

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 19, 2025 | Twenty-ninth 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 | 703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.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.



St. Martin de Porres Senior Center call for Volunteers

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (SMdP) is looking for volunteers with various opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, independence, and happiness. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, nutritionist, and more opportunities listed online at <https://www.ccca.net/seniorservices>. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Contact maria.mellor@ccca.net; phone: 703-751-2766.

Ever wonder what college seminary is like? Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations. Join Vocations Director Father Noah Morey and Quo Vadis on November 15, 2025 to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the college seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Cost is \$15 per person; deadline to register is November 3. Space is limited! Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

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Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Father Noah Morey for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The group departs northern Virginia Friday November 21 at 5:30 p.m. and returns Sunday November 23 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register for this trip is Monday November 10.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 20: Wkdy; USA; St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Alfred S. Nugent III
9:00 a.m.	Peter Benson†
Tuesday	October 21: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Keenan †
9:00 a.m.	Gregory Gordon Gorak†
Wednesday	October 22: Wkdy; St. John Paul II, Pope
7:00 a.m.	Jon Wertz
9:00 a.m.	Megan Elizabeth Elder
Thursday	October 23: Wkdy; St. John of Capistrano, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Agnes Connors
9:00 a.m.	Caitlin Marie Elder
Friday	October 24: Wkdy; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
7:00 a.m.	Fotini Ruiz Filiopoulou†
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Cory Elder
Saturday	October 25: Weekday; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stasik († / L)
5:00 p.m.	Janet Newman
Sunday	October 26: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois†
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Gloria B. Camba†
5:00 p.m.	Regina Nugent †

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

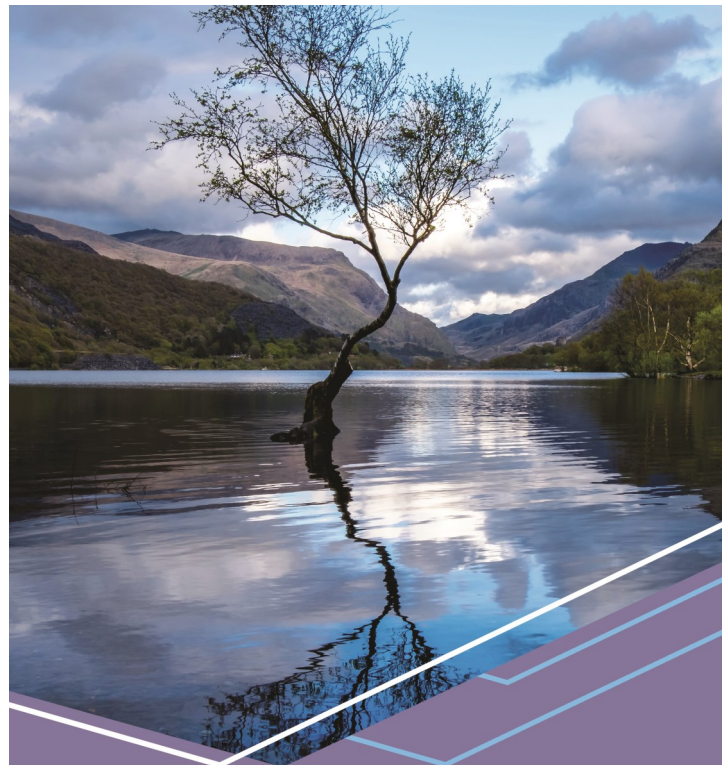
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Kathy Burns, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Ken Dinger, Conor Doyle, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Oct 20	Rev. James C. Hinkle
Oct 21	Rev. Stephen Holmes
Oct 22	Rev. Patrick Holroyd (Ret.)
Oct 23	Rev. Edward R. Horkan
Oct 24	Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos
Oct 25	Rev. James C. Hudgins
Oct 26	Rev. Zinjin N. Iglesia



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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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>



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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 through 16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community.

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. From feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, to comforting the sorrowful and praying for the living and the dead, this week calls each of us to live our faith in concrete and compassionate ways. Want to get involved? Visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek>

Join us in being the hands and heart of Christ to others. Let's serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God.

"When the Son of Man comes,
will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8)

Priests and religious brothers and sisters help to keep faith alive in the world. Could God be calling you to be one of these dedicated servants? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514.

All Souls Day
Mass in the Park
Monday, November 3rd
11:00am
Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery

9900 BRADDOCK RD, FAIRFAX VA 22032

Bishop Michael Burbidge celebrating
Refreshments Afterwards

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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)



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.

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.



"Love is never defeated."

— St. John Paul II —



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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 25: 3rd Degree Exemplification & Dinner ** | After 5 pm Mass
- Oct 28: Business Meeting *** | 7:30 pm
- Nov 11: Business Meeting *** | 7:30 pm
- Nov 25: KC + WSA Chili Cookoff ** | 7 pm

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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



Walking with Purpose

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7 - 9 pm
October 8 - November 12
Parish Hall

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/WWP

St John Paul II
Feast Day, October 22



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Catholic Charities | St. Lucy Project Fall Food Drive

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.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life



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/



Pray. Fast. Vote. Join Bishop Burbidge every Friday in October in prayer and fasting for grace to move hearts, transform lives, and elect leaders who uphold the dignity of every human life. The legislators we elect this November will decide whether the proposed extreme abortion amendment will be advanced or stopped. Contact: familylife@arlingtondiocese.org

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

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



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