

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 22, 2026 | First Sunday of Lent



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

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

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm
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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 homebound 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 | fnugent@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: www@stambrorechool.org
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

Youth Group

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

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!

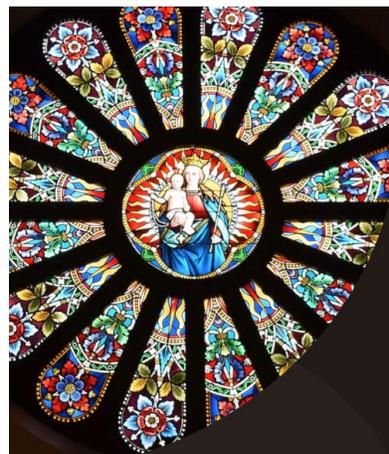
CATHOLIC CHARITIES | ST. LUCY PROJECT

FOOD DRIVE

After all Masses
February 28 + March 1 Bag distribution
March 7 + 8 Return filled bags



SPONSORED BY ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Ambrose Parish

HOLY HOUR
FOR
YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS

March 10 | April 17 | May 22
7 - 8 pm | Church

Confession | Silence | Fellowship | Praise & Worship

FORMED

DISCOVER THE FAITH
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
bit.ly/formedfaith



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

February 23: Lenten Wkdy; St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 a.m. Donovan Charlton †
9:00 a.m. Patricia Burke †

Tuesday

February 24: Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Charlie Kirk †
9:00 a.m. Nava Raj †

Wednesday

February 25: Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Askley Gardiner
9:00 a.m. Eva Sanchez

Thursday

February 26: Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Vanessa
9:00 a.m. James H. Ryan †

Friday

February 27: Lenten Wkdy; St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Hermenegilde †
9:00 a.m. Vivienne Samperio †

Saturday

February 28: Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Tom Stasik †
5:00 p.m. James E. Wright, Jr. †

Sunday

March 1: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Stanley & Mary Oberc †
10:00 a.m. Drs. Walter & Anne Severs †
12:00 noon People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Samuel Vincent

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Feb 23 Rev. Charles C. Wilton
Feb 24 Rev. David C. Witherow
Feb 25 Rev. Jerry A. Wooton
Feb 26 Very Rev. Jamie R. Workman, VG
Feb 27 Rev. Thomas M. Yehl, YA
Feb 28 Rev. John A. Ziegler
Mar 1 Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler



For the repose of the soul of
Vonnie Thompson



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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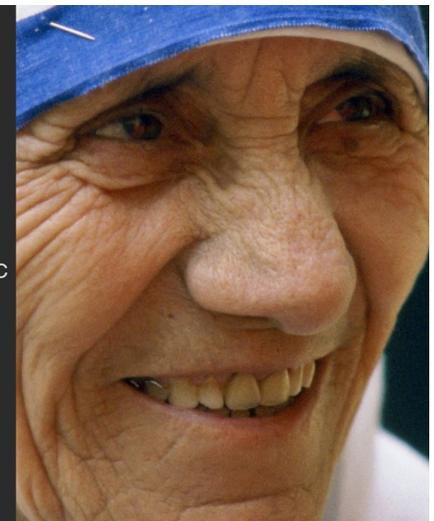
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

*Saint
Mother Teresa
of Calcutta*

Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC
Presenter

Sunday, March 1
7 pm | Parish Hall

 Saint
Ambrose
Catholic Church
Annandale, VA



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.

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RETREAT REST REDISCOVER



MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

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

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

All men welcome!



Knights of
Columbus®



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
April 12 | Work Camp
May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group
& Young Professionals Holy Hour

TAX STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

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

Pasta & Pre-Need



You & a guest are invited to an exclusive
presentation at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home

Enjoy dinner on us while learning the importance of:

- ✓ Funeral Pre-Planning
- ✓ Estate Planning
- ✓ Long Term Care

Join our panel of experts on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

5:00pm

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home 9902 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032

This is an educational event, free of charge. There are a limited amount of
seats, so reserve yours today by emailing:

Events@Fairfaxmemorial.com

Deadline to RSVP is: Friday, Feb 27th

Panel of Experts include:



Cathy Younkin
Fairfax Memorial



Doreen Trammell
Thrivent



Deborah Matthews
Estate Attorney

LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.
Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice,
and give us the strength to follow. Amen. ©LPi



LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Soup Suppers

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



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



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.cdda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference vacatholic.org/

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Bishop Burbidge Invites All to Consider a Holy Hour for Peace

"In union with my brother bishops, and in response to the invitation of USCCB President Archbishop Paul Coakley to implore God's assistance in healing divisions in our nation, I encourage all the faithful to consider making a personal Holy Hour for Peace in the days to come." Read the Bishop's full message at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2026/01/30/bishop-michael-f-burbidge-invites-all-to-consider-a-holy-hour-for-peace/>



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

BABY SHOWER

In support of
The MaRiH Center
Sunday | March 15
2 - 4 pm | Parish Hall
bit.ly/WSABabyShower2026

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!

stambrosesummer.com/registration



All-U-Can Eat Pancakes (regular or green), Eggs, Sausage, and Beverages!

Pre-Sale: Child: \$7, Adult: \$10, Family: \$30

Day-of: Child: \$9, Adult: \$12, Family: \$35

*** Kids 3 and under are free ***

**Pre-sale online at <https://kofc-council-8403.square.site>
bit.ly/kcpancakes**

All proceeds donated to charity

