

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 6, 2024 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., 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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://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  
 3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
 703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org  
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 703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos. Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication.**

**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](http://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](http://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.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA/RCIC):** 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 Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 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.

**FAITH DIRECT**

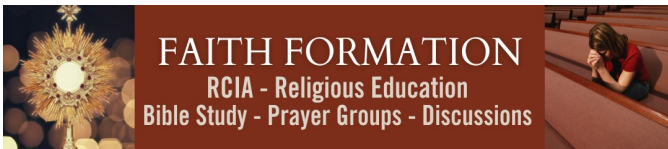
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Group	Christ House Meals	Eucharistic Adoration
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. Ambrose Samaritan Group	St. Paula Society
Ushers	Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose
Young Adults Group	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry



# FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

September - May

Grades K-8 | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School

Instruction for public/non-Catholic school students. Classes include required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

## JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45 - 9:45 am | School Gym

Learn more about the faith and enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation. All adults welcome!

## APOLOGETICS 101

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our faith.

Facilitator: Lee Cena

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles

Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi

## FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study)

Fridays | 9:30 - 11 am | Parish Library

All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us! Carol Russell, Coordinator.

## ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Saturdays | Twice Monthly | 6:30 - 8 am | Parish Library

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation. For more information, please email Father Nugent at [fnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:fnugent@stambroseschool.org).

## TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library

Open to all women of the parish. Celebrate God's goodness through praise & thanksgiving, share holy moments, reflect on God's Words and lift up each other's personal prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA. Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator.

Claire Jackson

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education

571-640-9938 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GOD SQUAD

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a meal for the God Squad - volunteer to provide dinners for approximately 15 people. God Squad meets weekly on Sundays from 6 - 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm. God bless and thank you for your generosity! Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/GodSquadMeal](http://bit.ly/GodSquadMeal)



## Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys

Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Michael Isenberg, Director of Vocations and Quo Vadis on Saturday, November 23, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the 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. Deadline to submit registration form is November 12. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.



OCTOBER 14

**COLUMBUS DAY**  
PARISH OFFICES  
CLOSED

**Take a Hike! with FIAT and the Nashville Dominican Sisters** on Saturday November 23. Join the FIAT high school young women and Dominican Sisters for some prayer, hiking and hanging out at Leesylvania State Park. The day starts with Mass at 9 am and ends at Noon. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in faith and friendship and exploring all vocations. For more information and to register visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT) or contact [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or call 703-841-2514. Deadline to register is Tuesday, November 12.

the **RESCUE** project

REGISTER NOW

MORE INFORMATION

Why is there something rather than nothing?  
Why are things so obviously messed up?  
What, if anything, has God done about it?  
How should I respond?  
Ever asked yourself these questions?  
We have. Join us.

Dinner | Video | Conversation  
Wednesdays  
Begins September 25  
6:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/rescue-project](http://stambroseva.org/rescue-project)



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
7:00 a.m.	Marcel & Dolly LaViolette
9:00 a.m.	Irene Hannan †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 8: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Charles Bryan Ross †
9:00 a.m.	Vera Meenan
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 9: Wkdy; St. Denis, Bishop, &amp; Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</b>
7:00 a.m.	Wanda Smith †
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 10: Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Alice Bolognesi †
9:00 a.m.	Thelma Alvarez †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 11: Wkdy; St. John XXIII, Pope</b>
7:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 12: Weekday, BVM</b>
9:00 a.m.	Kelly Elder
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 13: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Lisa Dinger
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Rowan McNichol & Parents
5:00 p.m.	Renate Nicewicz †

### First Friday Adoration ~ October 4, 2024

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, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lois LeFebvre, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, 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 7	Rev. John P. Mosimann
Oct 8	Rev. Christopher J. Mould (Ret.)
Oct 9	Rev. Mark Mullaney
Oct 10	Rev. Richard A. Mullins
Oct 11	Rev. Christopher D. Murphy
Oct 12	Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA
Oct 13	Rev. Michael T. Nugent

† For the repose of the soul of **Joseph Domzalski** †



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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### Saint Ambrose Parish Memorial Mass & Reception SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | 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 2023.

Please contact the Parish Office, 703-280-4400, by October 22 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.

### Recruiting for New Altar Boys [bit.ly/stambrosealtarservers](https://bit.ly/stambrosealtarservers)

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](mailto:frnugent@stambroseschool.org). Attendance at one training session is required for new servers. Training date is October 12 from 11 am to Noon in the Church.





### Finding Jesus with Pier Giorgio Frassati - Young Adult Retreat

Come climb with us! Join Fr. Joseph Townsend, Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, and Father John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar at St. James in Falls Church, at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center for a weekend of spiritual adventure! Together we will scale the peaks and navigate the chasms of the spiritual life as we ascend "the Heights" to Christ with Pier Giorgio Frassati. For more adventurous souls - come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak! This silent retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday, October 18, and ends at 1 pm on Sunday, October 20. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

### Hispanic Heritage Mass & Festival with Bishop Burbidge

The annual Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass and Festival with Bishop Burbidge will be held on Sunday, October 13, from 11 am - 6 pm, including Mass at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. We will be celebrating the rich spirituality, faith traditions, diverse cultural music, and delicious regional food of our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you there! Free admission - and food will be available for purchase.

### ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP



Twice Monthly  
Saturdays | 6:30 - 8 am  
[bit.ly/stambrosesmensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosesmensgroup)

### Special Event For the Parishioners of St. Ambrose Catholic Church

### *Fairfax Memorial Advance Planning Seminar*

Saturday: October 12th **OCTOBER**

9:45am (after the 9:00am mass) **15%**

Location: Parish Hall **OFF**

Free Advance Planning Informational Meeting

**Refreshments will be served**

Reservations Required.

Contact Kevin Cooper at 571-213-5513

or email: [kevinc@fmpark.com](mailto:kevinc@fmpark.com)



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COME & SEE! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

# OPEN HOUSE

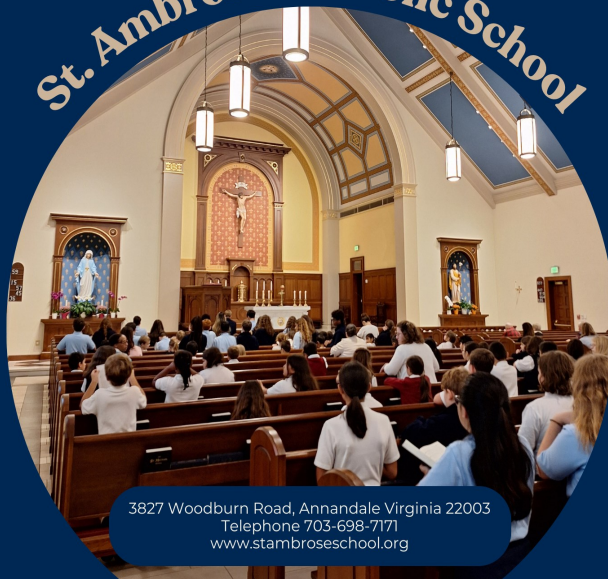
After 9:00 am Mass at St. Ambrose Church

**9:00am -  
10:45am**

Thursdays in October

- Celebrate Mass
- Visit classes
- Meet students
- Meet Principal

St. Ambrose Catholic School



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# MONTH OF THE Rosary

# 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. The rain held off and this time together illustrates how special our St. Ambrose Parish community remains. We served 536 slices of pizza, 420 ice cream novelties, 192 quarts of popcorn, 600 cups of lemonade and water - and lots of desserts! 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.





**Knights of Columbus**

**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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

**POTLUCK SOCIAL**



Tuesday, October 22 | 7 - 9 pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening filled with friends, family, food and fun!  
All St. Ambrose parishioners are welcome.  
Bring a dish to share - we'll see you there!

- Your Hosts -

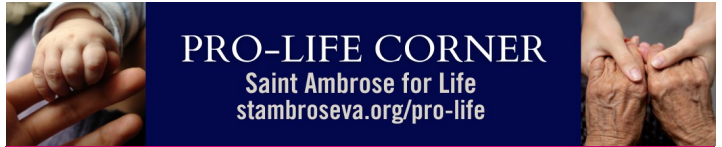


*Rosary Makers*

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge and families across the Diocese of Arlington for the **Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities**, as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessings that our brothers, sisters and children with disabilities bring to our lives. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship. We hope to see you on Sunday, October 13, at 9 am at St. Mark Catholic Church, Vienna. Visit [www.portocharities.org/events](http://www.portocharities.org/events) for more information.

**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 Fr. Michael Isenberg for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The group departs Northern Virginia on Friday, November 15 at 5:30 pm and returns Sunday, November 17 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40, financial aid is available. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register is Monday, November 4.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend: October 5 & 6**

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 (all sizes), wipes and formula (especially Similac Advance). To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)

**Respect Life Month Mass**

Sunday, October 6 | Noon | St. Ambrose Church  
Please join the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, at St. Ambrose Church for Mass as we celebrate Respect Life Month. The Bishop will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome!

**Single Catholic Women 20-35:** The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity invite you to in-person and/or online Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann, 920-323-9632. You can also visit the Diocese of Arlington Office of Vocations ([arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/)) for more information about vocations for women.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

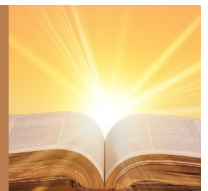
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)

**Friday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 am | Parish Library

ALL are welcome!

[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)



**KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP**

**FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY**



**USHERS NEEDED**

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)