

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 2, 2025 | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.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 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](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall  
January - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
Father Nugent, Facilitator | [frnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:frnugent@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](http://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.

Shelley Locke

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education  
703-280-1122 | [slocke@stambroseva.org](mailto:slocke@stambroseva.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

### TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Registration opens at 1pm February 2



[stambrosesummer.com](http://stambrosesummer.com)

## Walking with Mary to Jerusalem

[stambroseva.org/biblestudy](http://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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 3: Wkdy; St. Blaise, Bishop &amp; Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop</b> 7:00 a.m. Mitchell Hailstone 9:00 a.m. Mother—Father †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 4: Weekday</b> 7:00 a.m. Sean P. Weide † 9:00 a.m. Mary Beturney †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> 7:00 a.m. Chris Rossomondo 9:00 a.m. Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 6: St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> 7:00 a.m. Art Haagsma † 9:00 a.m. Dwight Hayes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 7: Weekday—First Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. Robert JJ Seoane, Jr. † 9:00 a.m. For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 8: Wkdy; St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM</b> 9:00 a.m. Joseph Youhon † 5:00 p.m. Maria Moy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 a.m. Mary & Joe Gaziano 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish 12:00 noon Annie & John Harrison 5:00 p.m. Zac Dehkordi

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, February 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

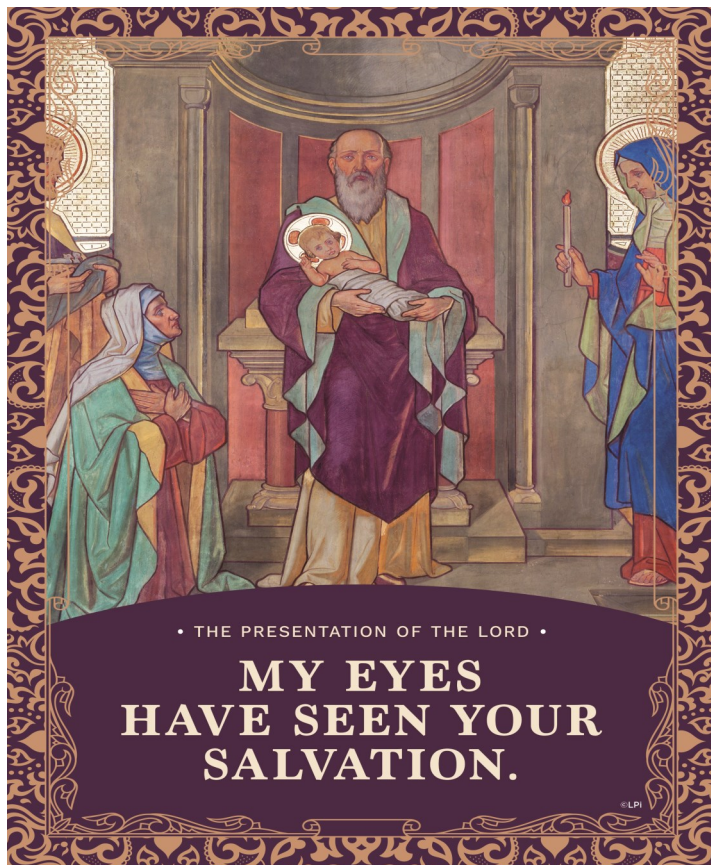
### For the Sick

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

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Feb 3	Rev. Kevin J. Dansereau
Feb 4	Rev. John C. DeCelles
Feb 5	Rev. Francis, DeRosa, VF
Feb 6	Rev. Matthew J. DeForest
Feb 7	Rev. Paul F. DeLadurantaye
Feb 8	Rev. Robert J. DeMartino
Feb 9	Rev. Alexander Diaz

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



**All women of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 15 at the 2025 Women's Conference**, with the theme "Journey of Hope", at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The Conference features speakers Laura Phelps, speaker and author from "Walking with Purpose", and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. The day ends with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. Early bird price is \$65 (\$85 after February 7.) Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/event/women](http://arlingtondiocese.org/event/women).

### Stewardship Reflection

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." - Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

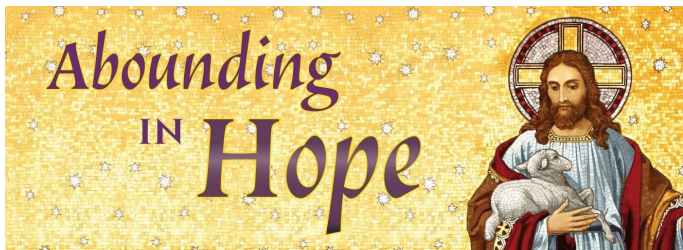


CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

**EVENTS CALENDAR**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS)

**All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 8th at the 2025 Men's Conference**, with the theme "Anchored in Hope". The Conference will feature speakers Michael Warsaw, President & CEO of EWTN, and John Cuddeback, professor at Christendom College and founder of LifeCraft. Mass will be celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The day ends with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. Early bird price is \$65 (\$85 after February 7.) For more information/registration, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men).





**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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



The Office of Vocations is holding two events in March for young men ages 18-35 who want to deepen in their prayer life and explore a priestly vocation.

**March 7-9 - Weekend Lenten Retreat**

Start your Lent off learning from St. John the Baptist and spending some quite time with the Lord. Fr. Peter St. George will preach this silent retreat which is 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 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. Deadline to register is Monday, February 17. (There is a similar retreat for women June 20-22.)

**March 21-23 - St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Visit**

Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Fr. Isenberg for a weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary near Philadelphia, PA. The group departs northern Virginia Friday March 21 at 5:30 p.m. and returns Sunday March 23 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40. Contact the Office of Vocations for more info and to register: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514. The deadline to register for this trip is Monday, March 10.

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)**

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (Are you age 35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us for square dancing (Feb. 11, 18, 24); a walk at Brenman Park (Feb. 6); dining-out in Shirlington (Feb. 9); Thursday lunches (Feb. 13, 27); Valentine's Day dance (Feb. 14); guided tour of George Washington's Alexandria (Feb. 16); movie/dinner in Fairfax (Feb. 19); visit to St. Thomas More Cathedral/lunch (Feb. 21); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (Feb. 22). For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).



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**HAVANA NIGHTS**

ST. AMBROSE DUAL LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 25th ANNUAL GALA

3827 Woodburn Road - Annandale, VA 22003

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO A **FUNDRAISER AUCTION**

**DINNER and Dancing** | **TICKETS ON SALE JAN 9**

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

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2025 TEACHER JOB FAIR at St. Bernadette School in Springfield, VA on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9 - 11 AM. Principals from over 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with teaching candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. To register in advance, please visit this link and complete the online form - <https://forms.office.com/r/5VEiXMSmAG>. Email [catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org) with any questions.

**Multi Car Raffle Update**



The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been mailed. This is the same raffle that we have participated in for the last number of years. This year, four vehicles will be raffled as well as a \$20,000 cash drawing, along with additional cash drawings. Note 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 benefits our parish and the many other charitable causes of our Knights of Columbus. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints.





**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

**BABY SHOWER**



In support of  
**The MaRiH Center**  
Sunday | February 9  
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall  
Details at [bit.ly/wsababymshower](http://bit.ly/wsababymshower)




**CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM)




**USHERS NEEDED**  
email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend: February 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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://vacatholic.org)



**WELCOME SUNDAY!**

**February 2**  
**After 8 + 10 am Masses**  
**Parish Hall**

Hosted by St. Ambrose School PTO



*Rosary Makers*

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY



**Saint Ambrose Men's Group**

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

