

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 1, 2026 | Fourth 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

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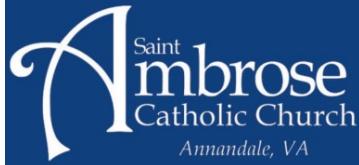
Saturday | After 9 am Mass

EUCARISTIC 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

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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 contact the Director of Religious Education, 571-640-9938 or DRE@stambroseva.org.

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.

PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving platform is ParishSoft. **The login is at bit.ly/sacc25** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft login.



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION DEBT REDUCTION

To complete the new church, the parish took out a loan of \$2.9M from the diocese. The loan hasn't been amortized yet. Details are available at bit.ly/StAmbroseReduceDebt. Any amount you can give to help with the reduction of this debt is greatly appreciated. For those receiving envelopes, a debt reduction envelope has been added. For those using online giving, a debt reduction line item has been added to ParishSoft.



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

January - August 2026 | Defending Our Faith

Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 9:30 am, Snack 10 am - Noon, Study | Parish Hall

January - 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 | January 28 - March 11

Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: wwp@stambroseva.org

Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

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Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister

703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org

stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

February 1 | 6 - 8 pm Formation Night

February 8 | 3 - 4 pm Faith in Action @ Sunrise

February 15 | 6 - 8 pm Mardi Gras Party

February 22 | 6 - 8 pm Lent Kickoff: Holy Hour & Talk

March 1 | 3 - 4 pm Faith in Action @ Sunrise

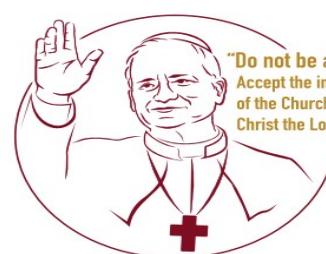
dinner dates!

Support the St. Ambrose High School Youth Group



Sign up now to provide dinner & dessert
bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals

Help with the formation of our teens by providing a dinner and dessert for 15. The High School Youth Group meets on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm in the St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm each week. [Sign up now](#). Thank you for your generosity! God bless!



QUO VADIS & FIAT CAMPS 2026

For high school students to have fun, deepen their faith and explore their vocation.

Lottery open February 2-28

QUO VADIS CAMP

July 12-16, 2026

Staffed by seminarians,

priests and religious

FIAT CAMP

July 19-23, 2026

Staffed by religious sisters

and Catholic lay women

Where: Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland



Register at

ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT

or contact the Office of Vocations

at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
7:00 a.m.	Father Ed Nicewicz
9:00 a.m.	Arnie Fury
Tuesday	February 3: Wkdy; St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
7:00 a.m.	Peter Coniglio
9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Boland
Wednesday	February 4: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Jen McDonald-McHon
9:00 a.m.	Anton Van Saase
Thursday	February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	John Picco
9:00 a.m.	Grace Donahue
Friday	February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Joe Bolognesi
9:00 a.m.	Chuck Mossumele
Saturday	February 7: Weekday BVM
9:00 a.m.	Robert JJ Seoane, Jr.
5:00 p.m.	Donna Matthews
Sunday	February 8: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Reeney Shanko
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Thomas J. Colavito
5:00 p.m.	Patricia Burke

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

February 6 | 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 Kasyr, 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

Feb 2	Rev. Gregory Thompson
Feb 3	Rev. Christopher Tipton
Feb 4	Rev. Joseph B. Townsend
Feb 5	Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran
Feb 6	Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Ret.)
Feb 7	Rev. John T. B. Trong (Ret.)
Feb 8	Rev. James A. Tucker



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

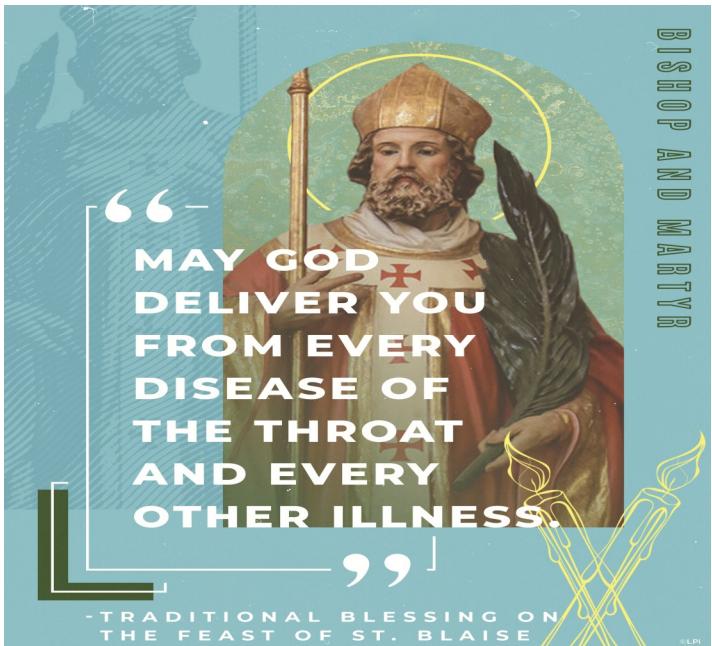
"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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

Lenten Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men February 19-21

Start your Lent off spending some quite time with the Lord. Fr. Joseph Rampino will preach this silent retreat, sponsored by the Office of Vocations, for men ages 18-35. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 pm and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Noah Morey at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday February 9. There will be a similar retreat for women June 19-21.



RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

2026 DIOCESAN RETREATS

Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and the retreats being offered in the months ahead.

Praying with the Saints: Retreat for Married Couples

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Father Stephen Vaccaro and Father Ed Guilloux as they team up to lead a retreat for Married Couples. With conferences on the lives and teachings of great saints, they'll help couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocations. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday, February 13 and concludes Sunday, February 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Women's Retreat: Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection

Gather at the midpoint of Lent and retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Msgr Mangan from Mt. St. Mary Seminary as we renew our sorrow for our sins, and we express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. We will listen to His Holy Word, and we will participate in His grace-filled Sacraments. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday, March 13 and concludes Sunday, March 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. Please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

From Inclusion to Belonging; Conference on Disability

March 7, 2026

Join us at St. John Paul the Great High School for our annual From Inclusion to Belonging Conference. This year's theme is "Building a Beautiful Life." Attend practical breakout sessions for parents, educators, clergy, and self-advocates, network with other advocates, visit local providers at the vendor area, and enjoy a beautiful all-abilities art exhibit. The event will feature keynote speeches from Bishop Michael Burbidge, Mark Bradford, and Melody Escobar. REGISTER NOW at portocharities.org/2026conference

\$50/adult | \$25/self-advocate | \$15/childcare

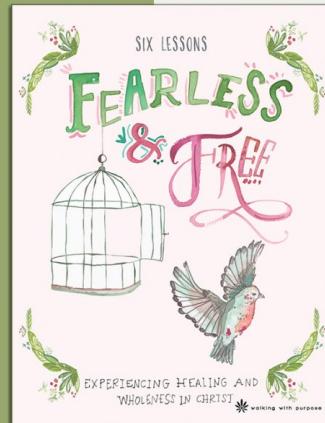
TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

If you have not received your tax statement, please call the Parish Office at 703-280-4400.

WELCOME SUNDAY! Coffee & Donuts After 8 + 10 am Masses Parish Hall

Your Hosts

- February 1 | WorkCamp
- February 8 | Walking with Purpose
- March 1 | St. Ambrose PTO - Gala
- March 8 | St. Ambrose Men's Group
- May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
- May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group & Young Professionals Holy Hour



Walking with Purpose

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 7 - 8:30 pm
January 28 - March 11
Parish Hall

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/wwp)



Ages 4-13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 1pm
stambrosesummer.com/registration

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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

Knights Multi Car Raffle! The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been mailed or distributed. This is the same raffle that we have participated in for the last number of years. This year 4 vehicles will be raffled as well as a \$20,000 cash drawing, along with additional cash drawings totaling \$42,000. You will notice that the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle continues to directly benefit our parish and many other charitable causes by our Knights of Columbus as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints.



WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: February 7 + 8

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

Help + 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.ccdca.net

Project Rachel

helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
Info@helpafterabortion.org

**Garden +
Grounds Club**

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**3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE**





WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

To Be Near God Is My Happiness: The Search for Enduring Peace

February 21 | 9:30 am - 1:30pm | Parish Hall

Father Mike Nugent, Presenter

RSVP & Sign Up bit.ly/WSALentRetreat2026

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

JOIN US FOR A TALK THIS LENT ON ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC began his 20-year association with Mother Teresa in 1977. He joined the priestly branch of Mother Teresa's order, the Missionaries of Charity Fathers, at the time of their foundation in 1984. He served as postulator for Mother's causes of beatification and canonization.



MARCH 1
7 PM
Parish Hall