

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025 | Seventh 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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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  
 3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
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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 | [fnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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](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.

Shelly Locke

Director of Youth Ministry & Religious Education  
571-640-9938 | [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!

REGISTER  
NOW



[stambrosesummer.com](http://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](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> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 24: Weekday</b> For Peace on Earth & Homeless Souls Anna Nhu Nguyen †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 25: Weekday</b> Dwight Hayes Callhan Hecton
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 26: Weekday</b> Jeff Flagg † Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 27: Wkdy; St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> William "Bill" Carroll † Maureen Long
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 28: Weekday</b> Anonymous Donor Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 1: Weekday, BVM</b> Louis Ansaldi † Vasilakos Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Members of St. Ambrose Men's Group People of the Parish Joan Travers † Nicolas Chau Ngoc Lam †

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

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Feb 24	Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Feb 25	Rev. Kevin J. Fimian
Feb 26	Rev. Jonathan R. Fioramonti
Feb 27	Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, VF
Feb 28	Rev. Michael J. Folmar
Mar 1	Rev. Daniel N. Gee
Mar 2	Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



### 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](http://bit.ly/WSALentRetreat2025)

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WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

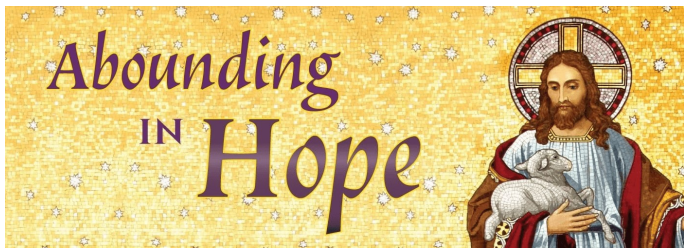


### MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 15 | 9 AM - NOON  
Church/Parish Hall

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





**2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL**

The 2025 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to sustain the good works funded by the BLA which offer vital services and assistance to those in need across our communities. We are asking every family to participate to help our parish meet our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. You may make an online donation at [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME

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

The 47th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held on Monday, March 10th 2025 at 7 pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1910 N Randolph St. Arlington, VA 22207. The Mass is organized and hosted by the Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and will be in the original Gaelic format composed by Sean O'Riada. The Mass will include organ, harp and choral accompaniment, all with English translations. The celebrant will be Rev. M. Valentine Keveny from County Mayo, Ireland. A light reception to follow. Contact Jim Rocco ([rocco4@gmail.com](mailto:rocco4@gmail.com)) with any questions about the Mass or the AOH.

*You can still speak to them when you are gone....*

Leave a *Legacy Letter*

Join us in learning how to write one of the most cherished gifts you can leave your loved one.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 at 1:00PM**

**FREE EVENT**

Reserve your seat by emailing:  
[Events@fairfaxmemorial.com](mailto:Events@fairfaxmemorial.com)

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**Saint Ambrose**  
 SPANISH DUAL  
 LANGUAGE PROGRAM  
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Ambrose School is featured in a new Diocesan video.  
 Celebrate our school!

**ASH**  
 Wednesday

**Masses | March 5 | 7 & 9 am, 7:30 pm**

*Stewardship Reflection*

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

**Discernment**

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27) Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).



**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](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto: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](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)



**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 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass, please contact **Brian Newsome KM** via email at [nova.malta.mass@gmail.com](mailto:nova.malta.mass@gmail.com) or phone at 323-505-8846.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

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



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday | March 16  
After 8 & 10 am Masses  
School Gym

Hosted by  
St. Ambrose Council



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



**Saint Ambrose Men's Group**

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

