

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 9, 2025 | Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



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

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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 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.



ST. AMBROSE SUPPORT CAMPAIGN



bit.ly/sacc25



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 | 9:30 am, Snack 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

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



33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting

MERCY & HEALING
For the Jubilee Year of Hope

November 15 - 23, 2025

in collaboration with the Legion of Mary & other Catholic groups



Join Us for These 9 Days of Mass,
Prayer, Fasting, Rosary, & Adoration!



The 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, Defend Life, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from November 15 - 23, 2025. The Opening Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. Please register at www.iwopf.org or call 703-707-0799. This is a FREE event; however, online donations are welcomed to help support our ministry.



TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY

PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED



WELCOME SUNDAY!

November 9
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall
Celebrate National Vocation
Awareness Week with the KCs



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Lola Regina †
9:00 a.m.	Paul Thong Thanh Tran †
Tuesday	November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
7:00 a.m.	Dick Wachtman †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
Wednesday	November 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Aranzazu Ascunce
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday	November 13: USA; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Hermenegilde †
9:00 a.m.	Harry Russell †
Friday	November 14: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Muryango Family Deceased Members †
9:00 a.m.	Ginger Geisler †
Saturday	November 15: Weekday, St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; BVM
9:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Lerias Family, Ramon Coperos, & Rafael Fial †
5:00 p.m.	Grant Telfer
Sunday	November 16: 33rd Sunday I Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Mary Nugent
10:00 a.m.	Matthew Brooks
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Christine Liedtke †

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, December 5, 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, 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

Nov 10	Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)
Nov 11	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
Nov 12	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat
Nov 13	Rev. Elder Maldonado
Nov 14	Rev. Richard M. Malebranche
Nov 15	Rev. David L. Martin (Ret.)
Nov 16	Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Ret.)



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:16-17

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The Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is pleased to welcome the relics of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Join us on Thursday, November 20, through Saturday, November 22 to venerate the relics of this great saint and Doctor of the Church in the 100th year anniversary of her canonization in 1925.

Veneration of the Relics

The relics will arrive on Thursday, November 20, at 9:am and be available for public veneration through Saturday, November 22, until Noon.

Masses

On Thursday, November 20, His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, will celebrate an Opening Mass for the Veneration of the Relics at 12:10 p.m. On Friday, November 21, His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop Emeritus of Boston, will celebrate the 12:10 p.m. Mass. On Saturday, November 22, His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will celebrate the Closing Mass for the Veneration of the Relics at 12:10 pm.



**NEVER GET TIRED
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS
FOR OTHERS.
SOMETIMES THOSE
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY
THE BIGGEST PART
OF THEIR HEARTS.**

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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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 Want to be 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.

SAVE the DATE

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- November 18, 6 pm | Confirmation Mass
- November 29 & 30 | KC Christmas Card Sales
 - After all weekend Masses
- November 30, 3 - 8 pm | St. Ambrose School
 - 30th Anniversary & Homecoming
- December 5, 9:30 am - 7pm | First Friday Adoration
- December 6, 10 am - 1 pm | Women's Advent Retreat
- December 6, 11 am - 12:15 pm | Altar Boy Training
- December 6 & 7 | KC Christmas Card Sales
 - After all weekend Masses
- December 6, 6 pm | Celebrate the Feast of St. Ambrose
 - KC Spaghetti Dinner
- December 13 | 9 am -1pm | Men's Advent Retreat
- December 15 | Pancake Breakfast with Santa
 - 8 & 10 am Masses



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.



Saint Ambrose School is on the Move Join 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)



Now Enrolling for St. Ambrose School PreK-3! Applications for the next school year opened on October 1 - and we are actively admitting new students. Don't miss this opportunity to enroll in the only Catholic dual language preschool program in our state. Complete the application, available on our website under Admission, or go to <https://stambroseschool.org/application-forms>. Apply soon! We expect to have a waitlist in PreK-3 by Thanksgiving.



30TH ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, November 29
3 - 8 pm**

Join us to celebrate and give thanks
for 30 years of Saint Ambrose School!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3 v. 3 Basketball

Vigil Mass

Kids Movie Night

Cocktail Party (21 yrs +)



MORE INFORMATION

703-698-7171

stambroseschool.org



**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

Upcoming Council Events

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

- Nov 11: Business Meeting *** | 7:30 pm
- Nov 25: KC + WSA Chili Cookoff | KC and WSA Families | 5:45pm

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS

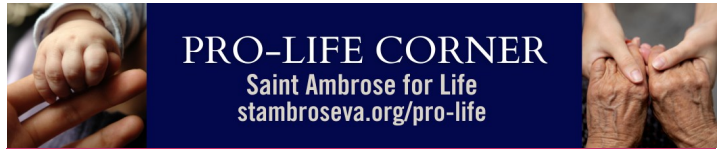


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HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT AT ST. AMBROSE

Prayerfully consider how your commitment to the Offertory can empower a positive transformation, nourishing our parish community of faith and fulfilling our call to extend Christ's light.

- Did you know that you can give IRAs & stocks to the parish?
 - Stocks: You may use your own broker/agent or the parish's agent to transfer gifts of stock. If the stock has been held for one year or longer, you do not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and are allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock, provided that the stock is transferred to the parish before being liquidated.
 - IRA: An IRA owner, age 70½ or over, can directly transfer tax-free up to \$108,000 for 2025 to an eligible charity. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity.
- Please confirm current tax law with your tax advisor or the IRS.
- Contact the Parish Office for more information.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: December 6 & 7

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

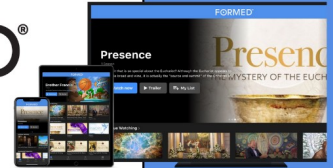
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Project Rachel
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ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

2nd & 4th Saturdays
7 am | Parish Hall
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November 22, December 13 & 27

SAINT AMBROSE SCHOOL

Three Kings Gift Shop

★ Be a star - support the Three Kings Gift Shop!
Donations accepted November 24 - December 5
Drop off at Parish Hall Lobby ★

