

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday



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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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 | Topic/Dates TBA
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: www@stambroseschool.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

dinner dates!

Support the St. Ambrose High School Youth Group



Sign up now to provide dinner & dessert
bit.ly/YouthMinistryMeals

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp Staff



APPLY NOW

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

counselors needed: rising college freshmen and older
stambrosesummer.com/employment

HOLY HOUR

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Friday, April 17, 7 - 8 pm

WELCOME SUNDAY!

Coffee & Donuts
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall

Your Hosts

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

"Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

As we reflect on Jesus' merciful heart, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 703-- 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

bit.ly/formedfaith



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday | April 13: Easter Wkdy; St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr |
| 7:00 a.m. | Sofia de la Cruz † |
| 9:00 a.m. | Thelma Chita Joseph |
| Tuesday | April 14: Easter Weekday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Bernice Nicewicz † |
| 9:00 a.m. | Col. Richard Mulhern † |
| Wednesday | April 15: Easter Weekday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Rev. Mark Andrew Pilon † |
| 9:00 a.m. | Marge O'Koren † |
| Thursday | April 16: Easter Weekday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Urbano Fernandez † |
| 9:00 a.m. | Rosemary & Joseph A. Sheehan † |
| Friday | April 17: Easter Weekday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Josephine Bourgeois † |
| 9:00 a.m. | Edwin & Madeline Brown † |
| Saturday | April 18: Easter Weekday |
| 9:00 a.m. | Irene Castillo Uy † |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sophie Midili |
| Sunday | April 19: Third Sunday of Easter |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mary Gaziano |
| 10:00 a.m. | People of the Parish |
| 12:00 noon | Mary Winslow † |
| 5:00 p.m. | Charles & Virginia Brown † |

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

May 1 | 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, 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, Lois LeFebvre, Meghan Lewis Logeais, Kathleen Monachino, 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

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| Apr 13 | Rev. Dennis M. Donahue |
| Apr 14 | Rev. Jeb S. Donelan |
| Apr 15 | Rev. Alexander R. Drummond |
| Apr 16 | Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski |
| Apr 17 | Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus |
| Apr 18 | Rev. David A. DuFresne |
| Apr 19 | Rev. Luke R. Dundon |

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

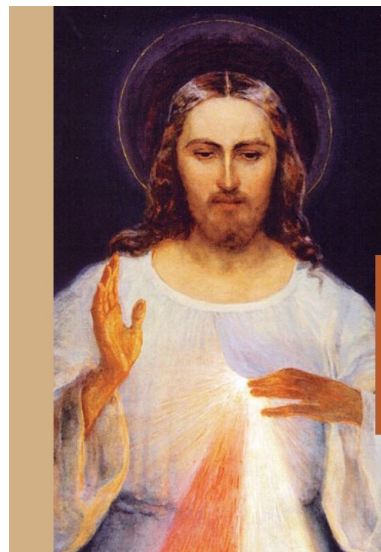
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Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy. Amen.

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Divine Mercy Devotions

April 3 - April 12

Divine Mercy Novena | April 3 - April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday | April 12 | 3 pm

- Exposition & Benediction
- Divine Mercy Reflection
- Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat for Young Adult Men
April 17 - 19 | San Damiano Retreat Center

All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited on "Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat" led by Fr. Philip Briggs at San Damiano April 17-19. Join Fr. Briggs for a time of silence, prayer, and rest as we reflect on the graces received during Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. Fr. Briggs will guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more information and to register, visit our website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/>

Finding Jesus with St. Stephen – Men's Silent Retreat
April 24 - 26 | San Damiano Retreat Center

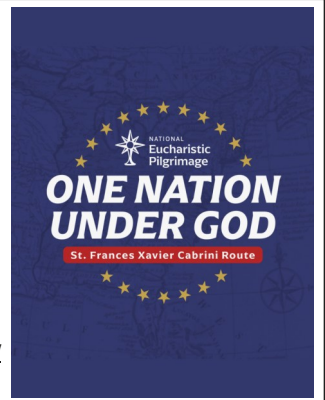
Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and savor the silence with your brothers. St. Stephen, the Proto-Martyr, as he was being stoned to death, saw "the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). Through his eyes, we too can look into heaven and behold Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, entering more fully into the hidden mysteries of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This vision can radically transform both our worship and our daily lives. Fr. John O'Donohue will lead this silent retreat. The retreat begins at 6 pm Friday April 24 and concludes Sunday April 26 at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux -Women's Silent Retreat
May 15 - 17 | San Damiano Retreat Center

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. St. Therese's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be practically applied in our very occupied, day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with people who challenge us. Fr. John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor. Retreat cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or visit our website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat



The Diocese of Arlington is excited to host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026 on Friday, June 5 in Alexandria, VA and Sunday, June 7 - the Feast of Corpus Christi in Stafford, VA.



Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, June 5 f 7 - 8:30 pm
 Basilica of St. Mary
 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/holy-hour-for-vocations-2/>

Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Burbidge and Festival for Parish 70th Anniversary

Sunday, June 7 | 10 am - 4 pm
 St. William of York Catholic Church
 3130 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/mass-of-thanksgiving-with-bishop-burbidge-and-festival-for-parish-70th-anniversary/>

The theme of the pilgrimage, which runs from Memorial Day in St. Augustine, FL through July 5 in Philadelphia, is "One Nation Under God" in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Learn more about the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at eucharisticpilgrimage.org.

Spring is around the corner! Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (SMdP) has several volunteer opportunities awaiting for you.

SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; greeting participants at the front desk; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, and more opportunities listed online at ccda.net/find-help/senior-services/. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 8:45 am - 1:30 pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Contact maria.mellor@ccda.net; 703-751-2766.



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Thursday Lunch (April 23); Walk at Manassas Battlefield Park (April 15); Orchestral Concert at Schlesinger Hall (April 19); Serving meal at Christ House (April 25); Planet Word Museum (April 25); Dinner in Tysons (April 26); . For details, visit bit.ly/ptsc. Questions/RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



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 Lucy Food Donations weighed in at 4,502 pounds - 700 pounds higher than any of our prior Lenten season food drives!
God bless you for your generosity!



Knights Multi Car Raffle! 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. We hope that you'll support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints.



WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

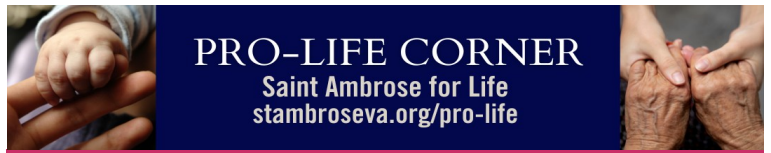
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WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE



**Game Night
Potluck**

Tuesday, April 28, 6 pm, Parish Hall

The Knights of Columbus and Women of Saint Ambrose invite you to attend our Potluck and Game Night on Tuesday, April 28, 6-8:30 pm! Please bring something to share and make the evening a true celebration. RSVP your name and the number in your party who will be attending by April 27 so we have enough food and drinks for all! Also, bring your favorite family friendly game (think Uno, board games, checkers) to play after dinner. We hope to see you there! Sign up now bit.ly/KCWSAGameNight



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend Date Change: April 11 & 12

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), 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/



USHERS NEEDED

email ushers@stambroseva.org



Rosary Makers

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30 AM | PARISH LIBRARY

**Garden +
Grounds Club**

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

3RD SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



**apologetics 101
discussion group**

third tuesdays | 7 pm | parish hall
stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

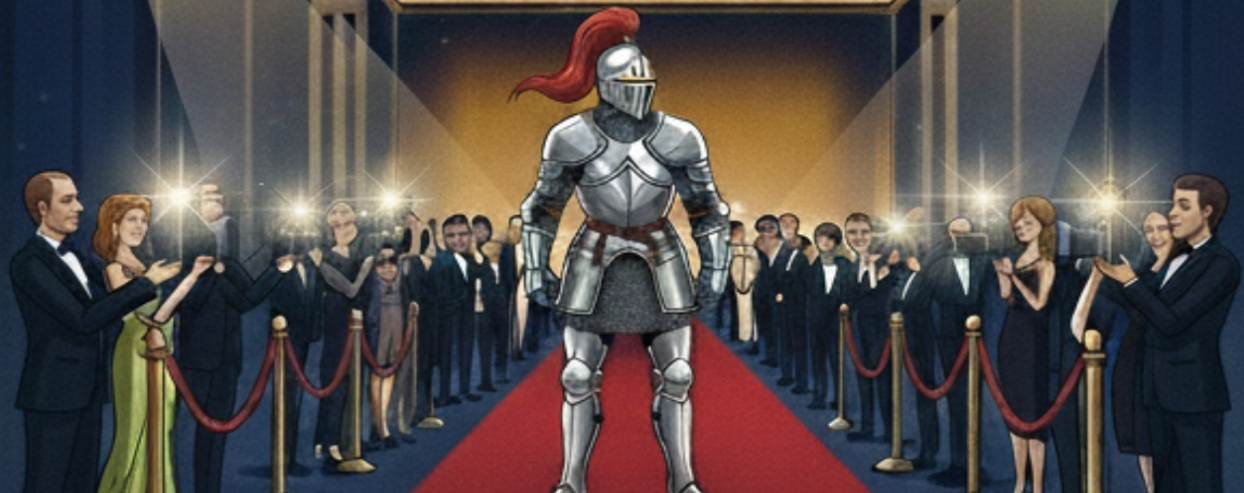
KNITTING GROUP

Fourth Tuesday of the Month
After 9 am Mass | Parish Library
bit.ly/knittinggroup

A KNIGHT AT THE PREMIÈRE

APRIL 25, 2026

6:00 PM



**EXCLUSIVE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY SCREENING**

*Fundraising Gala &
Live Band*



St. Ambrose Dual Language Catholic School Gala
Tickets | Items | Donate Items | More Details | bit.ly/SchoolGala2026