

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 17, 2023 | 24th 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

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm
 3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030
 703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org
 email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

CLERGY

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor

Rev. Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Anthony Appiah, In Residence

Ted Devlin, Permanent Deacon

STAFF

Donna Vasilakos, Parish Secretary

Margaret Kelty, Administrative Assistant

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703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

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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 as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection



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 call 703-280-4400.

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. Forms are available in the Office or stambroseva.org

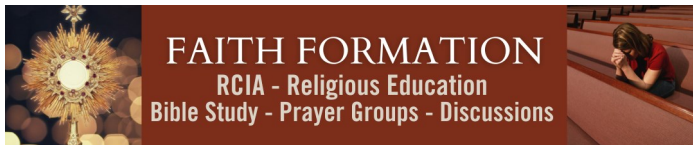
FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct at membership.faithdirect.net/VA401 or click Donate tab on stambroseva.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Committee	Bible Prayer 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	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



FAITH FORMATION
 RCIA - Religious Education
 Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See each program's details at stambroseva.org

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
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

Grades K-7 | Sundays (end May 19, 2024) | 8:45-9:45 am | School
 Grade 8 | Mondays (end May 20, 2024) | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall
 Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE
stambroseva.org/JMJ

September - May | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | Parish Library

Learn more about the faith. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP
stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Second Tuesday of the Month | 7:30 - 9pm | Parish Hall
 Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.
 Facilitator: Lee Cena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

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

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP
stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library
 Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP
stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 6 pm | Parish Library
 Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Faith Formation | Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education
tryan@stambroseva.org | 703-280-4400

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

is a Washington-area social group serving single Catholics 40 and over. Let us serve you! Visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc or email us at ptscnva@gmail.com. Contact

- Barbara Myers, mybdm@cox.net, 703-978-9618
- John McBride, jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com, 703-820-9196.



YOUTH MINISTRY

GOD SQUAD

High School Youth Ministry
stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12
 Bring a friend! See you there!



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.



Grilling with the Priest while Grilling the Priest!
 Tuesday | September 26 | 7 pm | Parish Hall

Ambrose Council is cooking up an evening of food, fellowship and faith! Enjoy grilled burgers, dogs and social time. Father Nugent will offer a Q+A session and answer any questions you have about the Catholic Faith. Open to all men eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. RSVP at KofC8403Events@gmail.com.



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, visit arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 18: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Joan Urban
Tuesday	September 19: Wkdy; St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Robert Larsen †
9:00 a.m.	Rosa Binello †
Wednesday	September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roubin
9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Martin †
Thursday	September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
7:00 a.m.	Martha Holmes & Lawrence Holmes, Sr. †
9:00 a.m.	Almario C. De Los Santos
Friday	September 22: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Thu D. Tran †
9:00 a.m.	Diane Folk †
Saturday	September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
9:00 a.m.	Eugene Alden †
5:00 p.m.	Frank Nicewicz †
Sunday	September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
10:00 a.m.	Mildred Chiappetta †
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Carmen C. Lima †

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. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 18	Rev. John T. O'Hara (Ret.)
Sep 19	Rev. Keith M. O'Hare
Sep 20	Rev. Kevin J. O'Keefe
Sep 21	Rev. Steven G. Oetjen
Sep 22	Rev. Michael T. Orłowski
Sep 23	Rev. Carroll L. Oubre
Sep 24	Rev. Charles C. Pavlick

† For the repose of the soul of
Laura Sutherland †

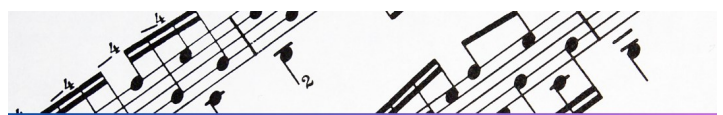


24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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"...with glad adoration a song let us raise!"

ADULT CHOIR | YOUTH CHOIR
bit.ly/stambrosevachoir

REHEARSALS | CHOIR ROOM | PARISH HALL
Youth Choir | Mondays | 4:30-5:20 pm
Adult Choir | Thursdays | 7:30-9 pm

"...therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director,
703- 841-2514 or email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Stewardship Reflection

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



WELCOME, FATHER NUGENT!

coffee + donuts reception
sunday, october 1
after 8 + 10 am Masses
parish hall



Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm
Family, friends, food + fun!
See you there!

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 & 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 features a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mass, as well as a procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. More information at arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



Continuing the Mission

Did you know a simple bequest in your will or trust will enable our parish to bring hope to future generations of faithful parishioners? For more information, please call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-3819 or visit



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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.

VIRTUS Training Session

September 21 | 6 pm | Parish Hall

Please register at www.virtus.org

More information on VIRTUS:
arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/

"...and I will give you rest"

RETREATS | DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Diocese of Arlington Retreats
bit.ly/arlingtonretreats

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center
ourladyofbethesda.org

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 September 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



UPCOMING EVENTS - JOIN US!

Details at stambroseva.org/WSA



Peg Doll Saint Painting Workshops

(Peg Doll Saint Swap on October 27)

September 22 | 10am-Noon or 6:30-8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Canvas Painting

September 28 | 6 pm | Parish Hall

RSVP 703-785-9937 or email WSA@stambroseva.org

All Saints Peg Doll Saint Swap + Potluck

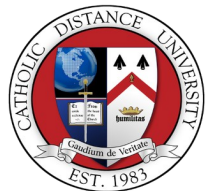
October 27 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Questions? Contact wsa@stambroseva.org

St. Ambrose Ministry Day/Time Changes

- The Garden & Grounds Club meets at the School Gym Entrance on the *Second Saturday every month* at 9:45 am. Visit bit.ly/stambroseggc for more information.
- The Bible Prayer Group meets on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 11 am in the Parish Library.

Continuing Education Courses to Ignite Your Faith!



Catholic Distance University partners with the Diocese to offer online non-credit continuing education courses to enrich your faith. Use the access code CDU15ARLINGTON at checkout to receive the discounted \$45 tuition. Visit cdu.edu/how-to-register



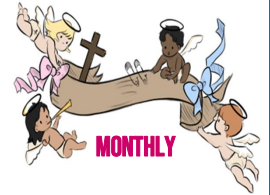
St. Michael's Parish, Annandale, sponsors an American Heritage Girls troop (americanheritagegirls.org). Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during the school year. The annual organizational meeting is Wednesday, September 20 at 7pm in the cafeteria. Please contact Jermaine Perkins at 703-658-4876 or wrauthor@gmail.com for more information.

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 weekend 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 and 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. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.



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Knitting Group

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4th Tuesday of the Month | 9:45 am | Parish Library



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