

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 3, 2023 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES
- ST. 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 Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at 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

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. Classes start September 11 and meet weekly on Mondays through May 15, 2024.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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

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

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

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

Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education
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SAINT AMBROSE Youth Ministry

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

YOUTH MINISTRY needs YOU!

Adult volunteers are needed.
If you are interested in ministering to the youth of the parish,
please contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400.



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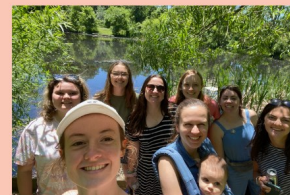
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YOUNG ADULTS GROUP [STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](https://stambroseva.org/youngadults)



CALLED: A Diocesan Conference for Young Adults
September 23, 2023 | Sheraton Reston Hotel
arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called

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/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

September 4: Weekday

Mrs. Clara Wall †

Margaret Dominguez †

Tuesday

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

September 5: Weekday

Margarita Konahap †

Pete & Aida Custodio

Wednesday

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

September 6: Weekday

Rev. Andrew J. Heinz

Barbara Lewis †

Thursday

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

September 7: Weekday

Rosemary Beck

Selma Lewis †

Friday

7:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

September 8: Wkdy; The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Marjorie Madey

Margaret Dominguez †

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

September 9: USA; St. Peter Claver, Priest

Souls in Purgatory †

Willia Atwell Family

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

5:00 p.m.

September 10: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ruth Wright †

People of the Parish

Betty Drzenovich †

Tom Carlson †

First Friday Adoration | October 6

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 4 Rev. Charles W. Merkle III
Sep 5 Rev. Richard A. Miserendino
Sep 6 Rev. Daniel L. Mode
Sep 7 Rev. Mark E. Moretti
Sep 8 Rev. Noah C. Morey
Sep 9 Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto
Sep 10 Rev. John P. Mosimann

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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Mass Honoring Military and First Responders

On Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 11 am, Fr. Diamond Council #6292 and Fr. Malloy Assembly #1894 of the Knights of Columbus will host their 8th annual Mass Honoring Military and First Responders at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, 22030. Fr. Robert J. Rippey, Chancellor of the Diocese, will be the principal celebrant, with Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde as a concelebrant. All are welcome to join us; Military, Law Enforcement, and Fire and Rescue personnel are encouraged to wear their dress uniform. A group photo will be taken after Mass in front of the church; a reception in the school gym follows. For more details, please contact Dave Todd, Jr., djtoddjr@gmail.com.



Monday, September 4
Parish Office & School Closed



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm
Sign up to help out!
bit.ly/stambrosepicnic2023

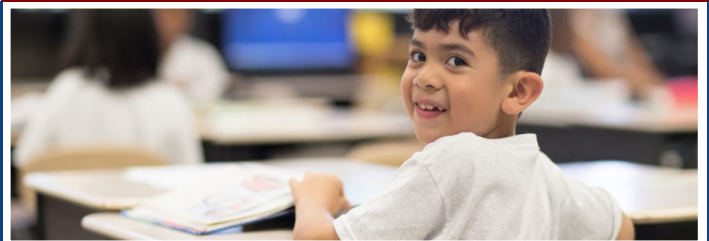
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg
 Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, Saturday, October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, from 9 am - 3 pm. The day will feature a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mass, procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. For more information visit arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness
Friday-Sunday, October 6-8, 2023
 A unique opportunity for those facing serious physical illness to participate in an in-person weekend of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful & comfortable place among caring & generous people at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. The retreat is at no cost to participants and is appropriate for individuals facing serious illness and their caretakers. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with serious mental illness and impaired memory. Space is limited! Registration closes September 15, 2023. Contact retreat@ccda.net or call 703-841-3830. Provide your contact information and a member of the nursing team will contact you for an intake interview.

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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,

A few notes for the upcoming week:

- St. Ambrose School is closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.
- Classes resume on Tuesday, September 5. Yay Lunch begins lunch services, too - visit their website www.yaylunch.com. This is a terrific program with many delicious and nutritious options for your children.
- Wednesday, September 6. school will dismiss at 11:30am for a staff meeting/teacher workday. Back to School night, for parents only, is that evening from 6-8pm.

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.

"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

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. For more information, visit stambroseva.org, click on the



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


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Knights of Columbus



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CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS



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"Pray without ceasing."
Thessalonians 5:17



INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

bit.ly/stambroseprayertree



USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org

PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

Diaper drive this weekend at all Masses

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first week-end of each month, the most urgently needed items are diapers of all sizes; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes and diaper rash ointment. Other critical needs such as grocery gift cards, baby shampoo, baby blankets and 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.



MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE

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
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Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830 | www.cdda.net


Project Rachel Virtual After Abortion Care Group

Abortion healing support is available and the Keys to Hope and Healing are within your reach! Many men and women have gone through a range of emotions after abortion but are now on the journey of hope & healing. Starting on Wednesday, September 6, Project Rachel Ministry will host a 6-week virtual after abortion care group on Zoom, from 7-8 p.m. For confidential inquiries and to learn more, contact Sarah at info@helpafterabortion.org.

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

"Whatever you are doing, that which makes you feel most alive...that is where God is." Ignatius of Loyola

Friday - Sunday | September 29 - October 1
San Damiano Retreat Center | White Post, VA
 Details at arlingtondiocese.org/ignatiusofloyolaretreat/



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

