

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 9, 2025 | Fifth 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)

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  
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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



Saint  
Ambrose  
Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13  
June 16 - August 1, 2025

[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 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin</b> Paul Thong Nguyen † Renewed Devotion to Monthly Confession
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 11: Wkdy; Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Margaret Dominguez † Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 12: Weekday</b> Cameron Keuning Renewed Devotion to Monthly Confession
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 13: Weekday</b> Myra Lucero † Renewed Devotion to Monthly Confession
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>February 14: Sts. Cyril, Monk, &amp; Methodius, Bishop</b> Sean Scott Elder Rowan McNichol & Parents
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 15: Weekday</b> Margaret Dominguez † Sue, Tim, Zoe, & Zach Bogan
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Frank LaManna † Tom & Mary Sonnen People of the Parish Tom Healy

### 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

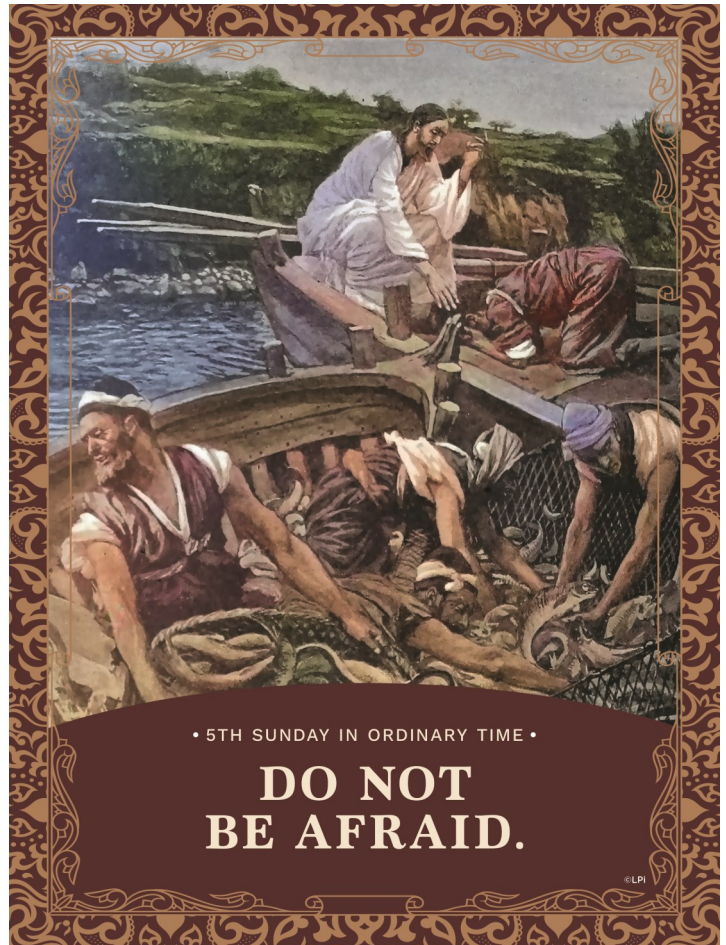
### For the Sick

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 10	Rev. Denis M. Donahue
Feb 11	Rev. Jeb S. Donelan
Feb 12	Rev. Alexander R. Drummond
Feb 13	Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski
Feb 14	Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus
Feb 15	Rev. David A. DuFresne
Feb 16	CH (LT) Luke R. Dundon

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 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

## OUR LADY of LOURDES

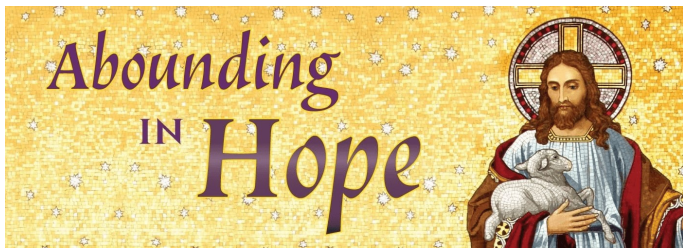
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### Stewardship Reflection

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able  
"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?  
Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"

- ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."



**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.

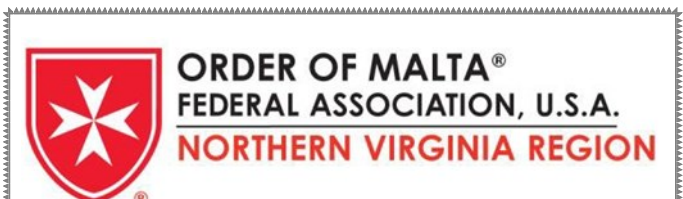


SCAN ME



**ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL**  
[stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org)  
[info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org) | 703-698-7171

**Saint Ambrose Dual Language Preschool is hosting an Open House** on Thursday, February 13, 7-8 pm. All are welcome to come see our new classrooms, and learn about our school day, curriculum and more. We are currently accepting applications for our 2025-2026 school year. For more information please contact Marybeth Cuccias at [mcuccias@stambroseschool.org](mailto:mcuccias@stambroseschool.org) or call us at 703-698-7171.



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 p.m.** 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.



**Multi Car Raffle Update**  
 The tickets for the annual Car Raffle were mailed. This is the same raffle that we've 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 processed at All Saints again this year - as 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)



**WSA**  
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

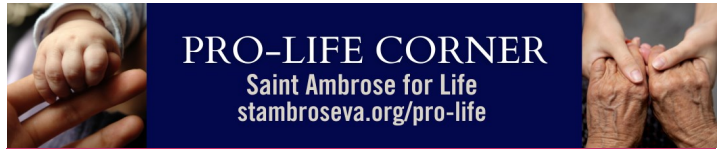
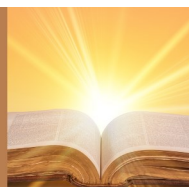
**MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

THIRD THURSDAYS  
7: 30 pm | Parish Library  
[bit.ly/mens-bible-study](http://bit.ly/mens-bible-study)



**Friday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 am | Parish Library  
All are welcome!  
[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)



**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](mailto: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)

**CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS**

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



**USHERS NEEDED**

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



*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 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

