

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 29, 2024 | Twenty-sixth 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 | info@stambroseschool.org

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | 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
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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

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



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

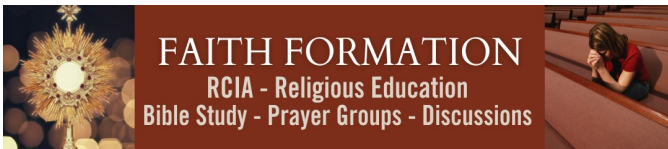
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a meal for the God Squad - volunteer to provide dinners for approximately 15 people. God Squad meets weekly on Sundays from 6 - 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm. God bless - and thank you for your generosity! Visit bit.ly/GodSquadMeal or scan the QR code.



Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, celebrated on September 29, is 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Maria Ignacio †
9:00 a.m.	Ronald P. White †
Tuesday	October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Dr. Gill Ascunce †
9:00 a.m.	Priests of our Diocese
Wednesday	October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00 a.m.	Orion Everett Cagwin †
9:00 a.m.	St. Ambrose Parish
Thursday	October 3: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Christine Freiderichs †
9:00 a.m.	Bob Elder
Friday	October 4: St. Francis of Assisi— First Friday
7:00 a.m.	Gary Wayne Bianucci †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	October 5: Wkdy; St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Tom & Mary Stasik † / L
5:00 p.m.	Michael Nastri †
Sunday	October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Anton Van Saase †
12:00 noon	Martha & Lawrence Holmes, Sr. †
5:00 p.m.	Ms. Hang Tran

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. Sychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 30	Rev. David P. Meng
Oct 1	Rev. Charles W. Merkle, III
Oct 2	Rev. Richard A. Miserendino
Oct 3	Rev. Daniel L. Mode
Oct 4	Rev. Mark E. Moretti
Oct 5	Rev. Noah C. Morey
Oct 6	Rev. Joseph F. Moschetto

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the

Recruiting for New Altar Boys

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. Attendance at one training session is required for new servers. Training date is October 12 from 11 am to Noon in the Church.



SAINT AMBROSE CHOIRS

Adult Choir

Thursdays | 7:30 pm

Youth Choir

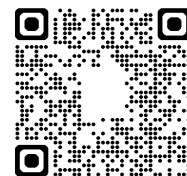
Mondays | 4:30 pm

bit.ly/stambrosechoirs



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/ for the schedule and complete details.



Finding Jesus with Pier Giorgio Frassati - Young Adult Retreat

Come climb with us! Join Fr. Joseph Townsend, Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, and Father John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar at St. James in Falls Church, at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center for a weekend of spiritual adventure! Together we will scale the peaks and navigate the chasms of the spiritual life as we ascend "the Heights" to Christ with Pier Giorgio Frassati. For more adventurous souls - come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak! This silent retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday, October 18, and ends at 1 pm on Sunday, October 20. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

Hispanic Heritage Mass & 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.

Stewardship Reflection

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Special Event For the Parishioners of St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Fairfax Memorial Advance Planning Seminar

Saturday: October 12th **OCTOBER**

9:45am (after the 9:00am mass) **15% OFF**

Location: Parish Hall

Free Advance Planning Informational Meeting

Refreshments will be served

Reservations Required.

Contact Kevin Cooper at 571-213-5513

or email: kevinc@fmpark.com

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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 or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.



St. Ambrose Preschool Thanks to a generous donation by the Traylor-Shea Joint Venture, we have two new preschool classrooms. Soon new windows will be arriving and installed in the preschool thanks to the generosity of our Knights of Columbus.

Now that the big kids are settled in school, do you have a 3 to 5 year old looking to make new friends and explore the world around them in a Catholic environment? We have spots available in our morning and afternoon preschool programs.

We are also happy to announce that our Pre-K 4 classroom is a dual language classroom where 50% of instruction is in Spanish and the other 50% is in English.

Please contact us at info@stambroseschool.org or 703-698-7171 for more information.

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ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

Twice Monthly
Saturdays | 6:30 - 8 am
bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup



Marriage Jubilee Mass 2024

October 20 | 3 pm | St. Thomas More Cathedral

Were you married in 1999 or 1974?

Join us for the annual Mass for couples celebrating silver (25 year) or golden (50 year) anniversaries! The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass. To sign up, please contact the St. Ambrose Parish Office at 703-280-4400 by October 2.



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 | info@ambrosecouncil.org



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



2 MINUTES 2 VIRTUE PODCAST
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE

Join Most Rev. Bishop Michael Burbidge and families across the Diocese of Arlington for the **Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities**, as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessings that our brothers, sisters and children with disabilities bring to our lives. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship. We hope to see you on Sunday, October 13, at 9 am at St. Mark Catholic Church in Vienna, VA. For more information visit: www.portocharities.org/events

32nd International Week of Prayer and Fasting

CONQUERING the DARKNESS:
Triumph of Mercy, Hope and Healing
October 12 - 20, 2024

in collaboration with the Legion of Mary



Join Us for These 9 Days of Mass, Prayer, Fasting, Rosary, & Adoration!



Our goal is to mobilize churches, communities, schools, prayer groups, and clergy to pray & fast:

- For the conversion of all people and nations
- To defend the sanctity of marriage and family life
- For all priests, vocations, and holiness of the members of the Church
- To build a culture of life
- For peace and to implore God's Mercy



You're invited to the **Opening International Day of Prayer**

Saturday, October 12, 2024
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

MASS 9:15 am with Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker
SPEAKERS • CONFESSIONS • GLOBAL LIVING ROSARY with EMCEE TED FLYNN

St. Mary of Sorrows Church
10500 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032

Mass & Morning Conference St. Mary of Sorrows Church | Lunch & Afternoon Conference Parish Center (St. Joseph Hall)

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OPENING DAY GUEST SPEAKERS



Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker, STD



Jim Wahlberg



Fr. Dan Leary



Dan & Stephanie Burke



Alexis Walkenstein



Dr. Seggy Acosta

Register for Opening Day at iwopf.org

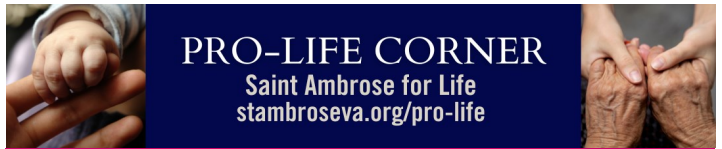
Preregistration for Opening Day: \$35 (includes lunch)

Register for 9 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Adoration



Scan this QR code to learn more and register.

Questions? (888) 478-PRAY info@iwopf.org



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
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 or contact The MaRiH Center, 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

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

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
Info@helpafterabortion.org

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org

Respect Life Month Mass

Sunday, October 6 | Noon | St. Ambrose Church
Please join the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, at St. Ambrose Church for Mass as we celebrate Respect Life Month. The Bishop will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome!

All mothers and fathers who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are invited to *Behold and Be Held*, an Evening of Reflection on Thursday, October 10 from 6:45 - 9:15 pm at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston. We come together as mothers and fathers of loss to pray and honor the lives of our precious babies, gone too soon. Registration is free but is required. Scan the QR code to register or visit www.redbird.love/behold Sponsored by the Diocesan chapter of Red Bird Ministries; please contact elizabeth@redbird.love with questions.



Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library
All are welcome!
bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY



USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org