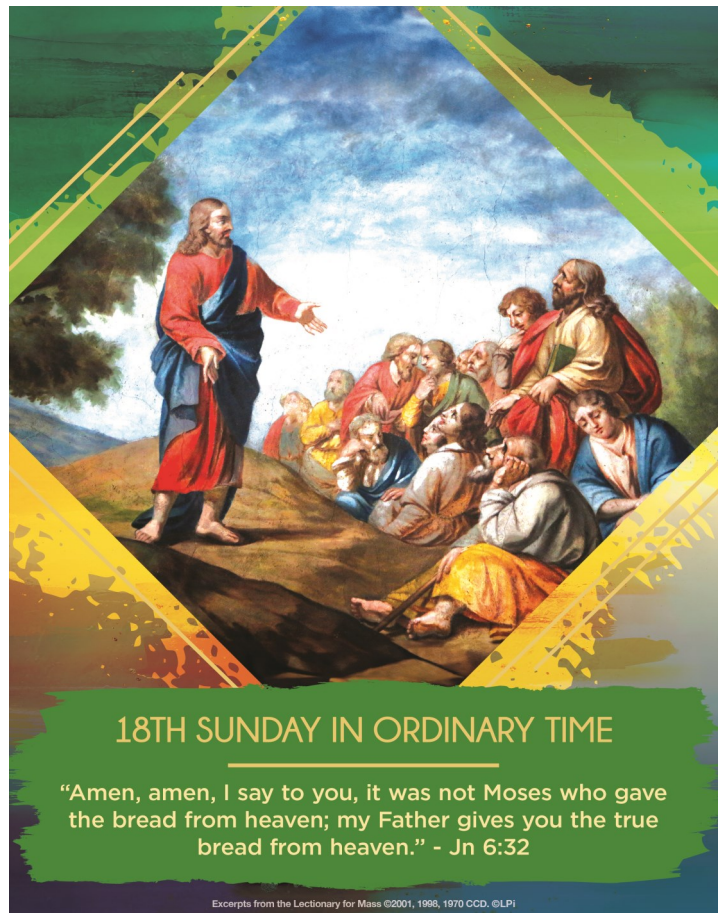
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Jul 29 Rev. Joseph W. Farrell  
Jul 30 Rev. Jerome W. Fasano (Ret.)  
Jul 31 Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson  
Aug 1 Rev. Kevin J. Fimian  
Aug 2 Rev. Jonathan R. Fioramonti  
Aug 3 Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, VF  
Aug 4 Rev. Michael J. Folmar



For the repose of the soul of  
**Eleanor Fakoury**



## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” - Jn 6:32

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### Syro Malabar Rite Liturgy

Sunday, August 4 | 5 pm | Father Sunny, Celebrant

Syro-Malabar Catholics trace their origin to St. Thomas the Apostle, who is said to have come to India in 52 AD and to have been martyred near Chennai. Seven churches in Kerala and Tamil Nadu are commonly said to have been founded by the Apostle, and a Christian tradition grew up from there, linked to the East Syrian Church, which was a primary source for Syro-Malabar Christians' liturgy, spirituality, governance and practices. Source: [www.catholicsandcultures.org/eastern-catholic-churches/syro-malabar-catholic-church](http://www.catholicsandcultures.org/eastern-catholic-churches/syro-malabar-catholic-church)

### Mass for Multicultural Communities with Bishop Burbidge

Celebrate our Diocesan Jubilee and our unity in diversity! All are invited to the annual Mass for Multicultural Communities celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and concelebrated by priests of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be a Marian Procession prior to the Mass beginning at 6 pm. The Mass celebration will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax VA at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 16, 2024. Following the Mass, there will be a reception featuring cultural dishes and performances! The reception is free for all. Mass attendees are encouraged to wear cultural attire if desired. There is no registration required. If you would like to participate in the Marian Procession and would like more information, please contact [mcm@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mcm@arlingtondiocese.org) with any questions or visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/mcmmass2024](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/mcmmass2024)



### 2024 Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

Registration for the 2024 Arlington Life-Giving Wounds retreat is open. We warmly invite anyone who comes from divorced parents to attend this powerful retreat taking place Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, at San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA. Welcome our Lord into this wound, connect with others from this background, and go forward renewed in faith, hope, and love. Cost is \$375 through August 14 or \$425 after August 14. Registration can be found at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat). Do you know someone who might benefit from this retreat? Please tell them about it. If they have questions, they can call the Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 703-841-2550.

## 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](http://stambroseschool.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.

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#### Father Capodanno Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, will be the principal celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Father Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on September 4, 1967, as he ministered to embattled Marines. Father Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God and thus formally initiated his Cause for Canonization. The Father Vincent Capodanno Guild is the only official organization established to promote the cause for canonization of Father Capodanno. For more information, visit [www.CapodannoGuild.org](http://www.CapodannoGuild.org). All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 57th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day, and business attire is appropriate for civilians.

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- BL. CARLO ACUTIS

WEBSITE  
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#### St. Ignatius of Loyola Men's Retreat

Join Fr. 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 p.m. on Friday, September 6th, and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th. Retreat cost is \$285 per person.

For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### Stewardship Reflection

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

#### Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

Mother of Mercy Free Clinic - Volunteer OB/GYN Medical Professionals Needed! Join our mission to improve women's health! We are seeking OB/GYN professionals to volunteer at our Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic. Make a difference in Prince William County's underserved communities in a compassionate Catholic environment. Join our team, provide vital healthcare, and transform lives. Email [volunteer.clinic@ccda.net](mailto:volunteer.clinic@ccda.net) or call (703) 841-3838 for details.



