

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 25, 2026 | Third 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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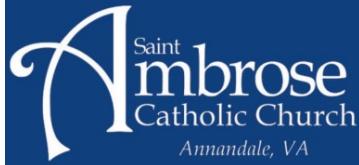
Saturday | After 9 am Mass

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
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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

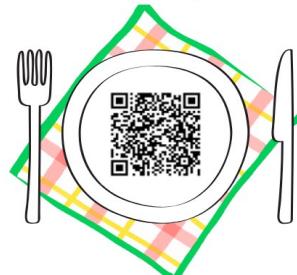
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ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
bit.ly/formedfaith



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

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 12-16. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters runs July 19-23. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open February 2-28; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be done anytime between Feb. 2-28. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

Help Us Care for Every Life with Love

The Diocese of Arlington's Catholic Charities' pro-life medical ministries are seeking volunteers to help serve mothers in need, and other adults with dignity and compassionate support. Current needs include: • Clinical support (basic clinic tasks) • Interpreters • Computer/administrative help (data, scheduling, follow-up) • General operations (supplies, donations, organization) • Eligibility assistance (intake and forms) A twice-monthly commitment is especially helpful. If you feel called to support the dignity of every human life with a spirit of service and willingness to learn, we would be grateful to welcome you. Visit: volunteer.ccda.net - Mother of Mercy Free Clinic Contact: volunteer@ccda.net "Together, we accompany families with hope and love."



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 26: St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
7:00 a.m.	The Unemployed & those seeking work
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann White 
Tuesday	January 27: Wkdy; St. Agnes Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
7:00 a.m.	John (Jack) Picco 
9:00 a.m.	James Hannan 
Wednesday	January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Declan Weide
9:00 a.m.	Clare
Thursday	January 29: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Annabella Van Saase 
9:00 a.m.	Vivienne Samperio 
Friday	January 30: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Kiet Tuan Tran
9:00 a.m.	Jack Picco 
Saturday	January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Stasik
5:00 p.m.	Carlos Castels 
Sunday	February 1: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Vivienne Michele Samperio 
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Meghan Lewis Logeais
5:00 p.m.	Anthony Collignon 

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 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, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 26	Rev. Terry W. Specht (Ret.)
Jan 27	Rev. Daniel S. Spyphala (Ret.)
Jan 28	Rev. Peter J. St. George
Jan 29	Rev. Terrence R. Staples
Jan 30	Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski
Jan 31	Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF
Feb 1	Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien, SS

**For the repose of the soul of
Donna Rivoire**



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

Jesus invites us to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



Come Pray for Vocations

All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday January 31 from 9 am - Noon. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. The day includes continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. Father Michael Nugent is the speaker. There is no cost, but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by January 26 at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514. The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



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

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

2nd & 4th Saturdays
7 am | Parish Hall
bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup



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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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@stambrooseschool.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 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.

—o Ordinary Time o—

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

UPCOMING WSA EVENTS

Saturday, February 21 Women's Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 15 Baby Shower for MaRiH Center



WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
To Be Near God Is My Happiness: The Search for Enduring Peace
February 21 | 9:30 am - 1:30pm | Parish Hall
Father Mike Nugent, Presenter
RSVP & Sign Up bit.ly/WSALentRetreat2026

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WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE



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.ccdca.net

Project Rachel

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

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.

Garden + Grounds Club

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3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



NEW DAY - SAME TIME!

The St. Ambrose Garden & Grounds Club

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 12:30 pm but you can come and go as needed. Members range from garden newbies to experienced plant lovers and some with handy-man skills, to cover a range of tasks – from weeding and raking, trimming and chain sawing, to planting and repairing. For more information or to join the email distribution list, contact MLMcCann5@verizon.net

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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