

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 2, 2025 | Eighth 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 | 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

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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

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

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

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

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 - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone
Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

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

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

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall
Father Nugent, Facilitator | 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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

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

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

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

Monday	March 3: Wkdy; USA: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
7:00 a.m.	Wenceslao Alger †
9:00 a.m.	Pete Custodio †
Tuesday	March 4: Wkdy; St. Casimir
7:00 a.m.	Peter Coniglio †
9:00 a.m.	Hec Carlson †
Wednesday	March 5: Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Cecile Tchong †
9:00 a.m.	Laura Stevens †
7:30 p.m.	Keith Edward Weide †
Thursday	March 6: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Sarah Moran
Friday	March 7: Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Renate Nicewicz †
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	March 8: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
9:00 a.m.	Tom & MaryAnn Stasik
5:00 p.m.	Chip & Cindy Hollcraft & Family
Sunday	March 9: First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Peter Coniglio †
10:00 a.m.	Annie & John Harrison
12:00 noon	Cory & Bob Elder
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, March 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

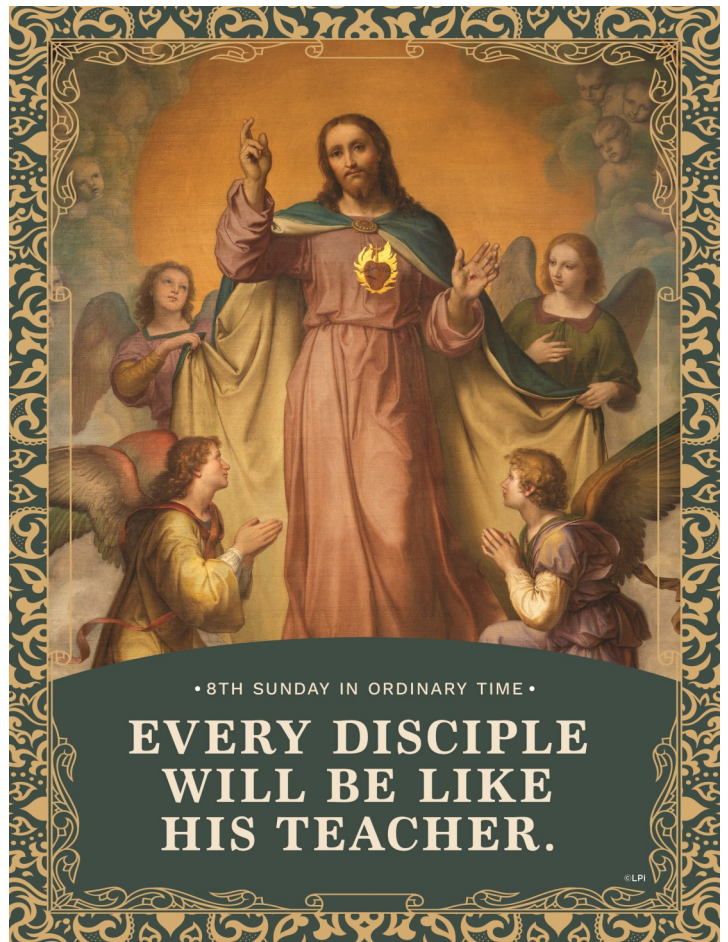
For the Sick

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 3	Rev. James R. Gould
Mar 4	Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas
Mar 5	Rev. Donald C. Greenhalgh (Ret.)
Mar 6	Rev. Horace H. Grinnell (Ret.)
Mar 7	Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.
Mar 8	Rev. Lee W. Gross (Ret.)
Mar 9	Rev. Richard M. Guest

† For the repose of the soul of *Dr. Donald Knowlan* †



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

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

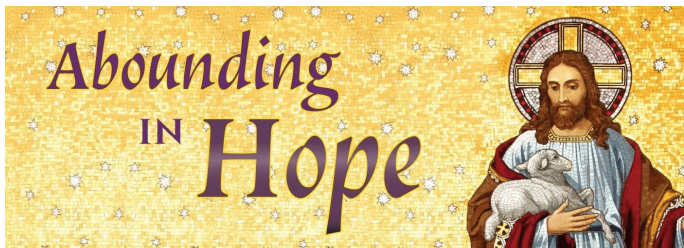


MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

MARCH 15 | 9 AM - NOON
Reverend Michael Nugent
Church/Parish Hall

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





2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

This weekend each household is asked to make a pldge or a gift to the BLA. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that helps tens of thousands of people in our diocese. After reflecting on God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, make an online donation at arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



SCAN ME

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
 stambroseschool.org
 info@stambroseschool.org | 703-698-7171

Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, March 8, 2025

9-11 AM

St. Bernadette Catholic School

7602 Old Keene Mill Road
 Springfield, VA

Explore

website

<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools>

job openings

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

application process

<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

Register

2025 Office of Catholic Schools
 Job Fair Registration

Can't make it in person? Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will be available to answer your questions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87890317381?pwd=OYwFAkKpdWYaNpRP0h0B6E8a6Z8KVJ.1>

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

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY, MARTYRS
 MARCH 7

ASH
 Wednesday

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

Stewardship Reflection

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Discover the Diocese of Arlington.

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

Discernment

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8) This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703) 841-2514.



**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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

Journey to the heart of Christ this Lent! Join the Diocese for **A Holy People: Living the Scriptural and Social Teaching of Our Faith**, a guided, in-person series that will enrich your Lent with prayer, Scripture, and the Church's rich social teaching. Five Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, March 11 through April 8. Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Register at [HTTPS://BIT.LY/A-HOLY-PEOPLE](https://bit.ly/a-holy-people). Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation, the Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, the Peace and Justice Commission and Catholic Charities.



**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 23rd Mass, please contact **Brian Newsome KM** via email at nova.malta.mass@gmail.com or phone at 323-505-8846.



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



**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

