

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 18, 2026 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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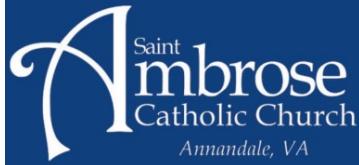
Saturday | After 9 am Mass

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
email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

CLERGY

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703-280-4400 | jlaird@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 hasn't 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 online 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 | Defending Our Faith

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

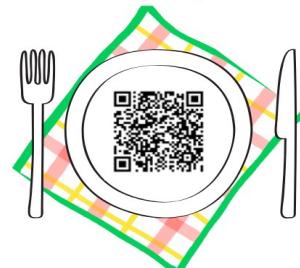
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP



Lissie Torres, Youth Minister
703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org
stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

dinner dates!

Support the St. Ambrose High School Youth Group



Sign up now to provide dinner & dessert

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



REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 1pm
stambrosesummer.com/registration

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https://www.instagram.com/st_ambrose_catholic_church/



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 19: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Larry Payne 
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke 
Tuesday	January 20: Wkdy; St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Mario Vinas 
9:00 a.m.	Richard Remmel 
Wednesday	January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Joseph Ferguson, Sr. 
9:00 a.m.	Ruth Wright 
Thursday	January 22: USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
7:00 a.m.	Arthur V. Schultz 
9:00 a.m.	Alberto Samperio 
Friday	January 23: Wkdy; St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Roseanne Molaro 
9:00 a.m.	Anne Driscoll Melville
Saturday	January 24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ely
5:00 p.m.	Chip & Cindy Hollcraft
Sunday	January 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Donella Wright
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Alberto Samperio 
5:00 p.m.	Donovan Charlton 

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, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasyr, 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, Lillian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 19	Rev. William B. Schirer
Jan 20	Rev. Stephen J. Schultz
Jan 21	Rev. James R. Searby
Jan 22	Rev. Eric L. Shafer
Jan 23	Rev. Scott Sina
Jan 24	Rev. Charles C. Smith
Jan 25	Rev. Jonathan M. Smith

For the repose of the souls of

George Patrick Lewett and Donna Rivoire



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

MARCH FOR LIFE

Rally Watch Party, Potluck & Prayer

January 23 | 11 am - 2 pm | Parish Hall

All are welcome!

RSVP/Sign Up: bit.ly/WSAKCWatchParty
Hosted by WSA & Knights



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Gift for Life helps continue the Diocese's Gabriel Project parish-based pregnancy assistance ministry and Project Rachel after abortion care ministry. On the Gabriel Project side, you help support providing maternity care, baby items and events for mothers in need in our area. Project Rachel receives funds to provide counseling and group healing events to those in need of after abortion care. For more information, go to arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

— HOLIDAY —
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

2026 DIOCESAN RETREATS

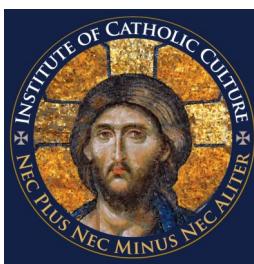
Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and the retreats being offered in the months ahead.

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



The Institute of Catholic Culture (ICC) offers online adult Catholic education programs free of charge. The ICC's curriculum is structured upon the classical liberal arts and divided into four quarters, corresponding to the Church's major liturgical cycles (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Paschal Season) and a fourfold division of the history of the world (Pre-Christian,

Early Christian, Medieval and Renaissance, and Modern). Within each educational quarter the major disciplines of a Catholic liberal arts education are studied (i.e., history, philosophy, theology, literature, etc.) by focusing upon specific topics, ideas, and events that are important to the time period and helped shape the story of salvation history. The 2025-26 ICC curriculum is available at <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/curriculum>



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

Your Hosts

- February 1 | WorkCamp
- February 8 | Walking with Purpose
- March 1 | St. Ambrose PTO - Gala
- March 8 | St. Ambrose Men's Group
- May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
- May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group & Young Professionals Holy Hour



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Walking With Purpose 6 Week Fearless & Free Study Group

Fearless and Free is a Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. So many of us are wrestling through the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right things. Suffering can slam into us from left field, leaving us reeling.

This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way. With an emphasis on healing and wholeness, **Fearless and Free** is the most personal and transformative study that Walking with Purpose has offered.

**Make authentic connections with other women
Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God**



**Wednesdays January 28 - March 11
7:00 - 8:30 PM, St. Ambrose Parish Hall**

Please purchase study books prior to the first session
(scholarships are available!)
Questions? www@stambroseschool.org

Scan to register:



Scan to purchase study book:



Registration URL <https://bit.ly/WWPRegistration>

 walking with purpose



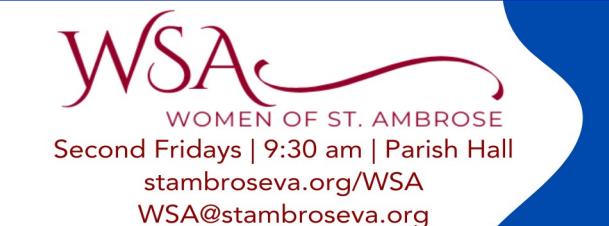
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ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm
Parish Library
ambrosecouncil.org | info@ambrosecouncil.org

Knights 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 chari-table 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.



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

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.ccdac.net

Project Rachel

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

NEW DAY - SAME TIME!

The St. Ambrose Garden & Grounds Club has permanently moved its Meet-Up Day from the 2nd Saturday of the Month to the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please join us on February 21 to care for the grounds around the parish campus. We meet right after the 9 am Mass and work until about 12:30pm but you can come and go as needed. Members range from garden newbies to experienced plant lovers, some with handy-man skills, to cover a range of tasks – from weeding and raking, trimming and chainsawing, to planting and repairing. For more information or to join the email distribution list, contact Mike McCann at MLMcCann5@verizon.net

**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!

ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

Come see how St. Ambrose,
**Virginia's only Dual Language
Catholic School**, is building a future
of confident, bilingual leaders.



Sunday, Jan 25, 2026

11:00AM - 12:30PM

St. Ambrose Dual Language Catholic School

3827 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003

- ✓ Experience a lesson
- ✓ Meet the Principal & teachers
- ✓ Ask questions

**Registration required.
Reserve your space!**



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