

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 8, 2024 | Twenty-third 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

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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
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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

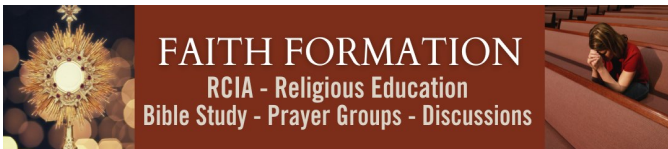
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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

Third Tuesdays | 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

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 frnugent@stambroseschool.org.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library | No Meetings August 4 - Sept 1

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
703-280-1122 | cjackson@stambroseva.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

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

GOD SQUAD KICKOFF!

Sunday, September 8 | 6-8 pm | School Lawn
SLIDE KICKBALL | PIZZA PROVIDED
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

Questions? Contact Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education
cjackson@stambroseva.org | 703-280-1122

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 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 9: USA: St. Peter Claver, Priest Matthew Terbilcox Arturo Sanz †
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 10: Weekday Betty Drazenovich † Ruth Wright †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 11: Weekday Hang Tran Josephine Bourgeois †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 12: Wkdy; The Most Holy Name of Mary Reid Williamson † Margaret Dominguez †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Dorothea Coss † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Robert & Evelyn Seoane, Sr. † Michael Virgilio †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Lou Rich † Theresa Fruet † Mary DeAngelis † People of the Parish

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

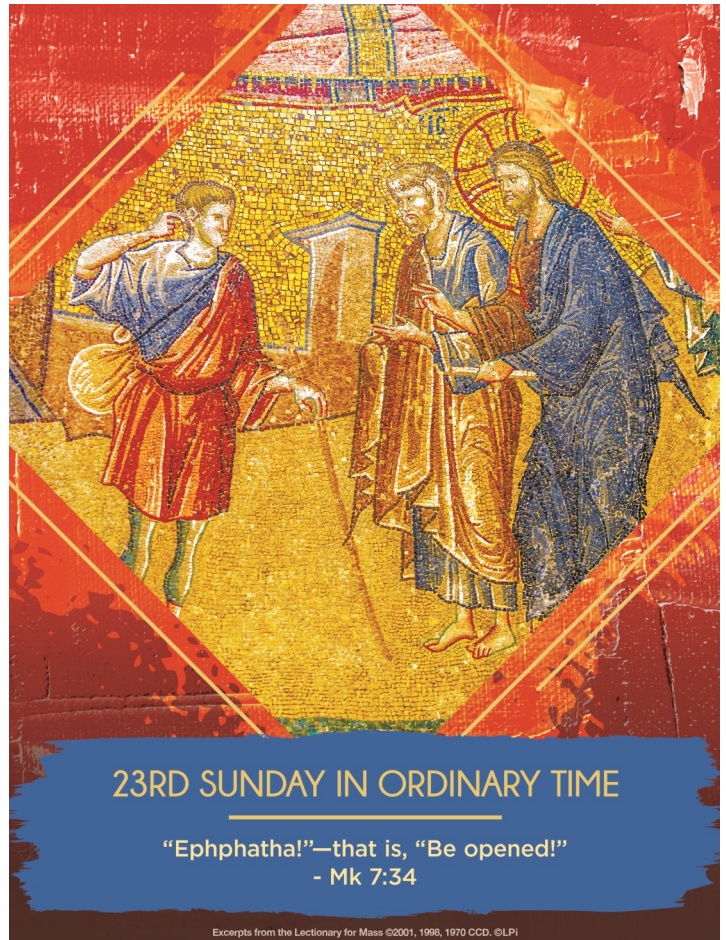
For the Sick

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 9	Rev. Michael J.R. Kelly
Sep 10	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
Sep 11	Rev. Anthony J. Killian
Sep 12	Rev. Dennis W. Klienmann
Sep 13	Rev. Sean T. Koehr
Sep 14	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi (Ret.)
Sep 15	Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Krempa (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"
- Mk 7:34

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SAINT AMBROSE CHOIRS

Meet in Choir Room, Parish Hall



Adult Choir

Starts September 12
Thursdays | 7:30 pm

Youth Choir

Starts September 9
Mondays | 4:30 pm



Are you interested in bringing glory to God through the beauty of sacred music? Join us!
bit.ly/stambrosechoirs

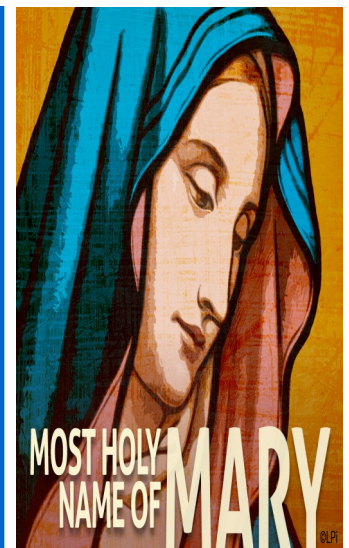
Recruiting for New Altar Boys

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, 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.



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



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

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St. Ambrose School
**2024-25
ENROLL NOW!**

stambroseschool.org

Dual Language Program

MORE INFO
703-698-7171




**2024-25 PRESCHOOL
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**



STAMBROSEPRESCHOOL.ORG

Do you need help with household chores, repairs, yard work, etc.?
The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke has volunteers who are willing to help, for free, by moving furniture, hanging pictures, changing batteries and light bulbs, completing minor carpentry tasks, trimming bushes, doing yard work, and other tasks.
We aren't able to complete electrical or plumbing jobs.
If you could benefit from these services, contact Barry Wickersham, 703-203-8929 or Wes Pollock, 571-288-8844.

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, DC 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.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34
Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

**ST. AMBROSE
MEN'S GROUP**

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






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

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
WSA@stambroseva.org



MERCY RIDE

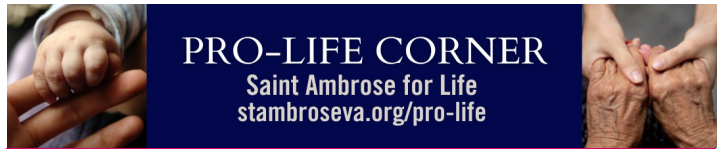
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta Northern Virginia Lieutenancy is hosting a "Mercy Ride" to benefit Catholic Charities' Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics.

The bicycle ride will kick off at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Sept. 14 at 7 AM. The Order of Malta is seeking participants and volunteers.

Please visit mercyride.org for more information.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: September 7 & 8

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

"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 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



young adults group

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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