

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 5, 2025 | Twenty-seventh 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

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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 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 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
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	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
jwyse@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
jwyse@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/FridayAMBibleStudyVPVP

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 | fnugent@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

schedule is subject to change, y'all

SEPTEMBER

Sun 7	God Squad Kickoff Dinner, s'mores, & team capture the flag!
Sun 14	God Squad Movie Night! Carlo Acutis Documentary
Sun 21	Faith in Action Volunteering at Sunrise on Rte 50, 3-4pm
Sun 28	God Squad Guest Speaker

OCTOBER

Sun 5	Parish Picnic, 1-4pm No God Squad
Sun 19	Faith in Action Volunteering at Sunrise on Rte 50, 3-4pm
Sun 26	RALLY Bishop O'Connell High School, 12-8pm

NOVEMBER

Sun 9	God Squad Trivia Night
Sun 16	Faith in Action Volunteering at Sunrise on Rte 50, 3-4pm
Sun 23	God Squad Game Night & Friendsgiving

DECEMBER

Sun 7	Faith in Action Volunteering at Sunrise on Rte 50, 3-4pm
Sun 14	God Squad Christmas Party

Keep in touch with our Flocknote emails and texts



Ever wondered 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 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.

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 6: Wkdy: St. Bruno, Priest; USA:
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

7:00 a.m.

Ginger Geisler †

9:00 a.m.

Michael Healy †

Tuesday

October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 a.m.

James Trojner-Barron †

9:00 a.m.

Margaret Dominguez †

Wednesday

October 8: Weekday

7:00 a.m.

Larry Holmes

9:00 a.m.

Natalie Habert †

Thursday

**October 9: Wkdy; St. Dennis, Bishop, &
Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi; Priest**

7:00 a.m.

Margaret Dominguez †

9:00 a.m.

Annie & John Harrison

Friday

October 10: Weekday

7:00 a.m.

Almario & Rosario Ols †

9:00 a.m.

Mary Shell †

Saturday

October 11: Wkdy; St. John XXIII, Pope; BVM

9:00 a.m.

Josephine Bourgeois †

5:00 p.m.

The Bogan Family

Sunday

October 12: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Mary Back Luu Nguyen †

10:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

12:00 noon

Kelly Elder

5:00 p.m.

Alberto Adap †

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

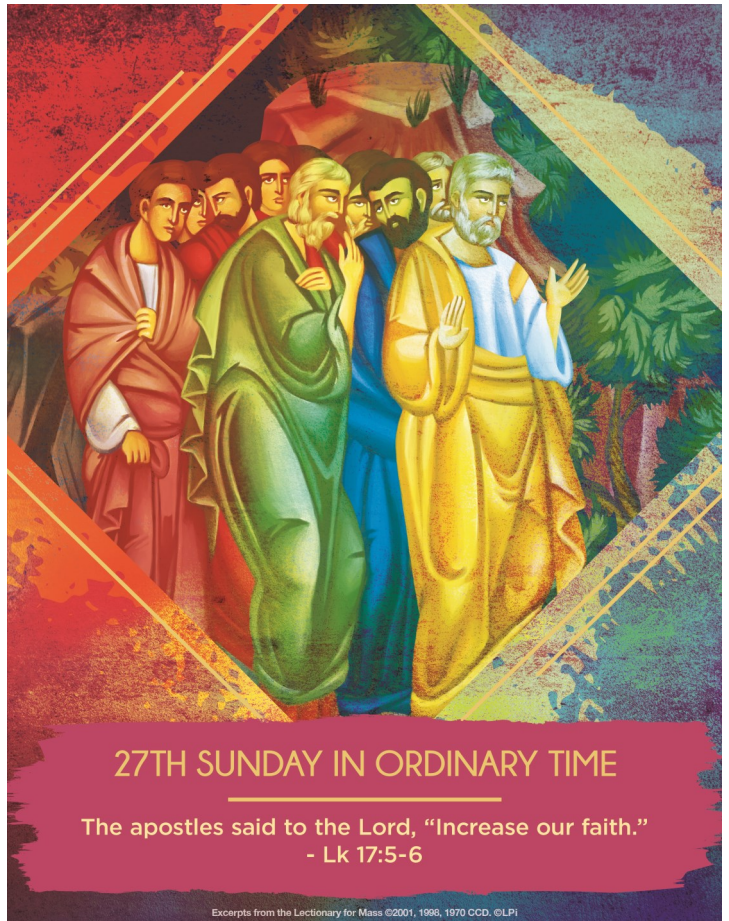
For the Sick

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, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, 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 6	Rev. Andrew W. Haissig
Oct 7	Rev. Daniel F. Hanley
Oct 8	Very Rev. Edward C. Hathaway
Oct 9	Rev. Christopher H. Hayes
Oct 10	Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
Oct 11	Rev. John F. Heisler
Oct 12	Rev. John Paul Heisler

✠ Please pray for the repose of the souls of ✠
John Picco and Mary Trusela



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>



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.



walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

ST. AMBROSE PARISH
PICNIC

OCTOBER 5
1-4 PM

Food & Activities!

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

KofC Youth Soccer Challenge
during the Picnic

See you there!

RESPECT
LIFE
Sunday



ALL MEN
ARE
WELCOME!

GRILLING WITH THE PRIEST

While Grilling the Priest

Tuesday October 14 7 pm Parish Hall



ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL IS ON THE MOVE!

CITY OF FAIRFAX FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 11
10 am - 5 am
10415 North Street

Come meet the St. Ambrose School family -
stop by our table & say hello!

Saint Ambrose
Bilingual
Language Program
Catholic School

**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.

5K in the Park
Sunday,
October 19

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery
9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032

Registration 9:00am

Run/Walk 10:00am

Be a Winner. Run for a Cause.

Register before Oct 12 at
Fairfaxmemorialfunerathome.com



Fairfax
MEMORIAL



American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention



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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

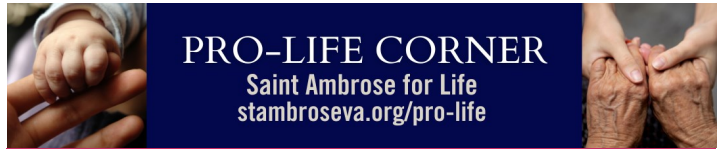
Upcoming Council Events | *All men are welcome!*

- October 5: Parish Picnic Beer Tent | 1 - 4 pm
- October 14: Grilling while Grilling the Priest | 7 pm
- October 23: Exemplification & Dinner | After 5 pm Mass
- October 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.



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/



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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.



I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world.

We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles!

- Pope Leo XIV, *Homily for the Inauguration of his Pontificate*

St. Ambrose Men's Group Fall Schedule 2025

13 September
27 September
11 October
25 October
8 November
22 November
13 December
27 December

- Coffee, conversation & formation in the parish hall, 7:00 - 8:30 AM
- Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, each month of the year
- Grow in your knowledge and practice of the faith



Sign up here to stay connected!