

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 12, 2025 | Twenty-eighth 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday | After 9 am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.org

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | STAMBROSEVA.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 call the Director of Religious Education, 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: FAITH DIRECT CHANGES

Faith Direct, our online giving platform, has merged with ParishSoft. **The new login is at bit.ly/sacc25** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Christ House Meals	Men's Group
Friday Morning Bible Study	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercensory 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	Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study	Youth Ministry

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
June - December 2025 | A Walk Through the Creed
Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall
September 2025 - 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@stambroseschool.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

October 8 - November 12 | 7 pm | Parish Hall
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: wwp@stambroseschool.org
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

ST. AMBROSE YOUTH MINISTRY | FALL 2025

Elisa Torres, Youth Minister | YM@stambroseva.org

October 19 God Squad Faith in Action, 3-4 pm

October 26 RALLY @ O'Connell, Noon-8 pm

November 9 Trivia Night

November 16 God Squad Faith in Action, 3-4 pm

November 23 Game Night/Friendsgiving

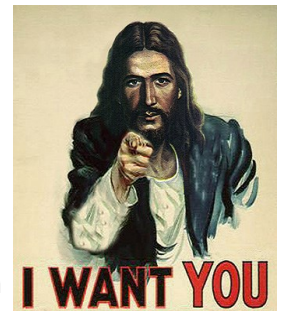
December 7 God Squad Faith in Action, 3-4 pm

December 14 Christmas Party



Altar Server Training

Young men in fifth grade through high school are invited to serve as altar boys here at St. Ambrose. For more information, please email Fr. Mike Nugent at frnugent@stambroseschool.org. Attendance at one training session is required for new servers. The next training date is November 8 from 11 am to 12:15 pm in the Church.



Finding Jesus with St. Thomas More – Men's Silent Retreat

Gather with a band of brothers at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center to consider the life and spirituality of St. Thomas More. Fr. Nicholas Blank will lead this retreat, considering the "riches hidden in Christ" and in His saints, meditating on Our Lord's familiar words deeply engraved upon the heart of More: "What does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday, October 24th, and concludes Sunday, October 26th, after lunch. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

St. Ambrose School's Annual Coat Drive will be held Monday, October 13 through Friday, November 7. The Coat Drive is the school's project for the diocesan-wide Week of Service organized by Bishop Burbidge.

- There will be two collection boxes in the vestibule of the school.
- We accept ONLY washed and/or dry-cleaned and in good condition coats. NEW coats are most welcome!
- The donations go to Catholic Charities and the INOVA Mental Health Institute which helps get adults get back into the workforce.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 13: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Gerald W. Francis †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Tuesday	October 14: Wkdy; St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Anne R. Ware †
9:00 a.m.	James Kem
Wednesday	October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Timothy Jackson †
9:00 a.m.	John O'Donnell †
Thursday	October 16: Wkdy; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Louis Damien Ignatius Tabois †
9:00 a.m.	Michael Healy †
Friday	October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Mary Nugent
9:00 a.m.	Michael Wildman †
Saturday	October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist
9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 p.m.	Julie & Jerry Nelson
Sunday	October 19: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Pauline Sanders †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Tommi Critchfield †
5:00 p.m.	Marge Curia †

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, November 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, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, 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. Sychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Oct 13	Rev. Andrew W. Haissig
Oct 14	Rev. Daniel F. Hanley
Oct 15	Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway
Oct 16	Rev. Christopher H. Hayes
Oct 17	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
Oct 18	Rev. John F. Heisler
Oct 19	Rev. John Paul Heisler



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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Saint Ambrose Parish

Memorial Mass & Reception

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 1, 2025 | 9 AM



St. Ambrose's annual Memorial Mass & Reception is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated in the parish - or elsewhere - during the past year. We invite you to include the names of your loved ones who've died since November 2024. Please contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400, by October 21 to provide the names for the Mass program and to RSVP for the Reception. The Memorial Mass & Reception are hosted by the Bereavement Group and the Women of St. Ambrose.

November 1, 2025 | Solemnity of All Saints

Because All Saints Day falls on a Saturday, the holy day obligation does not apply this year.

Please see the Diocese's web page:

<https://bit.ly/CDAHolyDays>





Saint Ambrose School is on the Move Join Us!

Annandale Parade

Saturday, October 25, 10 am - Noon • Columbia Pike
Wave as we march - come meet us!

St. Ambrose School Open House

Thursday, November 20 • 10 am - 12:30 pm

Visit classrooms, meet teachers,
get application support.

One-on-one tours available now.

Applications opened October 1.

Cuentos y Canciones / Stories & Songs (Free)

Saturday, November 22, 2:30-3:30 PM

City of Fairfax Regional Library (Large Meeting Room)

Bilingual read-aloud of The Great Kapok Tree,
"De Colores," and a puppy-themed activity
(best for ages 3-8)



Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

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

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? **Living in the Father's Love** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

St Ambrose Catholic Church
3901 Woodburn Rd., Annandale, VA
Parish Hall

Wednesdays: October 8 - November 12
7:00-9:00 PM

Sign up with this QR code so we know you're coming!
You can also register at the St. Ambrose website.

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www.walkingwithpurpose.com

NOW HIRING

Are you a high school senior, university student, or recent retiree looking for meaningful part time work? Are you a dedicated member of the parish looking to get more involved in the school? Look no further! The St Ambrose School Extended Day program is hiring after school assistants! If you're interested, please contact Julia at jamis@stambroseschool.org.

Finding Jesus in the Living Flame of Love

"Come aside and rest awhile" at San Damiano to listen and to be with Jesus. Join Fr. John Riley to ponder the words and wisdom of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity... and St. John of the Cross as we pray to be the friends and intimates Christ longs for us to be. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday October 31 and concludes Sunday November 2 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Fr. John Riley at: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Thank you

Thank you to all who helped and supported our Parish Picnic! We all had a fantastic time, especially the children who enjoyed the moon bounce, obstacle course, petting zoo, pony rides and games. It was wonderful to see parents and grandparents enjoy their children's excitement and laughter. It was so special our St. Ambrose Parish community. The picnic was only possible through the service of our volunteers. A special thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus, St. Ambrose School and Religious Education parents, Women of St. Ambrose and many others. Bless you all!

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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

Upcoming Council Events

* All Men Welcome ** Knights & Families *** Knights Only

- Oct 14: Grilling while Grilling the Priest * | 7 pm
- Oct 25: 3rd Degree Exemplification & Dinner ** | After 5 pm Mass
- Oct 28: Business Meeting *** | 7:30 pm

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

DATE CHANGE: WSA will meet on Friday, October 17.



Critical blood shortage

your help is needed

Be a blood donor hero!

Right now, our blood supply is at low levels.
Donating blood takes just an hour of your time, but it's
impact can last a lifetime.
Please consider donating and giving the gift of life to our
community in critical need.

Donate at one of our convenient centers or mobile locations this week!



Book your appointment today!

Visit <https://bit.ly/DONATETODAY25>

Call 1.866.256.6372



Diaper Drive Weekend: November 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 (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

VHelp + 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 2025 Election Resource Hub

Bishops' letter, candidate comparisons, constitutional amendments, Catholic social teaching and more: vacatholic.org/action-center/Election2025/



October 25, November 8 & 22, December 13 & 27



Catholic Charities | St. Lucy Project Fall Food Drive



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St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus sponsors the annual Fall parish-wide food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. Filled bags are delivered to the St. Lucy Food Bank in Manassas which distributes the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items - **no glass items, please.** October 25 + 26: bag distribution at weekend Masses. November 1 + 2: bag collection.

