

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 8, 2026 | Third 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

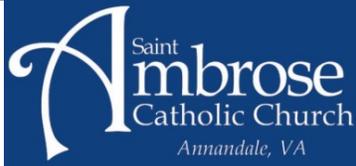
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager
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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: www@stambroschool.org
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

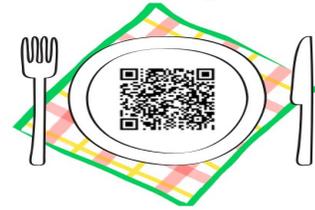
Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister
703-280-4400 | YM@sstambroseva.org
stambroseva.org/YouthGroup

March 8 6 - 8 pm	Formation Night: Chastity & Virtue
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!

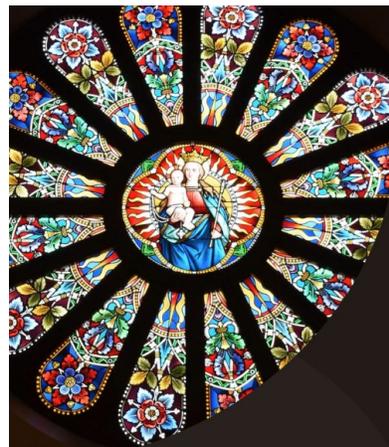
CATHOLIC CHARITIES | ST. LUCY PROJECT

FOOD DRIVE

After all Masses
February 28 + March 1 Bag distribution
March 7 + 8 Return filled bags



SPONSORED BY ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Ambrose Parish

HOLY HOUR
FOR
YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS

March 10 | April 17 | May 22
7 - 8 pm | Church

Confession | Silence | Fellowship | Praise & Worship

FORMED

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	March 9: Lenten Wkdy; St. Frances of Rome, Religious
7:00 a.m.	Luciano Atienza †
9:00 a.m.	S. Annammal †
Tuesday	March 10: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Burke †
9:00 a.m.	Sam Vincent
Wednesday	March 11: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Normand & Francis †
9:00 a.m.	Loretta Cossack & Helen Cullinan †
Thursday	March 12: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
9:00 a.m.	John Dohrman †
Friday	March 13: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Jesus Sotelo †
9:00 a.m.	Healing & Conversion of United States
Saturday	March 14: Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Robert JJ Seoane, Sr. †
5:00 p.m.	Evelyn Seoane †
Sunday	March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Ken Dinger
10:00 a.m.	Josh Moyer
12:00 noon	Molly Roy
5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish



April 3 | No First Friday Adoration

PRAYER INTENTIONS

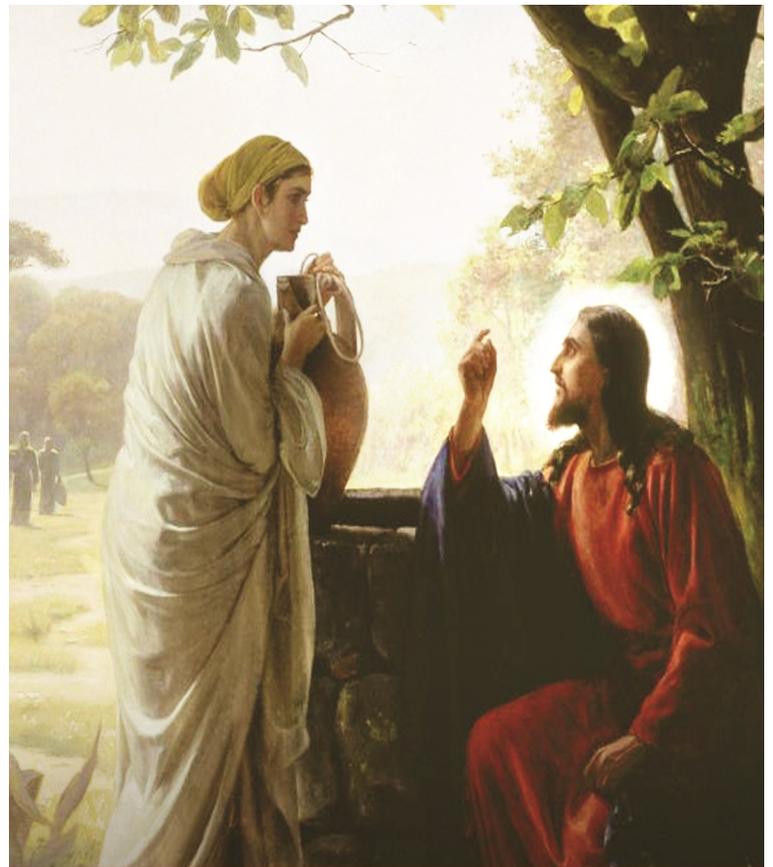
For the Sick

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, Kathleen Monachino, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, 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 9	Rev. Michael J. Bazan
Mar 10	Rev. Jonathan A. Bennett
Mar 11	Rev. James R. Gould
Mar 12	Rev. Kevin J. Beres
Mar 13	Rev. Paul A. Berghout
Mar 14	Rev. Joseph D. Bergida
Mar 15	Rev. Dort A. Bigg

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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FIAT Lenten Day of Recollection

Prepare for Holy Week at a Lenten Day of Recollection with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (St. Faustina's order) at the St. John Paul II Shrine. The day will include Mass and adoration along with fun activities and talks from the sisters. Email the Office of Vocations to reserve your spot, then return this form by Monday March 16 to register. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation.

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



This year's Diocesan Days of Unplugging take place from March 13-15, 2026. Many of us can relate to being too attached to our digital devices. With everything from banking and fitness to email and games accessible on our phones, tablets, and laptops, these devices can become a distraction, or even an addiction. This Lent, take the time to unplug and rededicate your time to prayer or charity, and to nurture your relationships. More information can be found at arlingtondiocese.org/unplug

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.

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK | MARCH 8 - 14, 2026

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

Your Hosts

March 8 | St. Ambrose Men's Group
 April 12 | Work Camp
 May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
 May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group
 & Young Professionals Holy Hour

ORDER OF MALTA

Federal Association USA - Northern Virginia Region

CORDIALLY INVITES INDIVIDUALS
 (& COMPANIONS)
WITH ILLNESS OR PHYSICAL/MENTAL CHALLENGES

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

3:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT THOMAS MORE
 3901 Cathedral Lane - Arlington, Virginia

Kindly RSVP to **BRIAN NEWSOME, KM**
nova.malta.mass@gmail.com | 323-505-8846

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
 THE MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
 BISHOP OF ARLINGTON

CONVENTUAL CHAPLAIN
 AD HONOREM
ORDER OF MALTA

LENT 2026
 St. Ambrose Catholic Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 2:15 and 7:30 pm
 February 20 - March 27



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



**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.



**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



**B A B Y
SHOWER**

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

WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: March 7 + 8

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/

Easter in the Park

Sunday, March 29th at 1:00pm

Hop on over for an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery 9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032



**RSVP by emailing:
Events@FairfaxMemorial.com**

Free Event



**Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp**

Ages 4 -13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!
stambrosesummer.com/registration

Come Walk With Me

MUSIC › MEDITATION › PRAYER

Location: St. Ambrose Catholic Church

3901 Woodburn Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Date: March 29, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM

Contact: Parish office at 703-280-4400



MARK FORREST
IRISH TENOR