

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 16, 2025 | Second Sunday of Lent



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
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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

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.

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 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.

FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org for details and contacts

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## 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 | [frnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto:frnugent@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)



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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 17: Lenten Wkdy; St. Patrick, Bishop</b> Patty Yang Fr. Tuck Grinnell
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 18: Lenten Wkdy; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> For Souls Dying Today † Dr. Gil Ascunce †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Jose Lomboy † Rev. Mark Andrew Pilon †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 20: Lenten Weekday</b> Margaret Dominguez † Priscilla Hogan
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 21: Lenten Weekday</b> Mario Guerrero Anonymous Donor
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 22: Lenten Weekday</b> Peter Coniglio † Kackley Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 23: Second Sunday of Lent</b> Dr. Knowlan † Paul Sanh Quang Nguyen † Dr. Andrew Dobranski † People of the Parish

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, April 4, 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

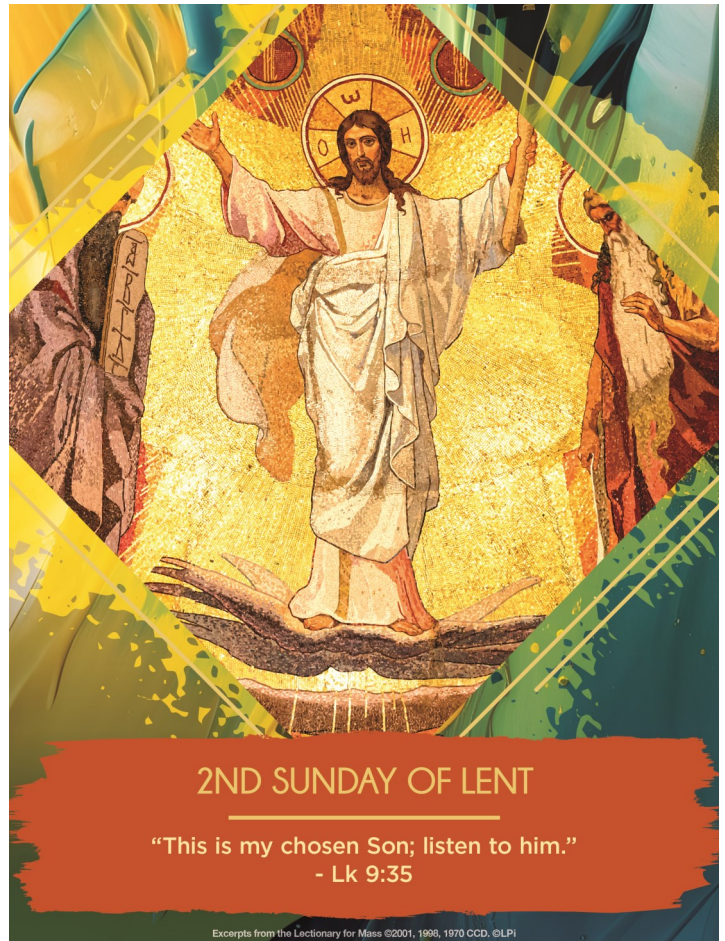
### For the Sick

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

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 17	Rev. John Paul Heisler
Mar 18	Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Ret.)
Mar 19	Rev. James C. Hinkle
Mar 20	Rev. Stephen Holmes
Mar 21	Rev. Patrick Holyroyd
Mar 22	Rev. Edward R. Horkan
Mar 23	Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos

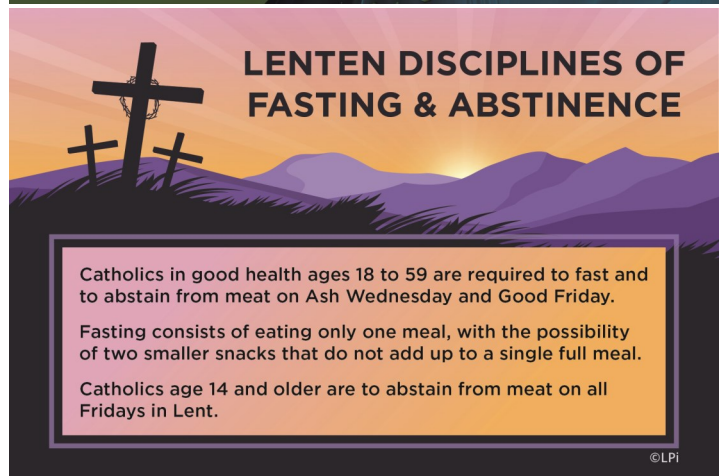
† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."  
- Lk 9:35

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## 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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**What do Sisters do all day?** Sometimes they garden! In the spirit of St. Francis, high school girls are invited to spend a day working in God's creation with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and gets some good insights to prepare for Holy Week. It's Saturday, April 12 from 9am – 3pm at their convent in Falls Church. The day will include Mass, talk, lunch and gardening. Bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Cost is \$15. For more information/register, visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT), or contact [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Deadline to register and submit permission form is April 6.



# LENT 2025

## CONFESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm

Saturdays | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

March 7 | 9:30 am - 7 pm

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays | 6 - 7 pm | School Gym

Dates/Hosts

- March 7 | Knights of Columbus
- March 14 | Religious Education
- March 21 | St. Ambrose School
- March 28 | St. Ambrose Adult Choir
- April 4 | Women of St. Ambrose
- April 11 | Parish

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesday Evenings

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 | 6:30 - 8 pm

- Reflection | 6:30 - 7 pm  
One of the parish priests will share a reflection at the beginning of Adoration.
- Confession | 6:30 - 8 pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 pm & 7:30 pm

- March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Thursday, April 3

- Adoration begins | Noon
- Solemn Vespers & Reflection | 7 pm
- Presenter: Father Leo Patalinghug
- Meet & Greet, Book Signing afterwards | Parish Hall

Friday, April 4

- Adoration continues

Saturday, April 5

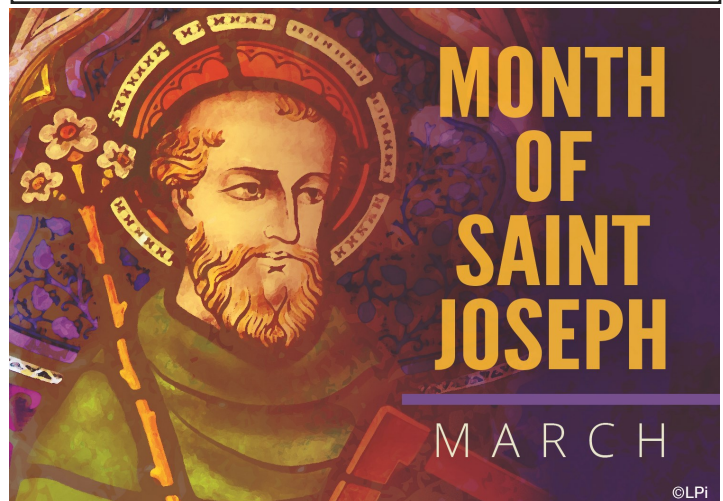
- Benediction | 8:50 am
- Mass | 9 am



**Mass and Healing Prayer Service** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

### Stewardship Reflection

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7  
Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)  
In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in 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.





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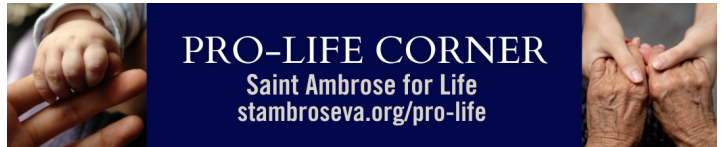
**ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403**

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
ambrosecouncil.org | info@ambrosecouncil.org



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
stambroseva.org/WSA  
WSA@stambroseva.org



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
stambroseva.org/pro-life

**Diaper Drive Weekend: April 5 & 6**

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 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 (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org



**Saint Ambrose Men's Group**

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
March 22

- ◆ Coffee, conversation & faith formation
- ◆ Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- ◆ Join our group chat for details

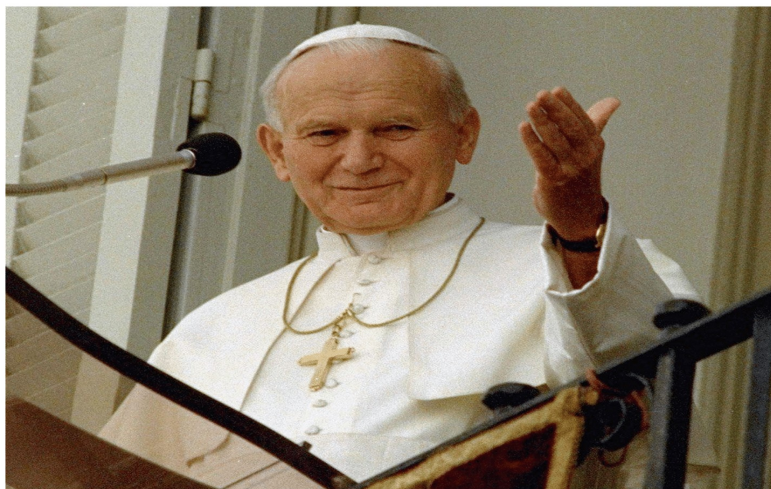



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday | March 16  
8 - 11:30 am  
School Gym

Hosted by  
St. Ambrose Council

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



Do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. Do not be afraid. Christ knows what is in the heart of man. He alone knows it.

Pope St. John Paul II, *Homily for the Inauguration of His Pontificate* (1978)

**St. Ambrose Men's Group  
Q2 2025 Schedule**

- 12 April | Coffee, conversation and faith formation in the parish hall.
- 26 April | 7:00 - 8:30 AM, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month
- 10 May | Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- 24 May |
- 14 June |
- 28 June |



Join our group chat for details