

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 15, 2024 | Twenty-fourth 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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



**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  
 703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org  
 email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

**CLERGY**

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 703-698-7171 | principal@stambroseschool.org

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 571-640-9938 | cjackson@stambroseva.org

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 703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
 703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

**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**

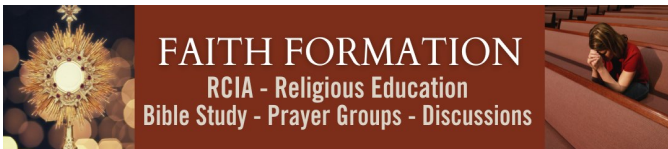
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**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)

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](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)

September 17 | Creation & Evolution | 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)

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann 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.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

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

Saturdays | Twice Monthly | 6:30 - 8 am | Parish Library

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation. For more information, please email Father Nugent at [fnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:fnugent@stambroseschool.org).

## 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. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & 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 Youth Ministry & Religious Education

571-640-9938 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD

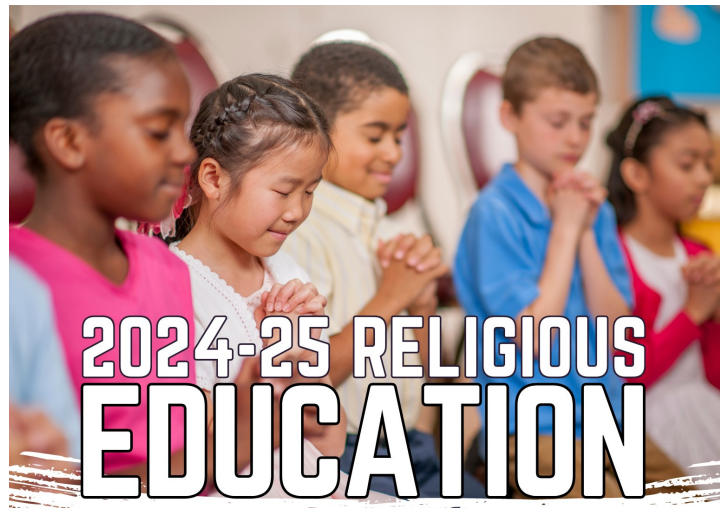
[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



# 2024-25 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Register Now!

GRADES K - 8 | SUNDAYS | SEPTEMBER - MAY | 8:45 - 9:45 AM



### CATECHISTS NEEDED

"He...began to teach them."

John 8:2

Looking for a way to share your love of the Catholic faith? Do you like working with children? Are you able to dedicate a few hours weekly to their faith formation? Prayerfully consider serving as a catechist & receive free tuition.

[bit.ly/RERegistration2024-25](http://bit.ly/RERegistration2024-25)

Questions? Contact Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education  
[cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org) | 571-640-9938

# the RESCUE project



REGISTER NOW



MORE INFORMATION



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why are things so obviously messed up?

What, if anything, has God done about it?

How should I respond?

Ever asked yourself these questions?

We have. Join us.

Dinner | Video | Conversation

Wednesdays

Begins September 25

6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

[stambroseva.org/rescue-project](http://stambroseva.org/rescue-project)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>September 16: Wkdy; Sts. Cornelius, Pope, &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</b><br>7:00 a.m. Catalino Pajo & Anh Nguyen †<br>9:00 a.m. Patricia Deck †                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>September 17: Wkdy; St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b><br>7:00 a.m. Ken Stepka †<br>9:00 a.m. Margaret Dominguez † |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>September 18: Weekday</b><br>7:00 a.m. Theresa Fruet †<br>9:00 a.m. Jim Hannan †                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>September 19: Wkdy; St. Januarius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b><br>7:00 a.m. Robert Larsen †<br>9:00 a.m. Patricia Burke †                                                                                   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b><br>7:00 a.m. Gary Wayne Bianucci †<br>9:00 a.m. Mason Grace Hampton †                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b><br>9:00 a.m. Margaret Dominguez †<br>5:00 p.m. Mason Grace Hampton †                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>8:00 a.m. Souls of Paul Bao & Joseph Phuc †<br>10:00 a.m. People of the Parish<br>12:00 noon Thu D. Tran †<br>5:00 p.m. Greg Farrell †                |

### First Friday Adoration ~ October 4, 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, Kathy Burns, 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. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

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|--------|------------------------------------|
| Sep 16 | Rev. Kevin J. Larsen               |
| Sep 17 | Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Ret.)      |
| Sep 18 | Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)         |
| Sep 19 | Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg             |
| Sep 20 | Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat SS |
| Sep 21 | Rev. Elder Maldonado               |
| Sep 22 | Rev. David L. Martin (Ret.)        |

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "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 and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

### Recruiting for New Altar Boys

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

Young men in fifth grade through high school are invited to serve as altar boys here at St. Ambrose. For more information, please email Fr. Mike Nugent at [frnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:frnugent@stambroseschool.org). Attendance at one training session is required for new servers. Training dates are September 21 and October 12 from 11 am to Noon in the Church.



### SAINT AMBROSE CHOIRS

#### Adult Choir

Thursdays | 7:30 pm

#### Youth Choir

Mondays | 4:30 pm

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



### Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to join him at the final celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington by participating in the Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-pilgrimage/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-pilgrimage/) for the schedule and complete details.



# St. Ambrose Parish Picnic

Sign Up to Help Out!  
bit.ly/2024parishpicnic



**FOOD + ACTIVITIES!**  
PIZZA, ICE CREAM, POPCORN,  
COTTON CANDY, MOON BOUNCE,  
PONY RIDES, PETTING ZOO

*Special Events!*  
School Tours with the Principal | 1 & 1:20 pm  
Juggling Show | 2:30 pm | Fr. Francis Peffley  
KofC Youth Soccer Challenge  
immediately after Juggling Show

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
22  
1 - 4 PM**



# 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.



### SCHOOL TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 22 | 1 & 1:20 PM

#### 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](mailto:jamis@stambroseschool.org)

Grades K - 8 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)  
Preschool | [stambrosepreschool.org](http://stambrosepreschool.org)

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

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

Twice Monthly  
Saturdays | 6:30 - 8 am  
[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)



**Secular Franciscan Open House:** Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to "come and see" if you have a vocation as a Secular Franciscan! Join us for our Annual Open House on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall (750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA 20170). Please visit our website for further details (<https://tauofs.org>), or contact us at [taufranciscans@gmail.com](mailto:taufranciscans@gmail.com).

*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
SEPTEMBER 15

**Hispanic Heritage Mass and Festival with Bishop Burbidge**  
The annual Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass and Festival with Bishop Burbidge will be held on Sunday, October 13, from 11 am - 6 pm, including Mass at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. We will be celebrating the rich spirituality, faith traditions, diverse cultural music, and delicious regional food of our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there! Free admission and food will be available for purchase.

**Change Lives.  
Save Lives.**

**"5k in the Park" to Benefit**  American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

**Sunday: October 6, 2024**  
Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery  
9900 BRADDOCK RD., FAIRFAX VA 22032  
**Registration: 9am**  
**Run or Walk Start Time: 10am**

Register by September 30 by going to:  
[Fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://Fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com)



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**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](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

**Upcoming Council Events**

September 14 & 15 | After all Weekend Masses  
KofC Recruiting Drive - see us in the Narthex

Sunday, September 22 | Parish Picnic  
After Father Peffley's Juggling Show  
KofC Youth Soccer Challenge - "Bring Your Game!"

Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm | Parish Hall  
*2nd Annual "Grilling with a Priest while Grilling a Priest"*  
Open to all men of the Parish. Join us for an informal dinner & chat with Father Nugent.



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

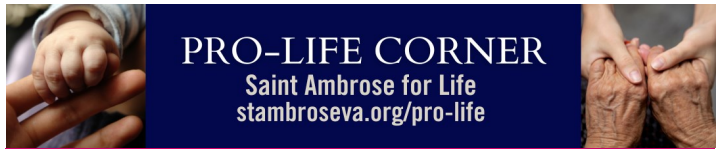
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)

**Celebrate!**

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Priesthood Sunday** is celebrated on the last Sunday of September, a day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It's a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Don't wait until a priest retires or is transferred to celebrate their service. Like Father's Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special. One of the best ways to honor and take care of our priests, Father Fisher, Father Nugent and Father Appiah (in residence), is to PRAY for them, perhaps with a rosary, designated Mass, prayer candle, or an extra daily prayer. Let's say thank you for all they do for all of us.

**GOD INSPIRES & OPENS HEARTS**



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

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

**Diaper Drive Weekend: October 5 & 6**

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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 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)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)

**"Be strong, do not fear!"** With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.



**garden + grounds club**

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM  
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

Join US!



Widows Fellowship

**Saint Paula Society**

THIRD THURSDAYS | 7 - 9 PM | [bit.ly/saintpaula](http://bit.ly/saintpaula)



**young adults group**

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS)



**USHERS NEEDED**

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)

**CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM)

