

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 1, 2026 | Second 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

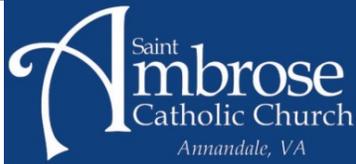
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 am - 7 pm (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

703-698-7171 | stambroseschool.org | info@stambroseschool.org

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | 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
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Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager
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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 change 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@stambroschool.org
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

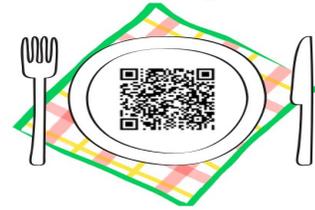
Youth Group

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

March 1 3 - 4 pm	Faith in Action @ Sunrise
March 8 6 - 8 pm	Formation Night: Chastity & Virtue
March 15 6-8 pm	Art & Prayer: Paint Night:

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!

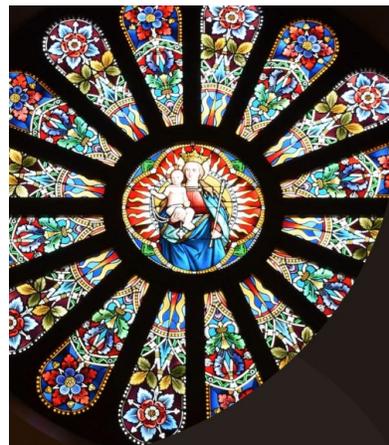
CATHOLIC CHARITIES | ST. LUCY PROJECT

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	March 2: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Brian Burns †
9:00 a.m.	Maureen McFalls †
Tuesday	March 3: Lenten Wkdy; St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Larry Marinucci †
9:00 a.m.	Pete Custodio †
Wednesday	March 4: Lenten Wkdy; St. Casimire
7:00 a.m.	Hang Tran
9:00 a.m.	Gerald W. Francis †
Thursday	March 5: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Frank Ware †
9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Kiet Tuan Tran
Friday	March 6: First Friday—Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Bernice Nicewicz †
9:00 a.m.	Hang Tran
Saturday	March 7: Lenten Wkdy; Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 p.m.	Julie & Jerry Nelson
Sunday	March 8: Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Andrew Buchanan
10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium Past & Present L / †
12:00 noon	Max Gagermeier †
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

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 Respueto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 2	Rev. William M. Aitcheson (Ret.)
Mar 3	CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson
Mar 4	Very Rev. Ramon A. Baez, VF
Mar 5	Rev. Timothy D. Banach
Mar 6	Rev. James S. Barkett
Mar 7	Rev. Nicolas R. Barnes
Mar 8	Rev. Brian G. Bashista



For the Deceased of St. Ambrose



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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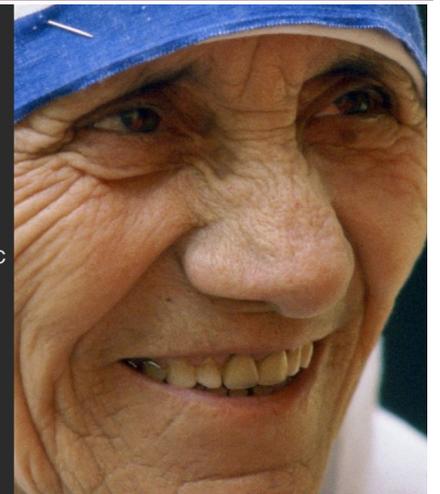
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, MC
Presenter

Sunday, March 1
7 pm | Parish Hall

 Saint
Ambrose
Catholic Church
Annandale, VA



LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

MARCH 19 - 21

SOLEMN VESPERS
MARCH 19 | 7 PM
FATHER JOHN KIST
CELEBRANT & HOMILIST



diocesan days of unplugging
march 13-15, 2026
arlingtondiocese.org/unplug



This year's Diocesan Days of Unplugging take place from March 13-15, 2026. Many of us can relate to being too attached to our digital devices. With everything from banking and fitness to email and games accessible on our phones, tablets, and laptops, these devices can become a distraction, or even an addiction. This Lent, take the time to unplug and rededicate your time to prayer or charity, and to nurture your relationships. More information can be found at arlingtondiocese.org/unplug

Diocesan Resources for Lent
 Walk with Christ this Lent with resources to guide your prayer, reflection, and acts of charity. From scripture challenges to practical tips for fasting and almsgiving, our tools are designed to help you grow closer to God and embrace the season of renewal with heart and soul. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/lent/ for resources like the Light is On, Examination of Conscience resources, courses on Porta Fidei, and more!


 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON
 2026 Peace & Justice Conference

Immigration and the Church's Prophetic Voice

"Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together."

-U.S. Bishops, Special Message on Immigration (November 2025)



Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala
 Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington

FREE EVENT
 REGISTRATION REQUIRED



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:
bit.ly/PJC2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Burke, VA

5:00 PM	Vigil Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge
6:15 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Keynote Address: Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington
7:45 PM	Q&A
8:15 PM	Closing Remarks and Blessing

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission



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



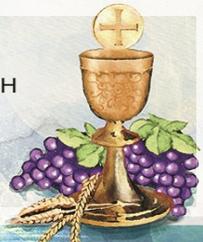
LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church

Soup Suppers

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

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE
 THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH
 MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS
 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



LENT 2026

St. Ambrose Catholic Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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

Congratulations!

ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL #8403

STAR COUNCIL

JULY 2024-JUNE 2025




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/		



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday | March 15
8 - 11:30 am | School Gym
bit.ly/kcpancakes

Hosted by St. Ambrose Council



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. The ticket returns are processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle directly benefits 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

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp
Ages 4 -13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!
stambrosesummer.com/registration

BABY SHOWER

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

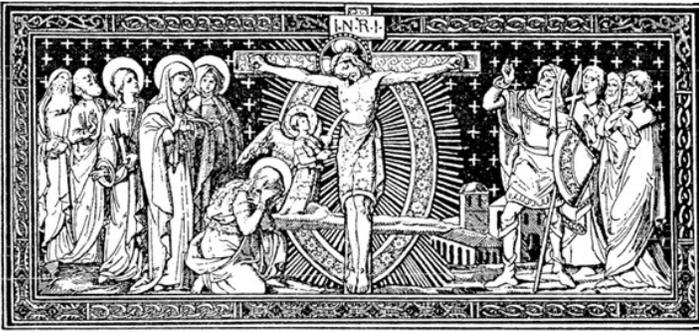


WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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/>





HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY | March 29

Holy Hour | 7 pm

- An evening of music, meditation and prayer with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor.

HOLY WEEK MASSES

- Monday, March 30 | 7 & 9 am
- Tuesday, March 31 | 7 & 9 am
- Wednesday, April 1 | 7 & 9 am
- No morning Masses
 - Thursday, April 2 - Saturday, April 4

CONFESSION

- Monday, March 30 | 7 - 8 pm
- Tuesday, March 31 | 7 - 8 pm
- Wednesday, April 1 | 7 - 8 pm
- Holy Thursday, April 2 | No Confessions
- Good Friday, April 3 | 1 - 2 pm
- Holy Saturday, April 4 | 11 am - Noon

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 1 | 1:15 pm | Church

HOLY THURSDAY | April 2

- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:30 pm
 - Parish Choir / Livestream
- Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until Midnight in the Parish Hall



GOOD FRIDAY | April 3 | No First Friday Adoration

- Confession | 1 - 2 pm
- Stations of the Cross | 3 pm
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 7:30 pm
 - Parish Choir / Livestream

HOLY SATURDAY | April 4

- Confession | 11 am - Noon
- Blessing of Easter Food | Noon



EASTER MASSES

SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | EASTER VIGIL

8:30 pm | Parish Choir / Livestream

SUNDAY | APRIL 5 | EASTER

8 am, 10 am (Parish Choir / Livestream), Noon | No 5 pm Mass

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen! Alleluia!