

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 11, 2026 | The Baptism of the Lord



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, 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

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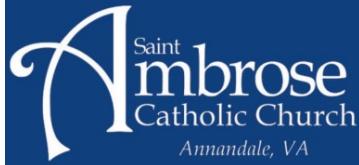
Saturday | After 9 am Mass

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.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
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish bulletin deadline is 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos, dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

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

Parish Registration: 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. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org/registration



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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): The process through which a person is 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 contact the Director of Religious Education, 571-640-9938 or DRE@stambroseva.org.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or home-bound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.



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.

PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. **The login is at bit.ly/sacc25** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan has not been amortized yet. Details are available at bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt. Any amount you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using electronic giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to ParishSoft.



FAITH FORMATION

OCIA | Religious Education | Youth Ministry | Bible Studies | Discussions

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

stambroseva.org/OCIA

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education

DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

OCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition and 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

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education

DRE@stambroseva.org | 571-640-9938

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include 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 & enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

APOLOGETICS 101

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall

January - August 2026

Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 9:30 am, Snack 10 am - Noon, Study | Parish Hall

January - April 2026 | Foundations of Faith

Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library

Carol Russell, Coordinator

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel.

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall

Father Nugent, Facilitator | frnugent@stambroseva.org

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/WWP

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | January 28 - March 11

Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: wwp@stambroseva.org

Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP



YOUTH MINISTRY



Lissie Torres, Youth Minister

703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org



Sign up to help with the formation of our teens by providing a dinner and dessert for 15. The High School Youth

Group meets on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm each week. [Sign up now](#). Thank you for your generosity! God bless! bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals

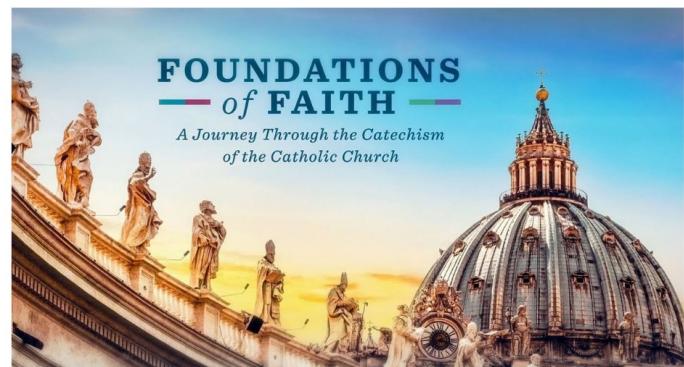


THINK OF WHAT IS above, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.
COLOSSIANS 3:2

Adult Bible Study

JANUARY 7 - APRIL 29, 2026

WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM - SNACK | 10 - 11:30 AM - STUDY



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 12: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Larry Payne
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Nugent
Tuesday	January 13: Wkdy; St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Samperio Family
9:00 a.m.	Claire Hogarty
Wednesday	January 14: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger
9:00 a.m.	Eleanor Krzemienski
Thursday	January 15: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Laura Viteri
9:00 a.m.	Vivienne Samperio
Friday	January 16: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Meghan Lewis
9:00 a.m.	Neil Corey
Saturday	January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
9:00 a.m.	Larry Payne
5:00 p.m.	Maria Moy
Sunday	January 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Samperio Family
12:00 noon	Larry Payne
5:00 p.m.	Charlie Kirk () & Family (L)

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

February 6 | 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, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, 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

Jan 12	Rev. Msgr. Lee R. Roos, VF
Jan 13	Rev. Robert L. Ruskamp
Jan 14	Rev. Michael C. Sampson
Jan 15	Rev. Msgr. William P. Saunders
Jan 16	Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia
Jan 17	Rev. William B. Schardt (Ret.)
Jan 18	Rev. Nicolas J. Schierer



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose

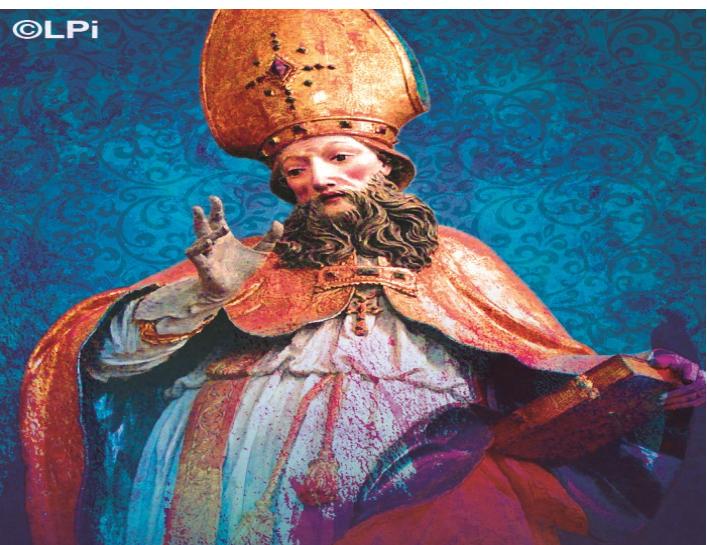


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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**WE RECEIVE
THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTH SO THAT
WE CAN KNOW
THE THINGS
OF GOD.**

-ST. HILARY OF POITERS

RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

2026 DIOCESAN RETREATS

Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and the retreats being offered in the months ahead.

Women's Silent Retreat: Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia to read, pray, and rest with Jesus as we consider her great autobiography, *Story of a Soul*. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday January 23 and concludes Sunday January 25 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Praying with the Saints: Retreat for Married Couples

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Father Stephen Vaccaro and Father Ed Guilloux as they team up to lead a retreat for Married Couples. With conferences on the lives and teachings of great saints, they'll help couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocations. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday February 13 and concludes Sunday February 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Women's Retreat: Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection

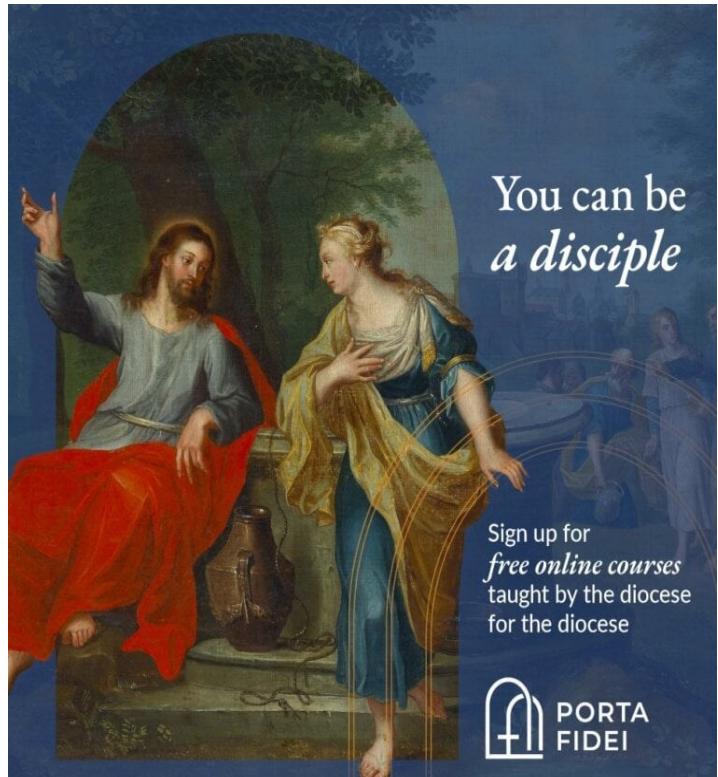
Gather at the midpoint of Lent and retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Msgr Mangan from Mt. St. Mary Seminary as we renew our sorrow for our sins, and we express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. We will listen to His Holy Word, and we will participate in His grace-filled Sacraments. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday March 13 and concludes Sunday March 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. Please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.



WELCOME SUNDAY! Coffee & Donuts After 8 + 10 am Masses Parish Hall

Your Hosts

- January 11 | Youth Ministry
- February 1 | WorkCamp
- February 8 | Walking with Purpose
- March 8 | St. Ambrose Men's Group
- April 12 | WorkCamp
- May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
- May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group & Young Professionals Holy Hour



PORTA FIDEI | DOOR OF FAITH

Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ has "opened the door of faith" to all. Inspired by this assurance we invite you to a new threshold: Porta Fidei, a new companion to help you grow in faith by God's grace through digitally accessible, intellectually engaging, and spiritually fortifying courses. Porta Fidei is brought to you by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and produced by its Office of Communications. This initiative is a fruit of our Diocesan Strategic Plan, which emphasizes encouragement and growth in authentic discipleship among the faithful. Porta Fidei courses are anywhere from 45 to 90 minutes in length, segmented into easy to digest lessons. Membership is free. Visit <https://www.portafidei.com/about/>



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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

KoC Multi Car Raffle! All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle again this year. Prizes include four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Ford Mustang, Ford Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Ford Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$42,000 in cash prizes (including one for \$20,000!). Tickets will be mailed to you within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you as this directly affects the charitable work the St. Ambrose Knights do for our Parish every year. *Your support is greatly appreciated.* Volunteers are needed, too - please email michaelcoss09@gmail.com to help us make this a success.

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

UPCOMING WSA EVENTS

Friday, January 23	March for Life Watch Party
Saturday, February 21	Women's Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 15	Baby Shower for MaRiH Center



*Life as a Catholic dude in America can be...challenging.
We don't need another podcast. We need each other.*



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life



Diaper Drive Weekend: February 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 (newborn - 6), fall/winter clothes/coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** 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

Join us for the fifth annual **Virginia Pro-Life Day** on January 15, 2026 in Richmond! Meet with your legislators to advocate for life and against the extreme, radical and deadly proposal to enshrine a virtually unlimited "fundamental right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution. Be a voice for the voiceless! With majorities in both the State Senate and House of Delegates poised to advance extreme abortion measures quickly, it is more important than ever to show up in record numbers and stand up for life. Virginia Pro-Life Day will be your last chance to stop the extreme abortion amendment from going to a referendum. Register at: vaprolifeday.org Virginia Pro-Life Day is a collaborative effort of the Virginia Catholic Conference, Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, and Virginia Society for Human Life.

Bereavement Group

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG



St. Ambrose Men's Group Winter/Spring 2026

10 January	• Coffee, conversation, prayer & formation in the parish hall, 7:00 - 8:30 AM
24 January	• <i>Every</i> 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of the month, every month
14 February	• Confessions available at 6:30 AM in the Church
28 February	• Hang out with other dudes in our parish and Fr. Nugent
14 March	
28 March	
11 April	
25 April	



Join the group chat here to stay connected!

Saint Ambrose Parish 2026 Diaper Drive Dates

Sponsored by St. Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life



All items are donated to The MaRiH Center

January 3 + 4

July 4 + 5

February 7 + 8

August 1 + 2

March 7 + 8

September 5 + 6

April 4 + 5

October 3 + 4

May 2 + 3

November 7 + 8

June 6 + 7

December 5 + 6

**These needed items are collected
the first weekend of the month at all Masses**

Diapers – all sizes

Formula – especially Similac Advance

Wipes + Diaper rash ointment

**Other critically needed items such as
Grocery Gift Cards | Baby Shampoo | Blankets**

Lovies | Clothes: Sizes 0-3 months and 2T

can be directly donated to

The MaRiH Center, 3230 Duke Street B

Alexandria VA, 22314

marih.org/donate | 703-370-4774