

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 10, 2023 | 23rd 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.

PARISH OFFICE

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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.

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. 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.

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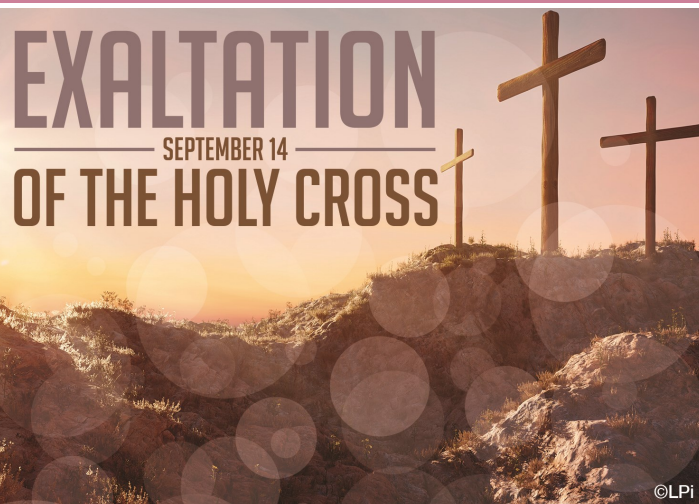
SAINT AMBROSE Youth Ministry

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 11: Weekday Stephen L. Madey, Jr. Josephine G. Bourgeois †
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 12: Wkdy; The Most Holy Name of Mary Leslie Sanders For the souls dying today †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Mary & Edwin Wilson † Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross For the souls dying today † Robert & Evelyn Seoane, Sr. † / L
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows Vanessa All Living
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Margoth Echeverry † Anne Marie Clifford
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Andy & Lisa Buchanan Julia Jarquin People of the Parish Rosemary Weide

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 11	Rev. Christopher J. Mould (Ret.)
Sep 12	Rev. Mark Mullaney
Sep 13	Rev. Richard A. Mullins
Sep 14	Rev. Christopher D. Murphy
Sep 15	Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA
Sep 16	Rev. William Nyce
Sep 17	Rev. John M. O'Donohue

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm

Sign up to help out!

bit.ly/stambrosepicnic2023

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 stambrose-va.org, click on the DONATE tab then click on Support St. Ambrose School.



NATIONAL

Eucharistic Congress

A Eucharistic Solidarity Fund has been established to provide scholarship passes to those who cannot afford to attend the National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Members of the Board of the National Eucharistic Congress are also working with the city and Archdiocese of Indianapolis to provide low-cost housing opportunities. Applications open September 15 at eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund.



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 Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. For more information, please visit arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



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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,

This week Grades 3-7 will participate in their first online standardized testing of NWEA-MAP. This standardized testing is given three times throughout the school year to ensure that the students are progressing in both language arts and mathematics.

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.

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 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. There is no cost to participants and is appropriate for individuals facing serious illness and their caretakers. 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.

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) provides transportation services and hosts social/educational events in our community. SCFB is holding two big events in September. On 9/21, Lunch-n-Life will host speakers from Inova discussing "The Art of Aging in Place". Also, on each Wednesday afternoon in September, our Adventures in Learning program will host speakers, social activities, and book discussions. Details and sign-up procedures are available on the SCFB website, www.scfbva.org



Visit 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



Are 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 Saint Ambrose Parish Office by Monday, October 2. For more information, please visit this website: arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

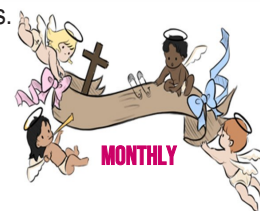


PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

Next Diaper Drive October 7+8 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.



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

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.

