

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 15, 2026 | Fourth 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

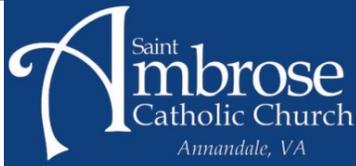
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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CLERGY

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703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

Jon Laird, Obl.OSB, Director of Music
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager
703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

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: wwwp@stambroseschool.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 15 | 6-8 pm

Art & Prayer: Paint Night:

March 22 | 3 - 4 pm

Faith in Action: Sunrise (*8th graders welcome)

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!

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp Staff



APPLY NOW

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

counselors needed: rising college freshmen and older
stambrosesummer.com/employment

*"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of
goodness and righteousness and truth."*

Ephesians 5:8-9

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS



"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. If you sense God may be calling you to let your light shine in the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 703-841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

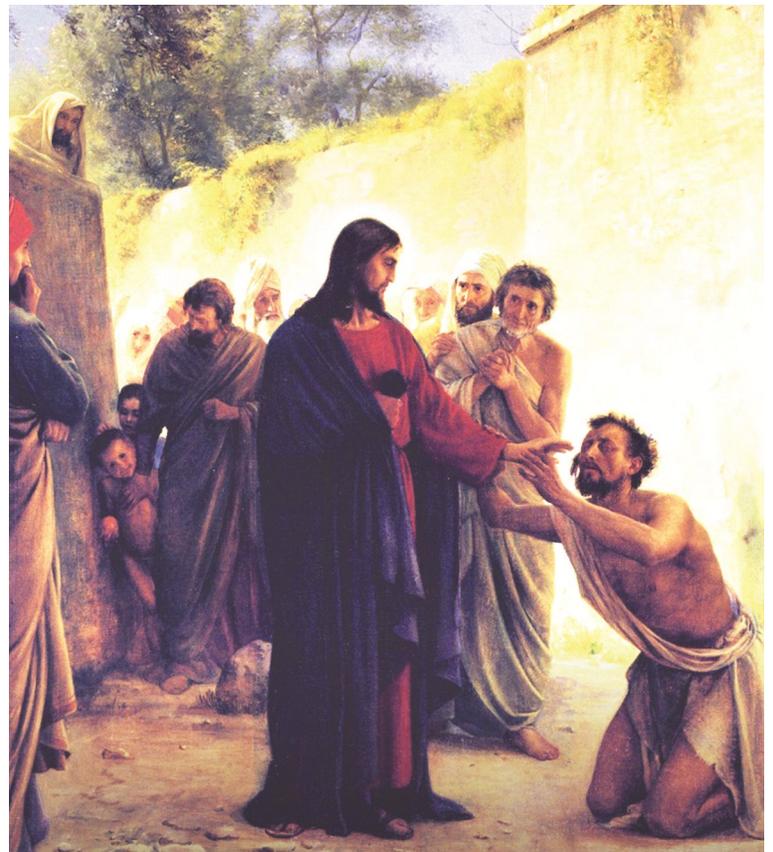
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DISCOVER THE FAITH
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
bit.ly/formedfaith



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 16: Lenten Weekday James Mercer † Meghan Lewis Logeis
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 17: Lenten Wkdy; St. Patrick, Bishop Peter & Mary DeAngelis † Thomas O'Brien †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 18: Lenten Wkdy; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Donovan Charlton † Sadie Marie Sherry
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Erica Morgan Mary Theresa Lynch †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 20: Lenten Weekday Mike & Malia Busekrus Joe & Gene Chiappetta
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	March 21: Lenten Weekday Tom Stasik, Jr. † Brian Burns †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent Ernest & Dolores Klimonda † Kackley Family Vivienne Samperio † People of the Parish



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



April 3 | No First Friday Adoration

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, Kathleen Monachino, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Joyce Pueblo, Amor Regala, Marcelina Respuesto, Diane Rispoli, Lisa Rhoads, Jean Reed Saylor, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 16 Rev. Joseph P. Biniek (Ret.)
Mar 17 Rev. Nicholas F. Blank
Mar 18 Rev. Vincent P. Bork
Mar 19 Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan
Mar 20 Rev. Philip D. Briggs
Mar 21 Rev. James C. Bruse
Mar 22 Rev. Christopher M. Buckner (Ret.)

† For the repose of the soul of **Erin Kathleen Ferris-Mills** †

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**




WELCOME SUNDAY!
Coffee & Donuts
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall

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

Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat for Young Adult Men
All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited on "Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat" led by Fr. Philip Briggs at San Damiano April 17-19. Join Fr. Briggs for a time of silence, prayer, and rest as we reflect on the graces received during Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. Fr. Briggs will guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more information and to register, visit our website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/>

LENT 2026
St. Ambrose Catholic Church



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays | 2:15 and 7:30 pm
February 20 - March 27

Come Join our Team



**Arlington Diocese
Teacher Job Fair**

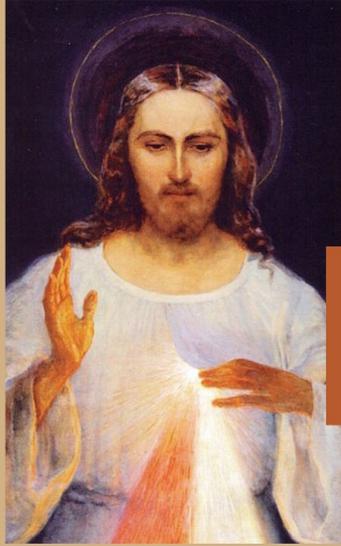
**Saturday, March 21, 2026
9-11 AM
St. Bernadette Catholic School
7602 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA**

Explore website
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools>
job openings
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>
application process
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

Register
2026 Office of Catholic Schools
Job Fair Registration


A special "Career Switcher" session will be held from 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. to answer questions regarding qualifications to teach in the Diocese.

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the **37** elementary schools, **4** high schools and **4** stand-alone preschools serving almost **18,000** students in the **13** cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



Divine Mercy Devotions
April 3 - April 12

Divine Mercy Novena | April 3 - April 11
Divine Mercy Sunday | April 12 | 3 pm

- Exposition & Benediction
- Divine Mercy Reflection
- Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Ambrose School Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will visit St. Ambrose a little early to hide some Easter eggs for our families to find. Please join us behind the school on Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm following the Noon Mass. The Egg Hunt is open to kids up to age 10. Please remember to bring a basket or container for each participant. See you there!

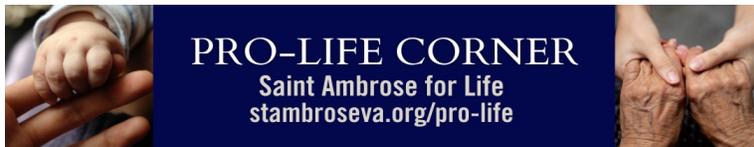




Knights of Columbus®

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 Date Change: April 11 & 12

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. Four 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 - as 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

**BABY
SHOWER**

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

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

**FOSTER-FATHER
OF JESUS**

“
RENOWNED
OFFSPRING
OF DAVID,
HEAD OF THE
HOLY FAMILY,
PILLAR OF FAMILIES,
PROTECTOR OF
THE HOLY CHURCH
ST. JOSEPH,
PRAY FOR US.
”

- ST. JOSEPH

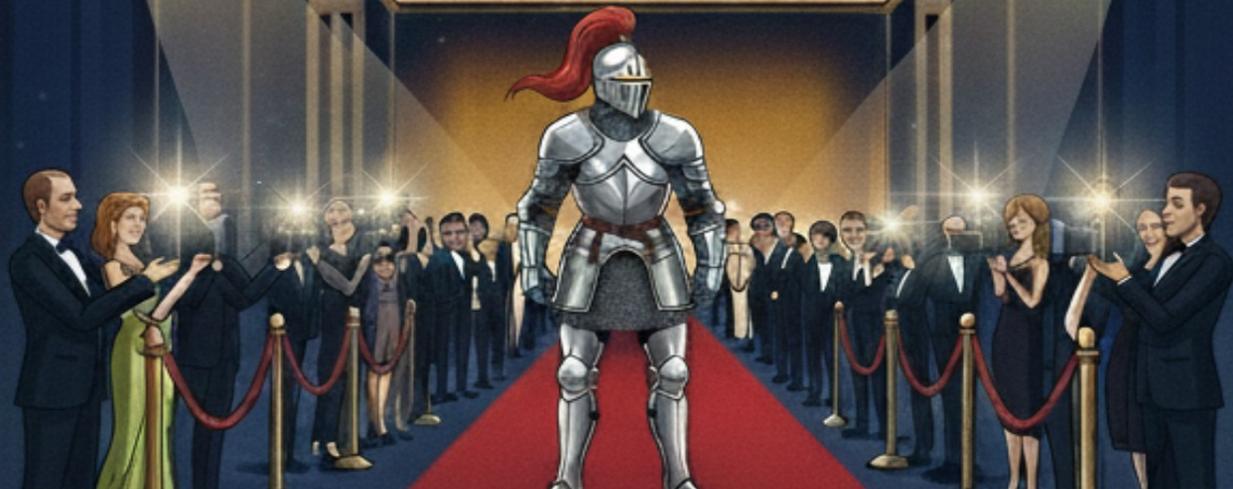
St. Patrick

Pray for us!

A KNIGHT — AT THE — PREMIÈRE

APRIL 25, 2026

6:00 PM



**EXCLUSIVE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY SCREENING**

*Fundraising Gala &
Live Band*



St. Ambrose Dual Language Catholic School Gala
Tickets | Items | Donate Items | More Details | bit.ly/SchoolGala2026