

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 16, 2025 | Sixth 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 | info@stambroseschool.org

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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

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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

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.

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 or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org 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. 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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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 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 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 - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone
Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall
September 18 - February 26 | The Acts of the Apostles
Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

bit.ly/MensPMBibleStudy

Third Thursdays | 7:30 pm | Parish Library
Jonathan Wertz, Facilitator

Come join fellow men as we learn about the Bible and discuss living our Catholic faith. Fellowship, 7:30 pm; Bible Study, 8 pm.

.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. Stay as long as you like - join us!

ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP

bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall
Father Nugent, Facilitator | fnugent@stambroseschool.org

All men, 21 and older, are invited to join for prayer, coffee, conversation and faith formation.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 3 pm | Parish Library
Magdalena Manzo, Coordinator

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

Shelly Locke

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education
571-640-9938 | slocke@stambroseva.org

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

REGISTER
NOW



Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13
June 16 - August 1, 2025

stambrosesummer.com

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Walking with Mary to Jerusalem

stambroseva.org/biblestudy

Join us!

The Ascension Lenten Companion program includes an inspirational journal and engaging videos by Fr. Mark Toups. Join us as we walk with Mary on her journey to Jerusalem alongside her son, Jesus, and encounter the Blessed Mother in a radically new way.

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study
March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16 | Parish Hall
After 9 am Mass - Snack | 10 - 11:30 am - Study



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 17: Wkdy; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Ted Severn Geronima Gallarda de la Cruz †
Tuesday	February 18: Weekday Frank Pascale, Rose Pascale, Mary Pascale Morin Margaret Dominguez †
Wednesday	February 19: Weekday Durwood & Amelia Bennett Virginia Francis †
Thursday	February 20: Weekday Benjamin Hooker Thomas Burke
Friday	February 21: Wkdy; St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Jonathan Wertz Nell Willemin †
Saturday	February 22: Weekday Members of the St. Ambrose Men's Group Cat & Alex Chunn & Family
Sunday	February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. Aida Samaha † 12:00 noon Matthew Travers † 5:00 p.m. Floyd & Arlin Blair †

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, March 7, 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

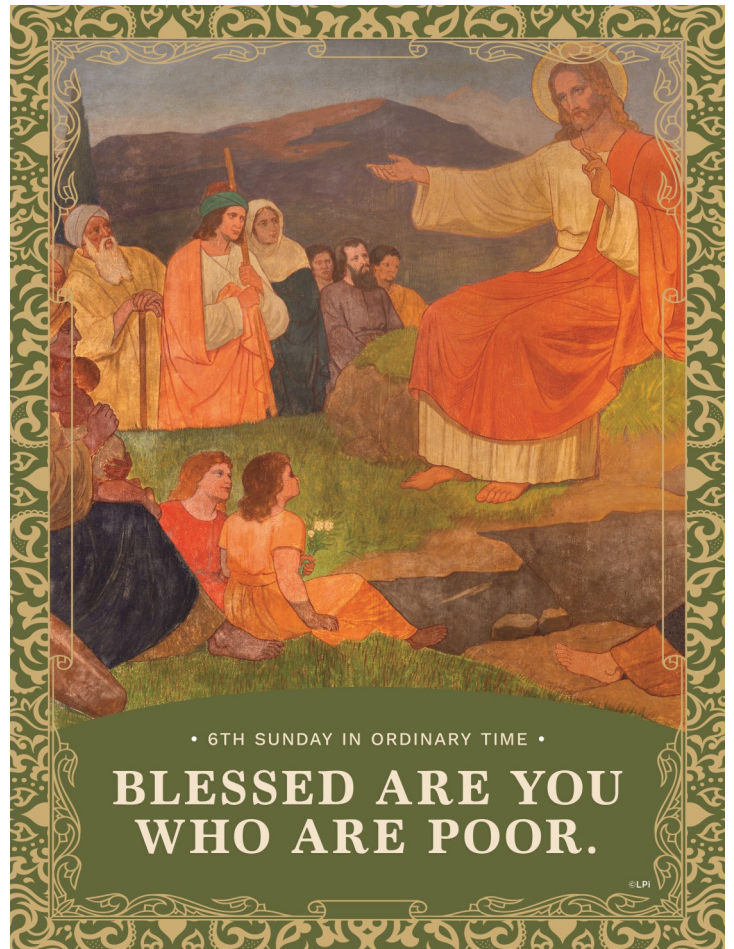
For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, 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. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Feb 17	Rev. Richard E. Dyer
Feb 18	Rev. Frederick H. Edlfsen
Feb 19	Rev. Ronald S. Escalante
Feb 20	Rev. Wilhelm J. Eitner
Feb 21	Rev. Paul M. Eversole
Feb 22	Rev. Joseph W. Farrell
Feb 23	Rev. Jerome W. Fasano (Ret.)

† For the repose of the souls of †
Peter Coniglio and Donal Kelleher



Women's Lenten Retreat

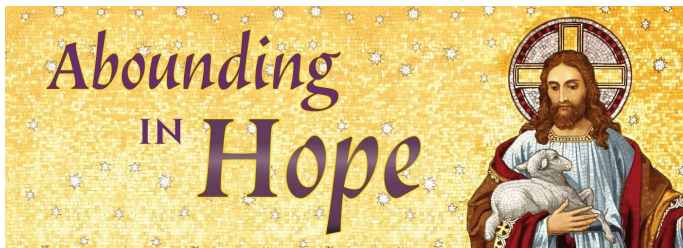
March 8 | 9:30 am - 1 pm | Parish Hall
Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Presenter
RSVP & sign up at bit.ly/WSALentRetreat2025

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Stewardship Reflection

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.”
- LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



Abounding IN Hope

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is "Abounding in Hope." After reflecting on the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You may make a gift at arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



FEBRUARY 17
PRESIDENTS DAY
PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED



ORDER OF MALTA®
FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.
NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGION

On Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, The Order of Malta, Northern Virginia Region (Federal Association USA) will host a special MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those suffering from illness in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The faithful are encouraged to **arrive no later than 2:30 pm.** to secure parking and seating for the Mass.

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington and Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem* of the Order will serve as the Principal Celebrant for the Mass. Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, Bishop Emeritus of Arlington and Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem* will concelebrate the Mass. Joining the episcopal celebrants will be Very Reverend Andrew Fisher (Dean of Deanery II and Pastor of St. Ambrose Catholic Church) and Reverend Alexander Drummond (Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church), who serve as the Magistral Chaplains of the Order from the Northern Virginia Region. Reverend Joseph Rampino, Associate Chaplain of the Order will join the concelebrants.

Members of the Northern Virginia Region encourage all individuals in the Diocese, especially residents of assisted living and long-term care facilities to attend this Mass and receive the sacramental anointing. This is a major work of the Order of Malta - to bring the Lourdes Pilgrimage experience to the faithful of Arlington who could not otherwise travel overseas.

To RSVP for attendance at the March 23rd Mass, please contact **Brian Newsome KM** via email at nova.malta.mass@gmail.com or phone at 323-505-8846.



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FEB 22, 2024 6 PM

HAVANA NIGHTS

ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
25th ANNUAL GALA

3827 Woodburn Road - Annandale, VA 22003

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO A
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DINNER
and Dancing

TICKETS: ON SALE
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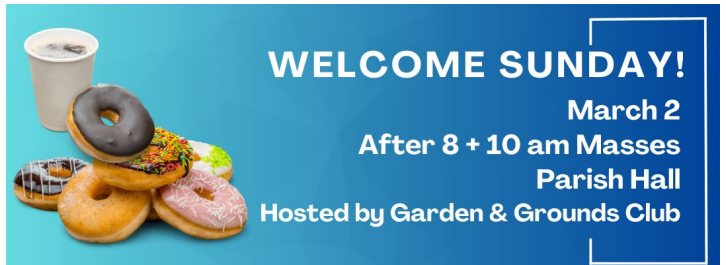
For more information visit <https://www.biddingforgood.com/vaL8A>



MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 15 | 9 AM - NOON
Church/Parish Hall

All men of the parish are welcome
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus



WELCOME SUNDAY!

March 2
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall
Hosted by Garden & Grounds Club



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. Ambrose Council 8403

**February 25 | 7 pm | Parish Library
“A Day in the Life of a Hospital Chaplain”**

Join us for an informal meeting starting with a light dinner and refreshments! Father Tony Appiah will tell us about “A Day in the Life of a Hospital Chaplain” and then answer questions from the attendees. This event is open to all men of the Parish. Hope to see you there!



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



SAVE THE DATES | LENTEN RETREATS

Women’s Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 8 | 9:30 am - 1 pm | Parish Hall
Hosted by the Women of St. Ambrose

Men’s Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 15 | 9 am - Noon | Church, Parish Hall
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

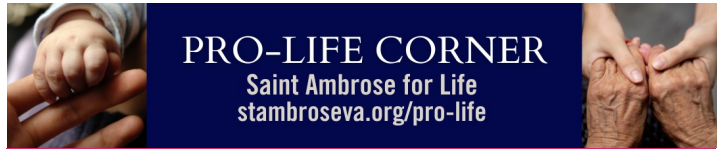
Cana Catholic Wedding Expo

Saturday, March 1, 2025 | 1-4pm
Virginia Portuguese Community Center
9509 Lee Ave. W., Manassas, VA 20110
blueveilevents.com/cana-wedding-expo/

100% of the proceeds (after event costs) go to directly to House of Mercy in Manassas and St. Anthony’s Bridal in Fairfax.

apolo·get·ics
discussion group

third tuesdays | 7:30 pm | parish hall



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: March 1 & 2

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 (sizes 1, 4, 5, 6), wipes, winter baby clothes (newborn to 2T - 2T coats are a particular need.** 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.cdda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org

As we joyfully celebrate this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Burbidge invites you to embark on a spiritual journey by participating in a **special Holy Year Tour** of eight designated holy sites within our diocese. This church tour offers the faithful a unique opportunity to pray throughout our diocese and receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions, such as prayer, reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Holy Year Tour is a chance for personal renewal, deeper faith, and communal celebration. To inspire participation, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will offer a special memento for the first 50 participants who complete the tour. This keepsake will serve as a lasting reminder of your faith journey of hope during this extraordinary year. For more details on the sacred sites, plenary indulgences, and the Holy Year 2025, visit arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025.



Saint Ambrose Men’s Group

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall
February 22 | March 8, 22

- ◆ Coffee, conversation & faith formation
- ◆ Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- ◆ Join our group chat for details

