SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 7, 2025 | Second Sunday of Advent



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.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 email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

CLERGY

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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.

ONLINE GIVING: PARISHSOFT

Faith Direct, our online giving platform, has merged with ParishSoft. <u>The new login is at bit.ly/sacc25</u> Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.









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@stambroseva.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

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: wwp@stambrosechool.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

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister | 703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org

December 14 Christmas Party

December 21 Holy Hour / Talk / Confessions



2025-26 Knights of Columbus **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**



What's the question?

"Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

Who can enter?

Young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 in public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year.

How is my essay judged?

Entrants are judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

Prizes

First = \$50 | Second = \$40 | Third = \$30

Entry Deadline | Friday, December 19, 2025

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY

Complete the Entry Form at bit.ly/KCEssayContestForm or scan the code

Email your essay and the completed Entry Form to stambrosekocessaycontest@gmail.com





Pancake Breakfast with Santa!

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 14 | AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES bit.ly/kcpancakes



MASS INTENTIONS

	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Margaret Dominguez T Robert Scott Elder, Jr.T People of the Parish
	Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	December 9: Advent Weekday; St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Margaret Keenan T Marie Welter
	Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	December 10: Advent Weekday; Our Lady of Loreto A. Edwin Wilson T Rick Joseph T
	Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	December 11: Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope Encarnacion Molina $\mbox{\bf T}$ Josephine Bourgeois $\mbox{\bf T}$
	Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Madelyn Phuong Thi Nguyen † Margaret Dominguez †
	Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr Robert JJ Seoane, Sr. T Thu D. Tran T
	Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	December 14: Third Sunday of Advent Mrs. Cecile Tchong † Jan Koldys † Thomas Hambleton People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, January 2, 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

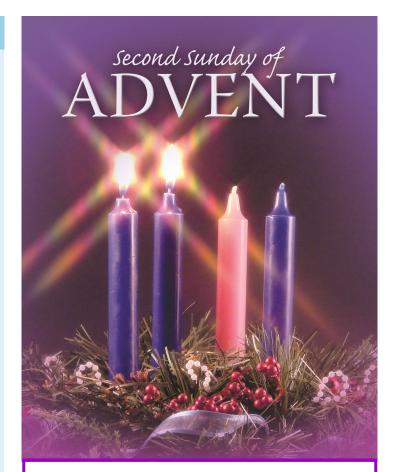
For the Sick

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. Spychala, Jim Smith,
Irene Symm, Nicole A.Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Dec 8	Day Michael T Nugant
Dec o	Rev. Michael T. Nugent
Dec 9	Rev. William Nyce
Dec 10	Rev. Sean-Michael V. Nypaver
Dec 11	Rev. John M. O'Donohue
Dec 12	Rev. John F. O'Farrell
Dec 13	Rev. John T. O'Hara (Ret.)
Dec 14	Rev Keith M O'Hare

🕇 For the Deceased of St. Ambrose 🤺



Second Week of Advent | Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come into our world and still the storms of our hearts. As we light the second candle of Advent, grant us the peace that only You can give. Make us instruments of Your peace in our homes, our communities, and our world. May Your peace reign in our hearts always. Amen.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Holy Day of Obligation Masses 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm



Saint Ambrose Council 8403 Advent 2025 Parish Events

St. Ambrose Christmas Honey Sales

At all Knights' events while supplies last | \$10/jar

Christmas Card Sales

After Weekend Masses | Church Narthex December 6 & 7

Keep Christ in Christmas! Spread good news of great joy by sending religious cards that express the meaning of the Season! The Knights offer a variety of affordable Christmas cards with all proceeds donated to Christ House, Alexandria.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday | December 14 | 8 - 11 am | School Gym All-U-Can-Eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit & beverages!

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$7, Adult: \$10, Family: \$30
- Day of: Child: \$9, Adult: \$12, Family: \$35
- · Children under 3 are free!
- Pre-Sale online at https://kofc-council-8403.square.site/

or scan code



Scan to purchase Pancake Breakfast tickets

Men's Advent Retreat

Saturday | December 13 | 9 am - 1 pm | Church & Parish Hall



Your Hosts

December 7 | St. Ambrose Adult Choir January 4 | St. Ambrose Pro-Life Groups



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

GIVING TREE

November 29, 2025 - January 4, 2025 | Church Narthex

Give a Gift for Life this season to help the Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. Please take a donor gift card and envelope from the Giving Tree. Mail the card along with your donation or take them to the Parish Office during office hours. May God bless you for your generosity to those helped by the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/ giftforlife for more information or to donate online.



Together in Hope:

2025 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

The Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA) will take place next weekend, December 13 & 14.

The CCDA mission is to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion - and your support of this collection is vital.

Please consider donating by check (write Catholic Charities on memo line), or at ccda.net/Christmas, or add the Christmas

Collection to your ParishSoft Online Giving account.



Our Lady of Guadelupe | Feast Day | Deecember 12

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church Parish Events

Advent & Christmas 2025

~ See the Parish Bulletin or stambroseva.org for event details ~

Giving Tree

Saturday, November 29, 2025 - Sunday, January 4. 2026 | Church Narthex *Gabriel Project*

Christmas Card Sales | At all Weekend Masses | Church Narthex Saturday, November 29 & Sunday, November 30 Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7

St. Ambrose Christmas Honey Sales | At all Knights' events while supplies last *Knights of Columbus*

Living the Advent Season at Home

Wednesday, December 3 | 7 pm | Parish Hall Walking with Purpose: Women's Bible Study

Ladies Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 6 | 9 am | Church & Parish Hall Women of St. Ambrose

Annual Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, December 6 | 6 pm | School Gym Knights of Columbus

Monthly Diaper Drive | At all Weekend Masses | Church Narthex Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7 St. Ambrose for Life

Welcome Sunday

Sunday, December 7 | After 8 & 10 am Masses | Parish Hall St. Ambrose Adult Choir

Three Kings Gift Shop

Donation Drop Off | November 24 - December 5 | Parish Hall Lobby Monday, December 8 & Tuesday, December 9 | Three Kings School Sale Days Three Kings Klearance Sale | December 10 | 8:30am - Noon | Parish Hall St. Ambrose School PTO

Men's Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 13 | 9 am | Parish Hall Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 14 | After 8 & 10 am Masses | School Gym Knights of Columbus



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION | DECEMBER 8

Holy Day of Obligation Masses
Monday, December 8 | 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | December 6, 13, 20 | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Friday, December 19 | 9:30 am & 7 pm Monday, December 22 | 9:30 am & 7 pm Tuesday, December 23 | 9:30 am & 7 pm

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

4 pm | Children's Vigil | Youth Choir

6 pm | Christmas Eve Vigil

10:30 pm Solemn Mass | Adult Choir (Livestream) | Carols before Mass

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation Masses
8 am, 10 am - Adult Choir (Livestream), Noon | No 5 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 31 | NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:30 pm | Vigil Mass 11 pm | Holy Hour followed by Midnight Mass

THURSDAY | JANUARY 1, 2025 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation Masses
Midnight Mass (12 am), 10 am & Noon

