

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026
27TH 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

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend John M. O'Donohue, Pastor

Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence

Deacon Ted Devlin

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SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org

SAINT AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

571-640-9938 | stambroseva.org/RE

3901 WOODBURN ROAD, ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | STAMBROSEVA.ORG

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 5

Weekday / St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA:

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

7 am Mr. and Mrs. Jason Brewer

9 am Ken Dinger +

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday / St. Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose

Durocher, Virgin

7 am Edwardo Macaranas

9 am Donald Campbell +

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7 am Ms. Hang Tran

9 am Margaret Dominguez +

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Weekday

7 am Renate Nicewicz +

9 am Recinto Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Weekday / St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,

Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7 am Paul and Foncé Forbes +

9 am Jim Hannan +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Weekday / BVM

9 am Alice Bolognesi +

5 pm Kristin and Anne Nelson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Josephine Bolognesi +

10 am People of the Parish

12 pm Grace Hecton

5 pm Dr. Carleton Coulter III +

- 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.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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

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

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)

LEARN & GROW



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Dr. Aránzazu Ascunce, Principal | stambroseschool.org

Announcements/News

- We're actively enrolling for **Grades 2-6**. Tours are available. Call the office to schedule or email info@stambroseschool.org.
- **Volunteers Welcome!** Share your gifts and become part of our Knight family! Substitute teach, lend a hand during lunch or recess, help with school events, or support our community in other ways — we'd love to have you involved.
- **Adopt a Student.** Gifts of **\$25-\$5,000** help provide after-school clubs, uniforms, classroom resources, and tuition assistance. Learn more: stambroseschool.org/adopt-a-student



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
- Topic for October 5: The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints
- 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/rosary_makers

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 | OCTOBER 3 + 4

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

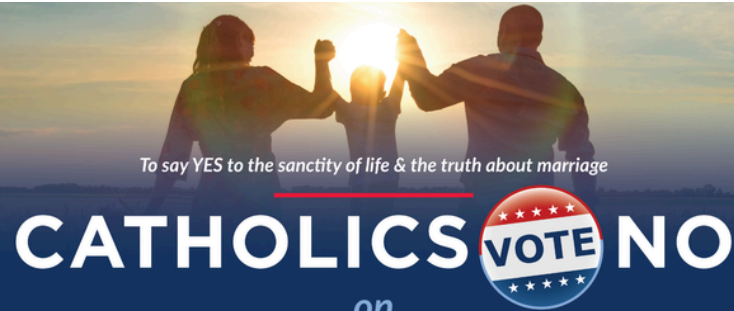
Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm | Church

HELP & HEALING

Gabriel Project | helpforpregnantwomen.org

Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities | www.ccca.net

Project Rachel | helpafterabortion.org



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

CATHOLICS 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



WELCOME SUNDAYS Enjoy coffee, conversation and donuts in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10 am Masses. Come and meet other parishioners - new and old!

Date / Hosts

October 4 | Knights of Columbus

November 1 | Garden & Grounds Club



OCTOBER 12
COLUMBUS DAY
PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

Experience seminary firsthand (for men 18-35 years old)

Thinking of a priestly vocation? 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, October 16 at 5:30 pm and returns Sunday, October 18 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, October 5.



**ST. AMBROSE PARISH
PICNIC**

**OCTOBER 4
1 - 4 PM**

Food & Activities!
Pizza, Ice Cream, Popcorn,
Cotton Candy, Moon Bounce,
Pony Rides, Petting Zoo,
and more!

Special Picnic Event
K of C Youth Soccer Challenge
behind the school

Sign up to Help out!
bit.ly/ParishPicnic2026

See you there!

July 4th may have passed, but the spirit of America 250 lives on! Join us for a special afternoon of choral music as the renowned U.S. Army Chorus, part of Pershing's Own, opens the St. Andrew the Apostle Concert Series on Sunday, October 4, at 4 pm, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA. Enjoy a free program featuring patriotic favorites, classical selections, popular music, and sacred works, performed by this distinguished ensemble. Following the concert, all are invited to a complimentary reception with light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists. For more information, visit www.st-andrew.org/concerts or call 703-817-1770.

The Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington invites everyone to attend the Hispanic Heritage Mass and Festival with Bishop Michael Burbidge on Sunday, October 4, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Falls Church. It will be an afternoon for the whole family, with delicious food, ice cream, music, games, and many activities for everyone to enjoy together! We will also have some special surprises, including a mechanical bull and live Latin music for dancing! We invite you to come with your families and friends and celebrate the richness, joy, and diversity of our Hispanic community.



**ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BOOK FAIR**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH • 9 AM - 2 PM
PARISH HALL

READ. IMAGINE. EXPLORE.



EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS

St Francis of Assisi FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4TH



**Edict of Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
Concerning Thomas Stephen Vander
Woude | bit.ly/BishopEdict2026**



**Mary,
Mother of Life**
Pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

EDICT

THOMAS STEPHEN VANDER WOUDE was born on April 24, 1942, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, into a devout Catholic family. After graduating from Creighton University, he married Mary Ellen Earley on December 26, 1964. Their marriage was blessed with seven sons, one of whom became a priest of the Diocese of Arlington. He served as a United States Naval Aviator during the Vietnam War and subsequently worked as a commercial airline pilot. Throughout his life, he was deeply devoted to the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayer, family life, Catholic education, and service to the Church and those in need.

On September 8, 2008, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas died in Nokesville, Virginia, while saving the life of his youngest son, who had fallen into a septic tank on the family property. His final act of self-sacrificial love was widely regarded as the culmination of a Christian life marked by faith, charity, humility, fortitude, and generous service to others.

As his reputation for holiness, for the offering of his life, and for signs has grown and spread over the years, and having received the formal petition of the Postulator, Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, for the initiation of his Cause of Beatification and Canonization, we hereby bring this matter to the attention of the ecclesial community.

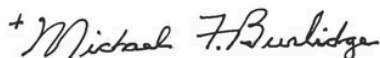
We therefore invite all the faithful to communicate directly or to submit to the Reverend Monsignor Paul deLadurantaye, Chancellor of the Diocese of Arlington, all information from which elements favorable or contrary to the reputation for holiness, the offering of life, or the reputation for signs of Thomas Stephen Vander Woude may be inferred.

Furthermore, in accordance with the applicable canonical provisions, all writings attributed to Thomas Stephen Vander Woude, including diaries, letters, correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and any other private writings, as well as documents in any way relevant to the Cause, must be collected.

Therefore, by means of this Edict, we direct anyone possessing such writings or documents who has not already delivered them to the Postulator to submit them with due diligence to the Reverend Monsignor Paul deLadurantaye, Chancellor, at the offices of the Diocese of Arlington.

We further decree that this Edict shall remain posted for a period of three months at the offices of the Diocesan Curia, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More and at the parish church of Holy Trinity in Gainesville, and shall be published on the official website of the Diocese of Arlington and in the *Arlington Catholic Herald*.

Given at Arlington, Virginia, on the eighth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord 2026.



✠ Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



Rev. Msgr. Paul deLadurantaye
Chancellor