

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 30, 2025 | Fourth 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 | 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

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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 home-bound 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 each other's prayer intentions. Sponsored by WSA.

Shelley 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



Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13
June 16 - August 1, 2025

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

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	March 31: Lenten Weekday For Peace on Earth & Homeless Souls Mary Sue Jones
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 1: Lenten Weekday Lala Halopian † Dr. Don Knowlan †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 2: Lenten Wkdy; St. Francis of Paola, Hermit For Conversion of Sinners Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 3: Lenten Weekday Dr. Donald Knowlan † John Exline †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 4: Lenten Wkdy; St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Peter Coniglio † For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	April 5: Lenten Wkdy; St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Donal Kelleher † Betty Fraser †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	April 6: Fifth Sunday of Lent People of the Parish Sarah Laird Eleanor Toft † Patricia Burke †

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

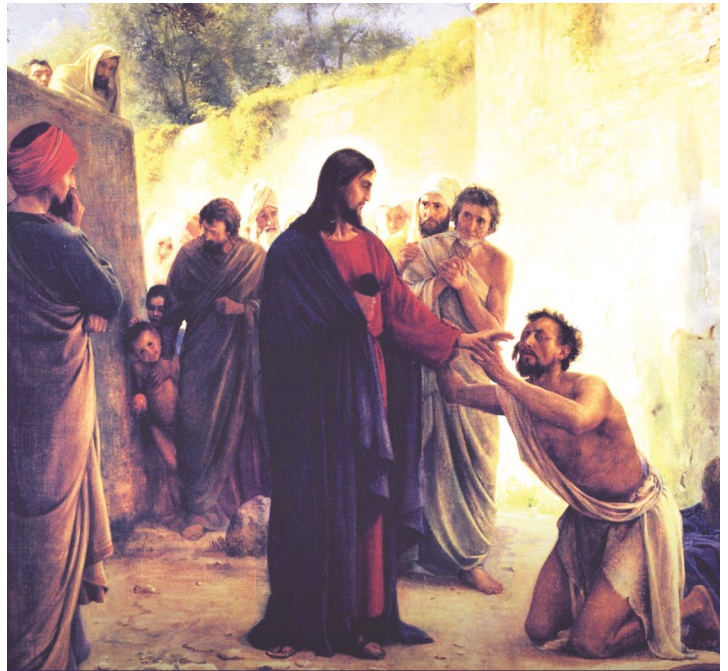
For the Sick

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 31	Rev. Anthony J. Killian
Apr 1	Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann
Apr 2	Rev. Sean T. Koehr
Apr 3	Rev. Wilson I. Korpi (Ret.)
Apr 4	Rev. Msgr. Stanley J. Krempa (Ret.)
Apr 5	Rev. Kevin J. Larsen
Apr 6	Rev. Thomas J. Lehning (Ret.)

† For the repose of the souls of **Eleanor Mary Toth, Betty Fraser Aaronson, Jeanne Midgett, and Patricia Belucy** †



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

Seminarians to be ordained Transitional Deacons

On April 26, 2025, Bishop Burbidge will ordain seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, Sean Mazary, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11 am and will also be livestreamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to the seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for the seminarians being ordained Transitional Deacons.



The Light is On For You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20) Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or email 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

- April 4 | Women of St. Ambrose
- April 11 | St. Ambrose Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesday Evenings

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

- 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



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

Catholic Charities | St. Lucy Project Spring Food Drive



St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus sponsors the annual parish-wide spring food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. Filled bags are delivered to the St. Lucy Food Bank in Manassas which distributes the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items - *no glass items, please.* March 29 + 30: bag distribution at weekend Masses. April 5 & 6: bag collection.





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



WELCOME SUNDAY!

April 6
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall
Hosted by WorkCamp

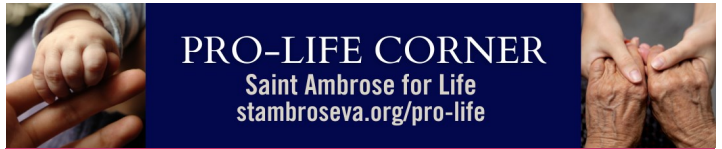
MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Third Thursdays | 7:30 pm | Parish Library
bit.ly/mens-bible-study

Friday Morning Bible Study

9:30 am | Parish Library
All are welcome!
bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy



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



USHERS NEEDED

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

Garden + Grounds Club

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



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 2nd and 4th 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

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)