

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 26, 2025 | 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

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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

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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

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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA/RCIC): 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 call Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 571-640-9938.

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.

FAITH DIRECT

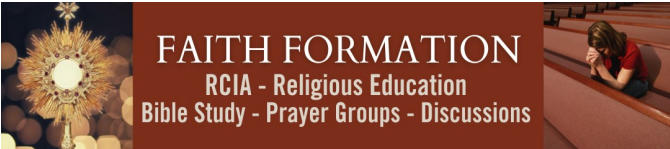
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org 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. 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

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 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 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 - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone
 Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall
 September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles
 Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY
bit.ly/MensPMBibleStudy

Third Thursdays | 7:30 pm | Parish Library
 Jonathan Wertz, Facilitator

Come join fellow men as we learn about the Bible and discuss living our Catholic faith. Fellowship, 7:30 pm; Bible Study, 8 pm.

.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. Stay as long as you like - join us!

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP
bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall
 Father Nugent, Facilitator | fnugent@stambroseschool.org

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

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library
 Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator

Open to all women of the parish. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words & pray for up each other's prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA.

Claire Cieplak
 Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education
 571-640-9938 | cjackson@stambroseva.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May
 Sundays | 6 - 8 pm
 School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12
 Bring a friend - see you there!



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

Into the Deep: A Young Adult Men's Silent Retreat

Your effectiveness depends on the conformity of your will with God's. Are you ready to take the next step? When the Lord invites you to "put out into deep waters" (Lk 5:4), He wants to make you more fully His instrument to accomplish His works. And the works of God do not crumble with the passing of time - they last for all eternity. All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited to join Fr. Christopher Christenson for a three day long silent retreat at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center February 14-16, 2025. Register today: arlingtondiocese.org/event/into-the-deep-a-young-adult-mens-silent-retreat/

Men Seeking Jesus in Lent Men's Silent Retreat

For 40 days Our Lord retreated into the desert to fast, to pray -- and to endure temptation. Join a Band of your Brothers and Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA to fully embrace the solemn season of Lent... to pray and ponder how to become men after Christ's Own Heart and to prepare for a fruitful Lenten season. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, and ends at noon on Sunday, March 2nd. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Father John Riley at john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org



Saint Ambrose Men's Group

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall
 February 8, 22 | March 8, 22

- ◆ Coffee, conversation & faith formation
- ◆ Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- ◆ Join our group chat for details



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 27: Wkdy; St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
7:00 a.m.	Hecton Family
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Tuesday	January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Sofia de la Cruz †
Wednesday	January 29: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Nick Danos †
9:00 a.m.	Urbano Fernandez †
Thursday	January 30: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Patricia D. Ellison †
9:00 a.m.	Alexis Greshock
Friday	January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Frank Nicewicz †
9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McFalls
Saturday	February 1: Weekday, BVM
9:00 a.m.	Armando Peri †
5:00 p.m.	Meredith & Jim Hinkle
Sunday	February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	Mary Gaziano
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Perpetua Fernandez †
5:00 p.m.	Minh Tran

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, February 7, 2025

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

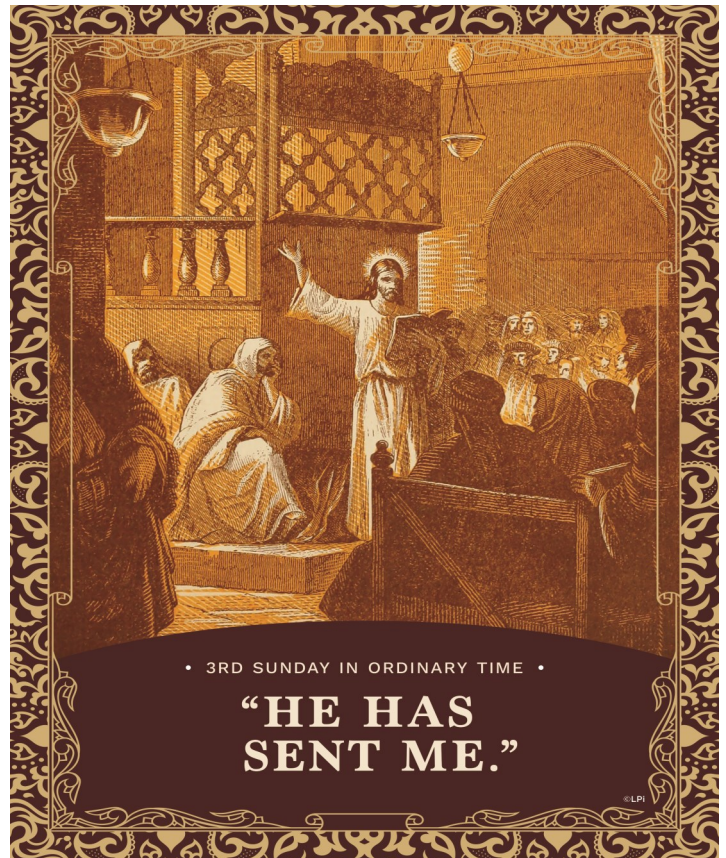
For the Sick

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 27	Rev. Andrew W. Clark
Jan 28	Rev. Peter J. Clem
Jan 29	Rev. Msgr. R. Roy Cosby (Ret.)
Jan 30	Rev. Philip M. Cozzi
Jan 31	Rev. Timothy A. Courtney
Feb 1	Rev. Msgr. John C. Cregan (Ret.)
Feb 2	Rev. Keith D. Cummings

† For the repose of the soul of **Art Haagsma** †



All women of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 15 at the 2025 Women's Conference, with the theme "Journey of Hope", at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, speaker and author from "Walking with Purpose", and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters, as well as Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. Register today at arlingtondiocese.org/event/women. Early-bird price for the conference is \$65 - \$85 after February 7.

Women Seeking Jesus in Lent Women's Silent Retreat

In the Gospels it is apparent that most of the time the brothers misunderstood Jesus... and that most of the women Christ encountered understood Him profoundly and responded swiftly... in a manner which delighted Him! In this retreat, we will consider how to be faithful to the promptings of your "Feminine Genius" as you seek to be the friends and intimates that Our Lord longs for you to be. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA for a time of reflection and prayer during the Lenten season. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 28th, and ends at noon on Sunday, March 30th. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Father John Riley at john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org

Praying with the Saints Married Couples' Retreat

Considering the lives and teachings of great saints, like St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. John Paul the Great, and St. Teresa of Avila, this retreat will focus on aiding married couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocation. Join Fr. Stephen Vaccaro and Fr. Ed Guilloux at the feet of Jesus at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA to learn more about these great saints. The retreat begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21 and ends at noon on Sunday, March 23. Retreat cost is \$470 per married couple. For further information or to register, contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

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OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 11:00 AM

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All Saints Church, Manassas, VA, has invited our parishioners to participate in its **Multi Car Raffle** again this year. Prizes include four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. The raffle benefits our parish and many other charitable causes of our Knights of Columbus. Also, volunteers are needed to help make this a success. To help out, please contact michaeltross09@gmail.com if you can help.



**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK**



FEB 22, 2024 6 PM

**HAVANA
KNIGHTS**

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Knights of Columbus

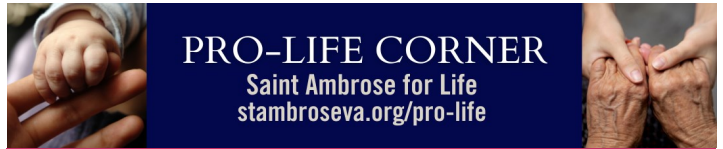
ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

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

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: February 1 & 2

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 (sizes 1, 4, 5, 6), wipes, winter baby clothes (newborn to 2T - 2T coats are a particular need.** 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

BABY SHOWER



In support of
The MaRiH Center
Sunday | February 9
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall
Details at bit.ly/wsababyshower



CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS
BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM



Bereavement Group

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG



WELCOME SUNDAY!

February 2
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall

Hosted by St. Ambrose School PTO



Rosary Makers

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY

Rosary Makers Update

In 2024, the 19 members of the St. Ambrose Rosary Makers group made 13,000 rosaries (including 150 cord rosary bracelets). The rosaries were distributed to overseas missions in the Dominican Republic, Africa, the Philippines, Cuba, Colombia and Venezuela. In the United States, rosaries were distributed to St. Ambrose Parish (including First Holy Communion and RCIA recipients), Ms. Mary Ann Lynch, the Pacific Asian Catholic Group, St. Paul Evangelization as well as Navy Chaplain Father James Hinkle. God bless all!

PRAY TAKE TIME FOR GOD
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Sundays | 3 pm
Parish Library

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