

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 5, 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord



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

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm
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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

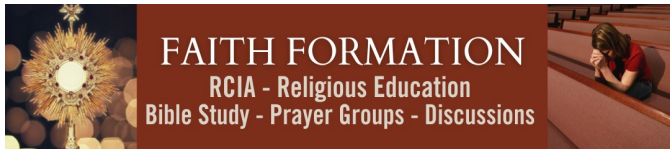
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab 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 | frnugent@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

Break: December 22, 2024 - January 12, 2025. Resume January 19.
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

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YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May

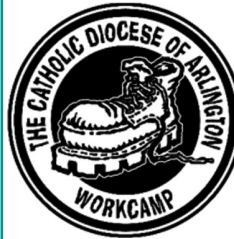
Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

WorkCamp 2025



WorkCamp is an annual week-long overnight camp providing the teens of the Arlington Diocese an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. Combining prayer, great speakers, daily Mass, confession and tons of fun,

WorkCamp 2025 is currently scheduled for June 21-27 in Shenandoah County, VA.

Open to all high school students, St. Ambrose Youth Ministry will be attending WorkCamp next summer, and we'll begin meeting in January. There is a cost to attend WorkCamp, but fundraising opportunities will take place, with the hope that we can cover full attendance costs for each St. Ambrose WorkCamper. Interested in joining and going with us? Please contact Claire Cieplak, Director of Youth Ministry, cjackson@stambroseva.org.

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE



Saint Ambrose Men's Group

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall

January 11, 25 | 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 6: Wkdy; St. Andre Bessette, Religious
7:00 a.m.	Dolores Klimonda †
9:00 a.m.	Max Vincent
Tuesday	January 7: Wkdy; St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Brayden Wu, Avery Wu
9:00 a.m.	Janice Jackson †
Wednesday	January 8: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Eric Wu & Jenny Wu
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
Thursday	January 9: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Fr. Nugent
9:00 a.m.	Annie & John Harrison
Friday	January 10: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Mike Odellas
9:00 a.m.	Jose Camacho †
Saturday	January 11: Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
5:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Holban †
Sunday	January 12: Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Val Krzemieniski & Family
12:00 noon	Cynthia Ferris †
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, February 3, 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 Respuerto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Szychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Jan 6	Rev. Brian G. Bashista
Jan 7	Rev. Michael J. Bazan
Jan 8	Rev. Bryan W. Belli
Jan 9	Rev. Jonathan A. Bennett
Jan 10	Rev. Kevin J. Beres
Jan 11	Rev. Paul A. Berghout
Jan 12	Rev. Joseph D. Bergida

† For the repose of the soul of **Lora Lee Francis** †



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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HOLY YEAR 2025 information and resources from the Diocese, the USCCB, & the Vatican are posted on the website at stambroseva.org/holy-year-2025 "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven." (from the Holy Year Prayer)



Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will celebrate the Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025 on Sunday, January 5 at 11 am at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington.

WELCOME SUNDAY!

January 5
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall

Hosted by Pro-Life Ministries



Bilingual Holy Hour for Hispanic Vocations: join the Serra Club of Arlington to pray for vocations from our Hispanic communities, as well as for the priesthood, consecrated life, and the perseverance of all vocations. Saturday, January 25, at 11:15 am, at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Leesburg Pike, Sterling. The Serra Club of Arlington are lay Catholics of all ages and from all walks of life who promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, support priests in their sacred ministry, and assist fellow members to recognize and respond in their own lives, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us! More information at serraclubarlington.org.

**2024-25 Knights of Columbus
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**



What's the question?

In an original essay of 500-750 words reflect this theme:
what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess,
and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

Who can enter?

Young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 in public, private,
parochial or home schools during the current school year.

How is my essay judged?

Entrants are judged on grammar, style, and how clearly
they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity,
imagination and overall development of the topic.

Prizes

First = \$50 | Second = \$40 | Third = \$30

Entry Deadline | January 25, 2025

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY

Complete the Entry Form at
bit.ly/KCEssayContestForm
or scan the code



Email your essay
and the completed Entry Form to
stambrosekocessaycontest@gmail.com



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
stambroseschool.org
info@stambroseschool.org | 703-698-7171

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8 | 5:30 pm | School Gym
CYO Basketball Mass & Family Potluck Dinner

January 8 | 7 pm | Preschool
Preschool Open House

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SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL
IN VIRGINIA**



**ST. AMBROSE
DUAL LANGUAGE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Preschool to 8th Grade
with Spanish Immersion in Preschool through 3rd grade

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

Register for our Open House today! stambroseschool.org
3827 Woodburn Road, Annandale

Saint Ambrose School PTO Notes

Restaurant Fund Raisers

- Tuesday, January 14, 4 - 8 pm at Chipotle in Mosaic, 8191 Strawberry Lane, Falls Church, VA. The school will receive 33% of sales.

FEB 22, 2024 6 PM

HAVANA NIGHTS

ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
25th ANNUAL GALA

3827 Woodburn Road - Annandale, VA 22003

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO A
FUNDRAISER AUCTION
DINNER and Dancing **TICKETS** ON SALE **JAN 9**

For more information visit <https://www.biddingforgood.com/va18A>



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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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



MARCH FOR LIFE

Rally Watch Party, Potluck & Prayer

January 24 | 11 am - 2 pm | Parish Hall

All are welcome!

RSVP & Sign Up: bit.ly/wsawatchparty




BABY SHOWER

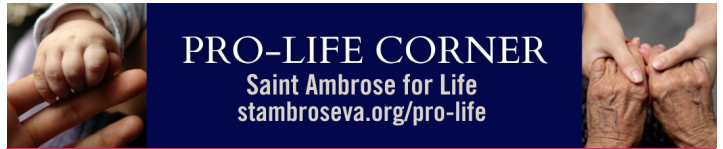
In support of
The MaRiH Center
Sunday | February 9
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall
Details at bit.ly/wsababyshower

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

KNITTING GROUP

Fourth Tuesday of the Month
After 9 am Mass | Parish Library
bit.ly/knittinggroup

Make a New Year's resolution to join us!! Find fun and fellowship with our Knitting Group. Newcomers are welcome - no experience necessary. See you there! bit.ly/knittinggroup



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: January 4 & 5

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 (all sizes), wipes and formula (especially Similac Advance)*. 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

Stewardship Reflection

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



USHERS NEEDED

[email ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)

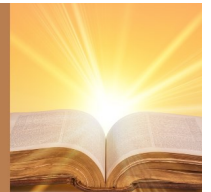
Garden + Grounds Club

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC
2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library
All are welcome!
bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



apologetics 101 discussion group

third tuesdays | 7 pm | parish hall
stambroseva.org/BibleStudy