

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 15, 2026 | Sixth 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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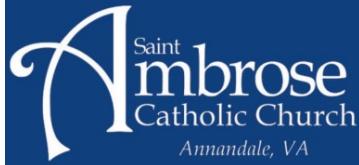
Saturday | After 9 am Mass

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

CLERGY

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703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

Jon Laird, Obl. OSB, Director of Music
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager
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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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ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
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Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister

703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

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 & dessert for 15. The High School Youth Group meets on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm in St. Ambrose School Gym; dinner is served at around 6 pm each week. [Sign up now](#). Thank you for your generosity! God bless!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES | ST. LUCY PROJECT

FOOD DRIVE

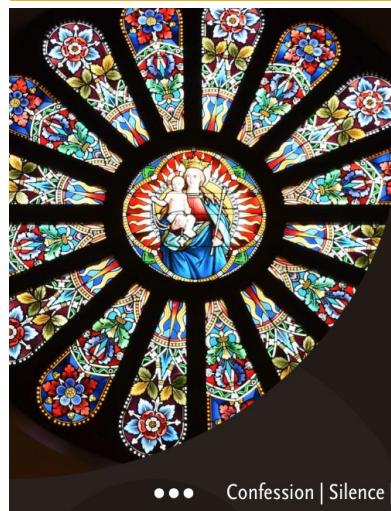
After all Masses

February 28 + March 1 Bag distribution

March 7 + 8 Return filled bags



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St. Ambrose Parish

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

March 10 | April 17 | May 22

7 - 8 pm | Church

Confession | Silence | Fellowship | Praise & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 16: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Cynthia Gunn 
9:00 a.m.	James Hannan 
Tuesday	February 17: Wkdy; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
7:00 a.m.	Nonata D. Poblete 
9:00 a.m.	Bobby O'Malley 
Wednesday	February 18: Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Bernice Nicewicz 
9:00 a.m.	Bernie & Loretta Cossack 
7:30 p.m.	Ashley Gardiner
Thursday	February 19: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	S. Annammal 
9:00 a.m.	Remedios Villaluna Lo Franco 
Friday	February 20: Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Carol Stephenson 
9:00 a.m.	Ramon Copreros 
Saturday	February 21: Saturday after Ash Wednesday; St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Ely
5:00 p.m.	Marcia Naranjo 
Sunday	February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Col. (R). Bill Foster 
10:00 a.m.	Donna Vasilakos
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Becky Caruthers

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

March 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 16	Rev. Steven R. Walker
Feb 17	Very Rev. Kevin B. Walsh, VF
Feb 18	Rev. Jason Weber
Feb 19	Rev. Michael D. Weston
Feb 20	Rev. Gerald Weymes (Ret.)
Feb 21	Rev. David A. Whitestone
Feb 22	Rev. Jordan M. Willard

 For the Deceased of St. Ambrose 



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33



MASS TIMES | FEBRUARY 18
7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

HOLIDAY
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

Women's Retreat:

Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection

Gather at the midpoint of Lent at 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. 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

Don't let the winter blues freeze your spirit! Join us for a for a **Personal Retreat Day** at Our Lady of Bethesda on February 27. During your personal retreat, from 9 am-4 pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus llunch. Cost is \$135 per person. Advance Registration is required. To register, visit ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD.



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



MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

David: Our Model and Warning
 Dr. Chris Gross, Speaker

Saturday, February 28
 9 am - Noon
 Church/Parish Hall




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

Your Hosts

- 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

2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA)

The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that helps tens of thousands of people in our diocese. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work it funds each year. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, make an online donation at arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.




SPECIAL PRESENTATION
**Saint
Mother Teresa
of Calcutta**
 Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC
 Presenter
 Sunday, March 1
 7 pm | Parish Hall

A
Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
 Annandale, VA

Join the Serra Club of Arlington to pray for vocations. Sunday, March 8, 2026, 1:45 pm (Following 12:30 pm Mass) at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124-1115. Offered for the priesthood, consecrated life, and the perseverance of all vocations. We invite you to join us! For more information, visit serraclubarlington.org.

God Chose you For Me will be held at St John the Evangelist in Warrenton Virginia on February 28. A day-long enrichment given by a couple, a priest, and a surviving spouse. Couples will create a prayer, just for their marriage. Everything presented is fully in-line with the Catholic Church's teachings on the Sacrament of Marriage. For more information, please contact ron.pam.bishop@wwme.org

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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



**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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday | March 15
8 - 11:30 am | School Gym
bit.ly/kcpancakes
Hosted by
St. Ambrose Council

QR code:

Knights Multi Car Raffle! The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been 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

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp
Ages 4 -13
June 22 - August 7, 2026

REGISTER NOW!
stambrosesummer.com/registration



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life



Diaper Drive Weekend: March 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.ccda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference vacatholic.org/



LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Soup Suppers

Fridays | February 20 - March 27
6 - 7 pm | School Gym

"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17) Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 and 7:30 pm
February 20 - March 27



The Light is ON for you
Come spend your Lent with Saint Ambrose Parish

LENT 2026

Turn off the world, spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ, and receive His loving mercy and forgiveness.

MASSES

Ash Wednesday, February 18 | 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm
Weekdays | Monday - Friday | 7 & 9 am
Saturday | 9 am, 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8 & 10 am, Noon, 5 pm

CONFESIONS

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm
Saturdays | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March 6 | 9:30 am - 7 pm

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays | 6 - 7 pm | School Gym
Dates/Hosts

- February 20 | Knights of Columbus
- February 27 | Women of St. Ambrose
- March 6 | St. Ambrose School
- March 13 | St. Ambrose Choir
- March 20 | Religious Education
- March 27 | St. Ambrose Parish

RETREATS

Women's Lenten Retreat

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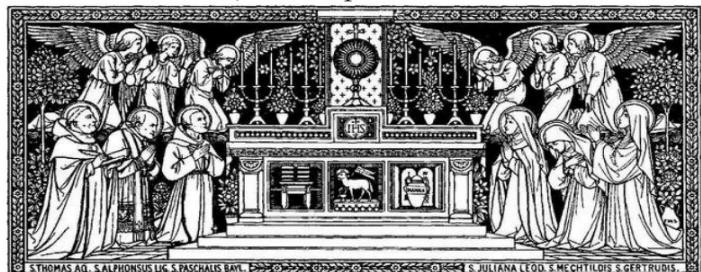
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“Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta”
Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC, Presenter
Sunday, March 1, 7 pm | Parish Hall

EUCARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesday Evenings
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 - 8 pm

- Reflection | 6:30 - 7 pm
One of the parish priests will share a reflection at the beginning of Adoration.
- Confession | 6:30 - 8 pm



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Thursday, March 19

- Adoration begins | Noon
- Solemn Vespers & Reflection | 7 pm
- Father John Kist, Celebrant & Homilist
- Reception afterwards | Parish Hall

Friday, March 20

- Adoration continues

Saturday, March 21

- Benediction | 8:50 am
- Mass | 9 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 pm & 7:30 pm
• February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

“Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta