ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor Rev. Joseph D. Bergida, Parochial Vicar Parish Office Phone Number: 703-280-4400

MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m.

> WEEKDAYS Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 a.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

> > HOLY DAYS As announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturdays: 9:30 & 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA After 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass

ADORATION Following 9:00 a.m. Mass First Fridays until 7:00 p.m. Benediction

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: First-time, expectant parents must attend a prior instruction on 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 12:00 pm 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 are happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.



PARISH SCHOOL

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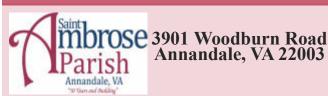
Principal: Maria Tejada principal@stambroseschool.org

Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process by 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 & teachings of His Church, please contact Mrs. Nicole Filipowski in the Office of Religious Education.

Sick Calls: Contact the parish office to schedule visits to the sick/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 office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Registration forms are available in the parish office, the vestibule of the Church, and on the website.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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Office Hours and Staff: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Bulletin Notices: Please email your information to Donna Vasilakos. Deadline for the bulletin is **12 days before publication.**

Diocesan Resource Page on Issues Affecting the Catholic Church Available. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding the recent events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses to the crisis from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m.	Mary & Edwin Wilson T
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Tuesday	September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00 a.m.	Chase Acton
9:00 a.m.	Delores Maria Klimonda +
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Wednesday	September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 a.m.	People who died of COVID-19 ⁺
9:00 a.m.	Private
Thursday	September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope; and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Henry Hobek T
9:00 a.m.	Melinda Gomes
Friday	September 17: Wkdy; St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Mary Oberc +
9:00 a.m.	For the Repose of Souls in Purgatory Most
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Saturday	September 18: Weekday, BVM
9:00 a.m.	Leslee King †
5:00 p.m.Vigil	Robert Louden T
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SundaySeptember 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time8:00 a.m.People of the Parish10:00 a.m.Justine Matthew Filart12:00 noonLeslee King †5:00 p.m.Private

STAY CONNECTED!

FLOCKNOTE

Sign up for email and/or text message notifications. Text **Annandale** to 84576 or visit stambroseva.flocknote.com/dashboard to sign up. Choose only the groups YOU want to hear from! Unsubscribe at any time.

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WEBSITE

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We've also joined Twitter! Follow us at <u>twitter.com/SaintAmbroseCal</u>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH

Irene Anderson, Theresa & Moses Avila, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Michael Hoffman, Lawrence Holmes, Jr., Kathleen Johnson, Jim Kirsch, Robert Koldys, John Maskeny, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Robert Seoane, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Karen Hardy Storm, Laura Sutherland

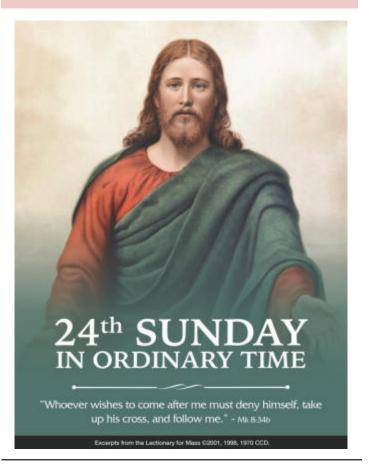
PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS

September 13 Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Ret.)
September 14 Rev. Clarene M. Trinkle (Ret.)
September 15 Rev. John T. B. Trong (Ret.)
September 16 Rev. James A. Tucker
September 17 Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro
September 18 Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro
September 19 Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Guillermo H. Davila

The Diaper Drive and Food Drive are temporarily suspended.



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Parish Picnic next Sunday. We love these opportunities to join as one family. Our very active PTO will be providing many more opportunities throughout this school year for all of us to come together and celebrate our school and community.

We hope you will join us.

Yours in Christ, Maria Tejada principal@stambroseschool.org

"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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

<u>Jesus, Mary and a Cup of Joe</u> Journey through the Bible with us!

Join us Sundays at 8:45 am, beginning September 12, in the school library for Jesus, Mary, and a Cup of Joe! We meet to learn more about the faith while enjoying fellowship and building community. All adults are welcome!

Not sure it's for you? Come check it out. Can't come every week? No problem. Come when you can. There's no commitment and no pressure, just good coffee.

K - 12 Religious Education

Classes Begin September 15 ~ Register Today!

St. Ambrose offers religious education classes for students in grades K - 12 who attend public or other non-Catholic schools which include the preparation necessary to receive the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

In-person classes are held on Wednesdays from September through May. Online classes are available for grades 1 - 8. Students must be registered in advance. Visit <u>stambroseva.org/RE</u> for details.

<u>RCIA: Becoming Catholic</u> Come Learn About the Catholic Faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those over the age of seven who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition who are now interested in becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholics who are not fully initiated (need First Communion or Confirmation).

Classes are Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall, September through May. Visit <u>stambrose-va.org/RCIA</u> for details.

<u>Bible Study: Gospel of Mark</u> 14 Sessions Beginning September 29

Discover the Gospel of Mark like never before with this powerful series led by Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Cost is \$10 and includes a workbook which will be provided. Current Religious Ed and Saint Ambrose School parents may attend for free. Visit <u>stambroseva.org/</u><u>BibleStudy</u> for details.

To register for any of the above, to volunteer, or for more information, please contact Nicole Filipowski, Director of Religious Education, at <u>nfilipowski@stambroseva.org</u> or 703-280-1122.

YOUTH MINISTRY

For information on all youth ministry events, visit our website at <u>www.stambroseva.org</u>

It takes a Church - Interested in participating/ volunteering? Contact the Director of Youth Ministry Julia Crean at jcrean@stambroseva.org



Upcoming Events:

High School Ministry

God Squad will return with a kick off event on Sunday September 12th! (Tonight!) 5:45pm-8pm

Open to <u>everyone</u> grades 9-12, bring a friend and join us for slip n slide kickball and a BBQ! *Our regular weekly God Squad meetings will resume on September 19th*

Weekend WorkCamp

Our next Weekend WorkCamp will be October 9th! We hope you'll join us!

Junior High Ministry

We are working hard to have our Junior High Ministries return safely this year, please keep an eye on the bulletin for information about their start dates!

Please continue to check the bulletin for more details on all of these events as we get closer! God Squad is in need of volunteers willing to help with our weekly dinners! If that is something you would be interested in please contact Julia Crean.

St. Ambrose Parish Picnic

Sunday September 19, 2021 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Picnic Food & Activities

Pizza, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, moon bounce, pony rides, petting zoo, and much more

Below is the QR code and Link to sign up to help for the picnic.

https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/20F0B44A4AD283-parish1



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UNVEILING SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

St. Ambrose Adult Choir

OUR NEW SEASON IS BEGINNING AND WE ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Activities Center Music Room

The St. Ambrose Adult Choir sings every Sunday at the 10:00AM Mass and on Holy Days. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Please come and sit in on our first rehearsal and experience the joy of singing with a terrific ensemble. No commitment will be expected.

> For more information, please contact Mr. Don Cotton <u>dcotton@stambroseva.org</u> or (703) 698-0374

Join us for this 14-part series!

<u>Morning Study</u>: Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall October 6 - November 17 & January 12 - February 23

Evening Study: Wednesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:15 in the School Gym September 29 - November 17 & January 5 -February 23* *We will not meet November 3 or January 19.

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.

Cost to attend is \$10; includes a workbook which will be provided. Current Religious Ed and Saint Ambrose School parents may attend for FREE.

REGISTER: Please contact Nicole Filipowski at <u>nfilipowski@stambroseva.org</u> or 703-280-1122 to register.

APOLOGETICS 101

Wednesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm September 15 - November 17, 2021 St. Ambrose Parish Library

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." - 1 Peter 3:15

Have you ever been asked questions like these? Did you know how to respond?

- •Why do you pray to Mary and the Saints instead of just to God?
- •How do we know which books should be in the Bible?
- •The Bible says call no man "father," so why do we call priests father?

Equip yourself to live out your baptismal calling. Join us for this 10-part series in which you will learn the Catholic answers to common questions about the Catholic faith and how to engage non-believers in effective dialogue about the truth.

Schedule

•September 15: What is apologetics	•October 20: Sacraments
and why do we need it?	•October 27: Eucharist/Real Presence
•September 22: Divine Revelation	•November 3: Mary & the Saints
•September 29: Holy Scripture	•November 10: Justification - Faith & Works
•October 6: Sacred Tradition	•November 17: Q&A
•October 13: Magisterium/Papacy	

There is no cost to attend. To register, contact Nicole Filipowski, Director of Religious Education, at <u>nfilipowski@stambroseva.org</u> or 703-280-1122. All are welcome! Bring a friend and bring your questions.



