

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 11, 2026
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS

Sunday

8 am, 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

Monday - Friday

7 am, 9 am

Saturday

9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)

Holy Days

As announced

CONFESSION

Saturday

9:30 am, 3-4 pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday

After 9 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday

9:30 am - 7 pm

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SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org

SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | stambroseva.org/RE

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WELCOME!

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Bulletin Deadline: 14 days prior to the desired Sunday publication date. Please send the request to bulletin@stambroseva.org



Whether you're an active parishioner, a visitor, looking to come home to the Catholic Church or seeking God and answers to the questions of daily life, we invite you to come and be a part of our growing parish family.

Explore and discover all our parish ministries, programs and special events. Experience the beauty of our church. We invite you to share the great gift of faith in Jesus Christ, handed down to us from the apostles through the Catholic Church. Welcome to St. Ambrose!

Parish Membership Parish registration forms are available at the Parish Office and online at stambroseva.org/registration. Please notify the office of any information changes (phone number, address, temporary absence, etc.) Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sponsor Forms. To obtain a Sponsor Form, you must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months.



Baptism: First-time expectant parents must attend an instruction class prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass. stambroseva.org/baptism

Matrimony: Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose or be prepared for marriage in another parish, must - by Diocesan policy - begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Contact the Parish Office. stambroseva.org/marriage

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 Mass.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): The process for individuals to inquire, learn, and grow in the Catholic Faith and prepare for full communion in the Catholic Church. Contact the Director of Religious Education, DRE@stambroseva.org

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

GIVING



ParishSOFT

You can automatically send your parish contributions through an online recurring ParishSOFT account. Visit bit.ly/Parishsoft



Common Questions



Create/Edit Gifts



Manage My Giving

INTENTIONS

MASSES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday

7 am Kelly Elder
9 am Peter Coniglio +

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday

7 am Margaret Dominguez +
9 am Mary Back Luu Nguyen +

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday / St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

7 am Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mateos
9 am Ana-Marie Hecton

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7 am Margaret Dominguez +
9 am Myrna Seangio

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday / St. Helwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7 am Bill and Susan DeLozier
9 am Kosmik Family +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

9 am Samperio Family L/+
5 pm Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hild

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Gwen MacGregor
10 am People of the Parish
12 pm Cal Hecton
5 pm Harry and Patricia Burke +

- To request Masses, please visit the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.
- Devotional candles may be purchased during Parish Office hours, or from the ushers before/after weekend Masses.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

November 6 | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Narthex or call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400. (*Note time change)



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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FOR THE SICK

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Vivian L. Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, 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, Kathleen Monachino, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Michelle Seoane, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Lilian Yetman

FOR OUR BISHOP & CLERGY

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

FOR THE DECEASED OF ST. AMBROSE

Ruth P. Eagen | John Thompson
Hennie Irma Klara Deboeck De Zutter | Tom Loudon

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

LEARN & GROW



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Dr. Aránzazu Ascunce, Principal | stambroseschool.org

Announcements/News

- **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us!** Join the Saint Ambrose community for our **Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 17, from 6:15–8:15 pm in the school gym.** We will have a food truck, raffle, food, contests, cultural booths and more!
- **We're Hiring!** Saint Ambrose Catholic School is seeking substitute teachers and Extended Day staff to join our team! Flexible substitute opportunities are available, Extended Day hours are Monday–Friday, 3–6 pm. English and Spanish speakers are welcome. **Interested?** Call the office to schedule or email info@stambroseschool.org.



ST. AMBROSE K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/RE

August - June | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School

Announcements/News

- We will not have class on Sunday, October 11.
- Our Religious Education All Saints Day family breakfast will be on Sunday, November 1. Please use the QR code to RSVP and to sign-up to volunteer or bring a dish to share.



HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister | stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

August - June | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am OR 6 - 8 pm | School

Announcements/News

- Join us on Signal: bit.ly/YouthGroupSignal
- Dinner & Delivery Sign Up | bit.ly/YouthGroupDinnerSignUp
- We will not have class on Sunday, October 11.
- Rally is October 25 from 12-8 pm at Bishop O'Connell High School. Contact ym@stambroseva.org for more information.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Jennifer Wyse, Director of Religious Education | stambroseva.org/OCIA

August - June | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

Announcements/News

- **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** at stambroseva.org/OCIA
- We will not have class on Monday, October 12.

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS

stambroseva.org/music-choirs

ALTAR SOCIETY

stambroseva.org/altarsociety

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

stambroseva.org/bereavement

BIBLE STUDIES

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

stambroseva.org/christhouse

GARDEN & GROUNDS CLUB

stambroseva.org/GnGClub

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

stambroseva.org/youthgroup

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TREE

stambroseva.org/prayertree

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

stambroseva.org/JMCoJ

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ambrosecouncil.org

KNITTING GROUP

stambroseva.org/knittinggroup

LECTORS

stambroseva.org/lectors

ROSARY MAKERS

stambroseva.org/rosarymakers

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

stambroseva.org/mensgroup

ST. AMBROSE FOR LIFE

stambroseva.org/pro-life

ST. PAULA SOCIETY WIDOWS FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/stpaula

USHERS

stambroseva.org/ushers

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

stambroseva.org/vocations

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

stambroseva.org/WSA

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

stambroseva.org/youngadults

MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE | NOVEMBER 7 + 8

St. Ambrose Parish supports and provides The MaRiH Center with basic supplies for moms and their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, **critical needs are diapers (especially sizes 4 & 5), winter clothes, coats (newborn - 2T), Similac Advance formula, wipes, and bibs.** To donate other items, visit stambroseva.org/pro-life or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, marih.org.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm | Church

HELP & HEALING

Gabriel Project | helpforpregnantwomen.org

Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities | www.ccca.net

Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org

**"Welcome one another, therefore,
as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)**

Do you love hospitality, making new friends and making people feel at home? Welcome Sunday, St. Ambrose's donut and coffee reception, needs your help! Share a couple of hours with St. Ambrose - it's easy! Just scan the QR code and complete the form to join the core hospitality team.



Welcome Sunday at St. Ambrose is a chance to take a minute and greet those around us, whether new acquaintances or old friends, to share in the joy of Sunday and our parish community, and to grow in our faith. Welcome Sunday is hosted by parish groups and volunteers. Volunteers help serve coffee and donuts and clean up afterward. A free-will offering is collected at the event to fund Welcome Sunday. All parishioners are welcome to join our hospitality team. Confirmation student volunteers seeking service hours are welcome with a parent.

WELCOME SUNDAY | November 1

After 8 and 10 am Masses | Parish Hall

Hosted by Garden & Grounds Club

stambroseva.org/GnGClub

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & RECEPTION

Hosted by the Bereavement Group
& the Women of St. Ambrose

Saturday
November 7, 2026
9:00 am



RSVP by October 26 | Scan code or call 703-280-4400

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

God is calling each of us to be a saint. What does that look like for you and me?



Here I am, Lord;
I come to do
your will.

Psalms 40



FIAT Day

With the Sisters of Charity of
Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Saturday November 7, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA
Day includes Mass, talks, adoration, crafts and fun.

Cost is \$20 (financial aid is available)
For more info and to register, visit
www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or
email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Deadline to register: October 26



FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations.

What's college seminary like? See for yourself!

Quo Vadis Father-Son Seminary Visit

Saturday
November 14
9 am - 2pm
\$15 per person



Meet the seminarians and their formators
See where they live, pray, eat and study
Tour their campus at Catholic University

Fathers are welcome but
not required.



Quo Vadis events are for
young men in high school
interested in growing in their
spiritual life and exploring
their vocation.



For more information and to register,
visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis.

Deadline to register is November 2

Sponsored by the Office of Vocations
703.841.2514 /
vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

To say YES to the sanctity of life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

on

BALLOT QUESTIONS 1 & 2

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com

To pray for the sanctity of all human life and for society to embrace
God's plan for marriage, join us for Holy Hours on these dates:

October 3	7:45-8:45am
October 7	7 - 8 pm
October 10	7:45-8:45 am
October 17	7:45-8:45 am
October 24	7:45-8:45am
October 31	7:45-8:45 am

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Early Voting begins September 18
Election Day November 3

From Bishop Burbidge

Prayer and Fasting Guidelines for the Month of October

- Pray the Rosary on Sundays. Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.
- Fasting: Fast from social media on Sundays for at least a few hours, especially before and after Mass. Fast on Fridays by eating only one full meal and no meat.

WorkCamp 2027 Interest Meeting November 10 | 7 pm | Parish Hall

What is WorkCamp? Nearly 1,500 teens, adult leaders, contractors and volunteers from 44 parishes across the Catholic Diocese of Arlington trade in one week of their summer vacation to deepen their faith and serve Virginians in need with substantial home improvement projects (installing doors & windows, building staircases and access ramps, re-roofing a house). WorkCamp runs from June 19 - 25, 2027.

It's a chance to serve the community, grow in faith, make friends, and learn life skills. Teens attending WorkCamp must have completed their freshman year of high school by June 2027 to participate.

Participating in WorkCamp involves a commitment to fundraise; attend monthly meetings in advance of WorkCamp 2027, and comply with all diocesan regulations. All of this will be discussed at the interest meeting on November 10, and then you can decide if WorkCamp is right for you. Questions? Email Fr. Mike at frnugent@stambroseschool.org.

OCTOBER 12

COLUMBUS DAY

PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR

HISPANIC HERITAGE Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
6:15 PM – 8:15 PM

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

FOOD TRUCK • RAFFLE • FOOD • CONTESTS • CULTURAL BOOTHS • AND MORE!

All are welcome! ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

DINE OUT AT

SHAKE  SHACK®

AT MOSAIC

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Shake Shack will donate
25% of proceeds
to Saint Ambrose!

10AM – 11PM

Mention the dine out or
use code **DONATE** on their app
(not third party apps).



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

WE'RE HIRING!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
& EXTENDED DAY STAFF

- ✓ Make a positive difference in our students' lives
- ✓ Flexible schedules
- ✓ Join a supportive and joyful school community

INTERESTED?

Call the office at 703-698-7171
or email info@stambroseschool.org
for more information.

HELP
OUR
SCHOOL
THRIVE!