

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 23, 2025 | Third 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)

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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CLERGY

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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 each other's prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA.

Shelley 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



[stambrosesummer.com](http://stambrosesummer.com)

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTION 2025

# SOLEMN VESPERS



Thursday, April 3 | 7 pm  
St. Ambrose Church

Father Leo Patalinghug  
Celebrant & Homilist

Light reception follows  
Parish Hall



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 24: Lenten Weekday</b> Plinio Durao † Peter Coniglio †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Naning Alinea † Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 26: Lenten Weekday</b> Mr. & Mrs. Kiet Tuan Tran Josephine Bourgeois †
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 27: Lenten Weekday</b> Rev. Robert Skeris † Kevin Fyvie †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>March 28: Lenten Weekday</b> Jacob Reninger † Peter Coniglio †
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 29: Lenten Weekday</b> Donal Kelleher † Madeline McManaway †
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	<b>March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> People of the Parish Judy Regnier † Peter Coniglio † Emily Ellen Lockhart †

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

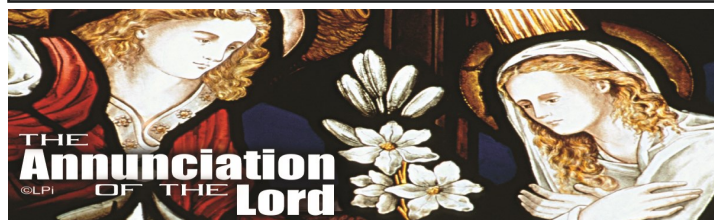
### For Our Diocesan Priests

Mar 24	Rev. James C. Hudgins
Mar 25	Rev. Zinzin N. Iglesia
Mar 26	Rev. Michael C. Isenberg
Mar 27	Rev. Joel D. Jaffe
Mar 28	Rev. John D. Kelly
Mar 29	Rev. Michael J.R. Kelly
Mar 30	Rev. Joseph R. Kenna

† For the repose of the soul of **Laurette Nassetta** †



**A retreat for Seniors.** Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our "throwaway culture," for those who are elderly and "full of years" to understand our place in the world - and in our Church? Although many of those around us may think we are irrelevant, it is actually an opportune time to bring grace into the world and prepare for the Adventure ahead. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA, to "rest and pray" with Christ. We will search the Scriptures and savor the wisdom of the Gospels as we consider the Crosses and the Consolations of our Senior Years. Our retreat begins at 6 pm Friday, May 9 and concludes Sunday, May 11 at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org)



"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:7-9) We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

# LENT 2025

## CONFESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm

Saturdays | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays | 6 - 7 pm | School Gym

Dates/Hosts

- March 28 | St. Ambrose Adult Choir
- April 4 | Women of St. Ambrose
- April 11 | St. Ambrose Parish

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesday Evenings

March 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 28, April 4, 11

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Thursday, April 3

- Adoration begins | Noon
- Solemn Vespers | 7 pm
- Father Leo Patalinghug, Celebrant & Homilist
- Reception follows | Parish Hall

Friday, April 4

- Adoration continues

Saturday, April 5

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



**Saint Ambrose Dual Language Preschool** is holding an open house on Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Come see our new classrooms, and learn about our school day, curriculum and more. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the open house. We are currently accepting applications for our 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact Marybeth Cuccias, mcuccias@stambroseschool.org or call 703-698-7171. Please RSVP at stambroseschool.org.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
 Saturday, April 12 | 9:30-10:30 am



RSVP: [STAMBROSESCHOOL.ORG](https://stambroseschool.org)



# WE ARE HIRING!

as we continue to build our exceptional team, we're in search of:

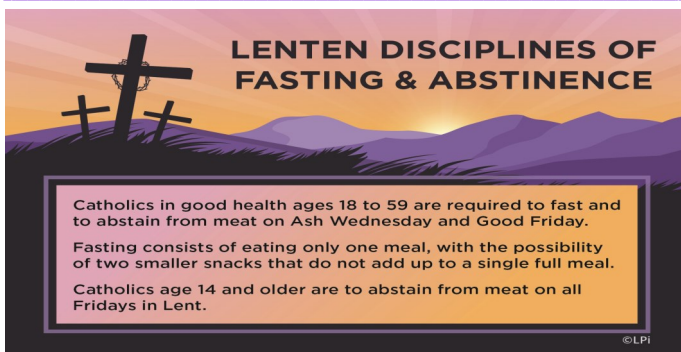
- Dual Language Teachers
- Social Studies Teacher
- Instructional Assistant
- Extended Day Staff
- Substitute Teachers

Send your resume here :

[principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

### Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7 We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.





**Knights of Columbus**

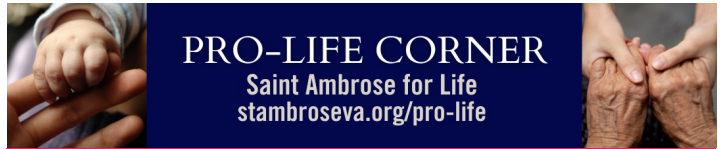
**ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403**

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

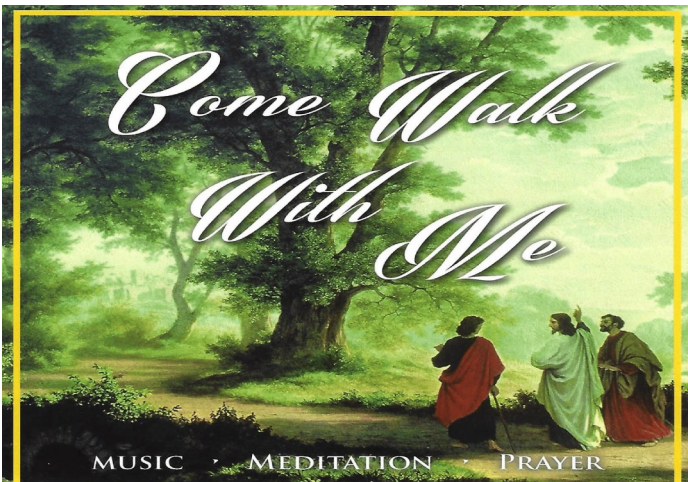
visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**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)



MUSIC • MEDITATION • PRAYER

**Location: St. Ambrose Catholic Church**  
3901 Woodburn Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Date: April 13, 2025 Time: 7:00 PM**

**Contact: Parish office at 703-280-4400**



MARK FORREST  
IRISH TENOR



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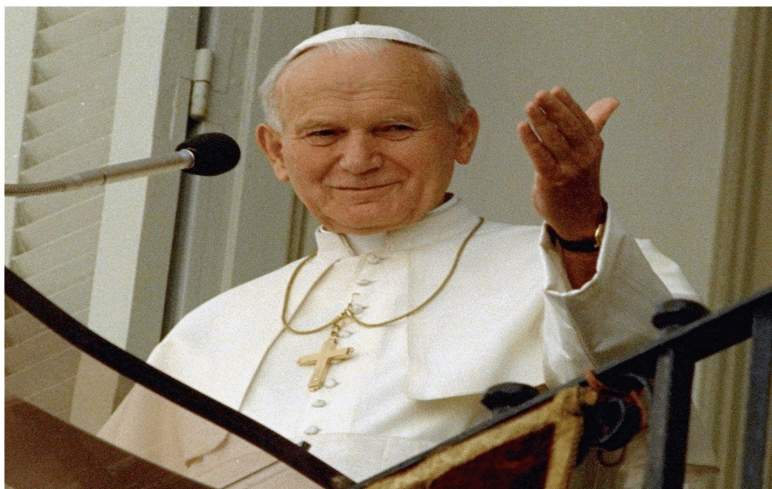
[email ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)



**Garden + Grounds Club**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](https://bit.ly/stambroseggc)

2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



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
- 24 May
- 14 June | Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- 28 June



Join our group chat for details