

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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  
 703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)  
 email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

**CLERGY**

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**Ratna Adinata, Bookkeeper**

**Dr. Aranzazu Ascunce, School Principal**  
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 571-640-9938 | [slocke@stambroseva.org](mailto:slocke@stambroseva.org)

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 call Shelley Locke, 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**

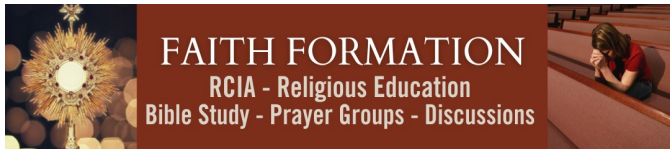
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)**  
[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7 - 8 pm | Parish Hall

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](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  
 March 5 - April 16, 2025 | Walking with Mary to Jerusalem  
 9:30 am - Snack | 10 - 11:30 am - Study  
 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.

**ST. AMBROSE MEN'S GROUP**  
[bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
 Father Nugent, Facilitator | [fnugent@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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](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!



**BECOME A KNIGHT**



**3 YRS OLD & UP**  
**GRADES PREK-8**  
**703-698-7171**

On April 26, 2025, Bishop Burbidge will ordain seven 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 11:00 am, and will also be livestreamed. Please visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations) to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

**PALM SUNDAY**



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The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Good Friday, April 18.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 14: Monday of Holy Week</b> Marie Chmelarova † Col. Richard Mulhern †
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 15: Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Mr. & Mrs. Hoang Nguyen Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 16: Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Ms. Eva Sanchez Don & Mary Knowlan †
<b>Thursday</b>  7:30 p.m.	<b>April 17: Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</b> No morning Mass Terry Cassell
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 18: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</b> No Masses
<b>Saturday</b>  8:30 p.m. Vigil	<b>April 19: Holy Saturday</b> No morning Mass Peter Coniglio †
<b>Sunday</b>  8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	<b>April 20: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> Margaret Dominguez † Ken Stepka † People of the Parish

**No 5 p.m. Mass today**

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, May 2, 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

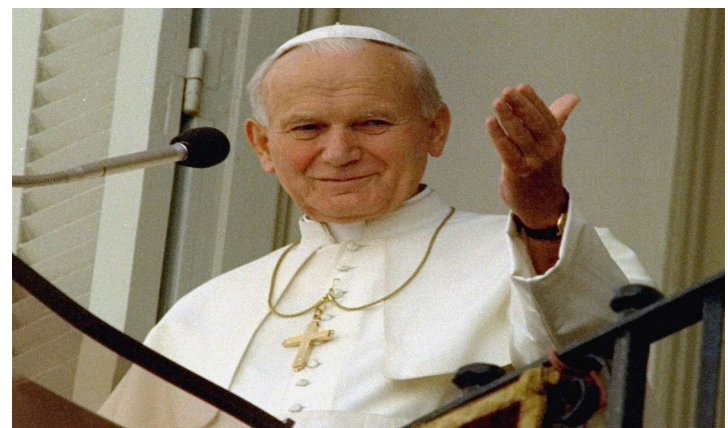
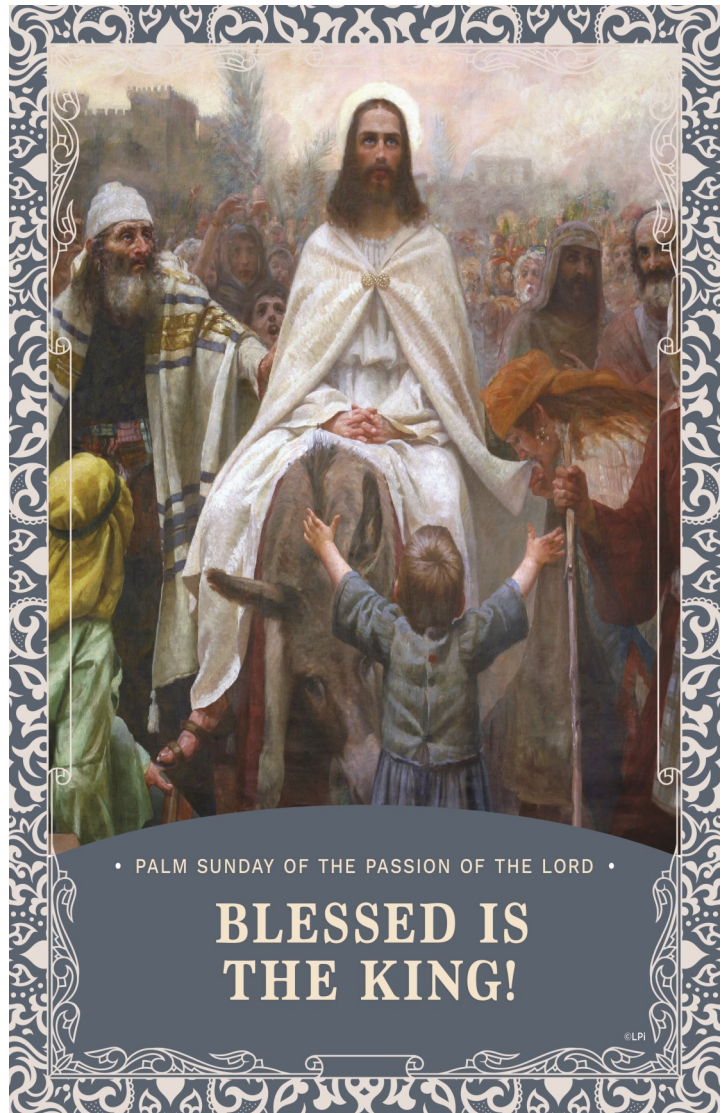
### For the Sick

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

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Apr 14	Rev. Stephen F. McGraw
Apr 15	Rev. Martin McGuill (Ret.)
Apr 16	Rev. Peter M. McShurley
Apr 17	Rev. John H. Melmer
Apr 18	Rev. Francisco Mendez de Dios (Ret.)
Apr 19	Rev. David P. Meng
Apr 20	Rev. Charles W. Merkle, III

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



## Saint Ambrose Men's Group

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall

April 26, May 10, May 24, June 14, June 28

- ◆ Coffee, conversation & faith formation
- ◆ Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- ◆ Join our group chat for details



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13

Holy Hour | 7 pm | Come Walk with Me

- An evening of music, meditation and prayer with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor

### HOLY WEEK MASSES

- Monday, April 14 | 7 & 9 am
- Tuesday, April 15 | 7 & 9 am
- Wednesday, April 16 | 7 & 9 am
- No morning Masses
- Thursday, April 17 - Saturday, April 18

### CONFESSION

- Monday, April 14 | 7 - 8 pm
- Tuesday, April 15 | 7 - 8 pm
- Wednesday, April 16 | 7 - 8 pm
- Holy Thursday, April 17 | No Confessions
- Good Friday, April 18 | 1 - 2 pm
- Holy Saturday, April 19 | 11 am - Noon

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 16 | 2:15 pm | Church

### HOLY THURSDAY | April 17

- Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:30 pm
  - Parish Choir / Livestream
- Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until Midnight in the Parish Hall

### GOOD FRIDAY | April 18

- Confession | 1 - 2 pm
- Stations of the Cross | 3 pm
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 7:30 pm
  - Parish Choir / Livestream

### HOLY SATURDAY | April 19

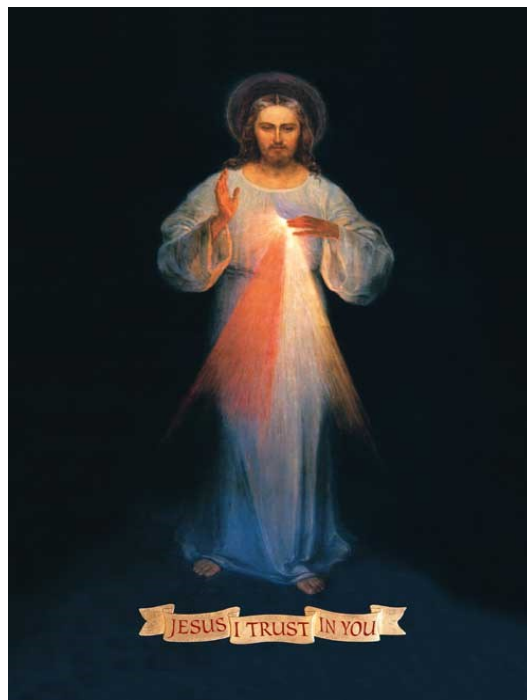
- Confession | 11 am - Noon
- Blessing of Easter Food | Noon
- Easter Vigil | 8:30 pm | Parish Choir / Livestream

### EASTER SUNDAY | April 20

- 8 am, 10 am (Parish Choir / Livestream), Noon
- No 5 pm Mass

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27 | 3-4 PM



*St. Ambrose Parish will hold a special celebration of the Divine Mercy*

Exposition & Benediction

A Reflection on the Divine Mercy

Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions *will not* be offered at this time.

Please avail yourself of the many opportunities to go to Confession during Holy Week.

### Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, April 18. Divine Mercy pamphlets, which include the novena prayers, are available in the Narthex.

*Join for this beautiful devotion!*

### Hippity, hoppity...

Get ready for Easter at the St. Ambrose School Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Bunny will visit St. Ambrose a little early to hide some Easter eggs for our families to find. Please join us behind the school on Sunday, April 13 at 1 pm, following the Noon Mass. The Egg Hunt is open to kids up to age 10. Please remember to bring a basket or container for each participant.

See you there!





**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

**Diocesan Special Needs Survey:** the Diocese of Arlington is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment within our parish and school communities. As part of the Diocesan Strategic Plan, the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was formed to strengthen the conversation between the Bishop and families with special needs. We invite you to participate in a brief survey designed to gather insights into the experiences and needs of families within our Diocese. Your input is invaluable in shaping future initiatives, and all responses will remain confidential within the Diocese. Take the survey: [bit.ly/dsnis](https://bit.ly/dsnis)



**Friday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 am | Parish Library  
All are welcome!  
[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)



**Plan. Prepare. Protect.** Don't miss this savings event: Fairfax Memorial Park is offering a special 15% off funeral & burial pre-planning during April 2025. Learn more at [bit.ly/ffxmemorial](https://bit.ly/ffxmemorial)

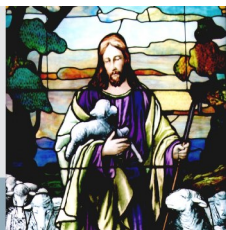
**Garden + Grounds Club**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC](https://bit.ly/STAMBROSEGGC)  
2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



**Bereavement Group**

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



**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](https://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend: May 3 & 4**

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), spring/summer clothing (newborn - 6), Similac Advance formula, wipes, bibs.** To donate other items, please see [stambroseva.org/pro-life](https://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](mailto:marih.org).

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

**Help + Hope + Healing**

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

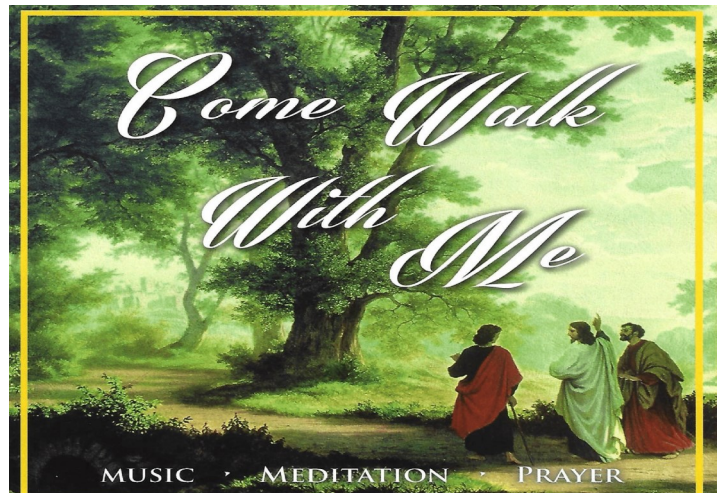
**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](https://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](https://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](https://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](https://vacatholic.org)

**After Abortion Care Day of Prayer & Healing:** these group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703-841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.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

**apologetics 101 discussion group**

third tuesdays | 7 pm | parish hall  
[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](https://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)