

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter



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 -- Noon | Parish Hall
Topic/Dates TBA
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

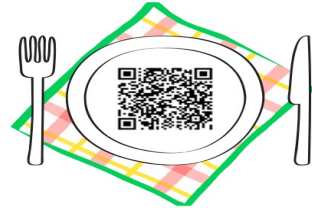
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

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



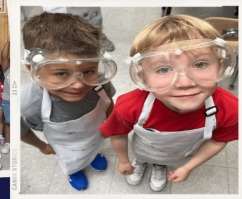
APPLY NOW

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

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

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!

stambrosesummer.com/registration

PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS



"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." (Luke 24:31)

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 20: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
9:00 a.m.	Tony Recinto †
Tuesday	April 21: Easter Wkdy; St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Mary Brooks
9:00 a.m.	Perpetua Fernandez †
Wednesday	April 22: Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
9:00 a.m.	Geronima Gallarde de la Cruz †
Thursday	April 23: Easter Wkdy; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
Friday	April 24: Easter Wkdy; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Valarie Corey
9:00 a.m.	Ben & Nena Geonanga
Saturday	April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
5:00 p.m.	Claudia Nicogossian †
Sunday	April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Matthew Cruz Elder
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Dominguez †

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

Apr 20	Rev. Richard E. Dyer
Apr 21	Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen
Apr 22	Rev. Ronald S. Escalante
Apr 23	Rev. Paul M. Grankauskas
Apr 24	Rev. Wilhelm J. Ettner
Apr 25	Rev. Paul M. Eversole
Apr 26	Rev. Joseph W. Farrell

† For the repose of the souls of †
Terry Cassell • Ken Dinger

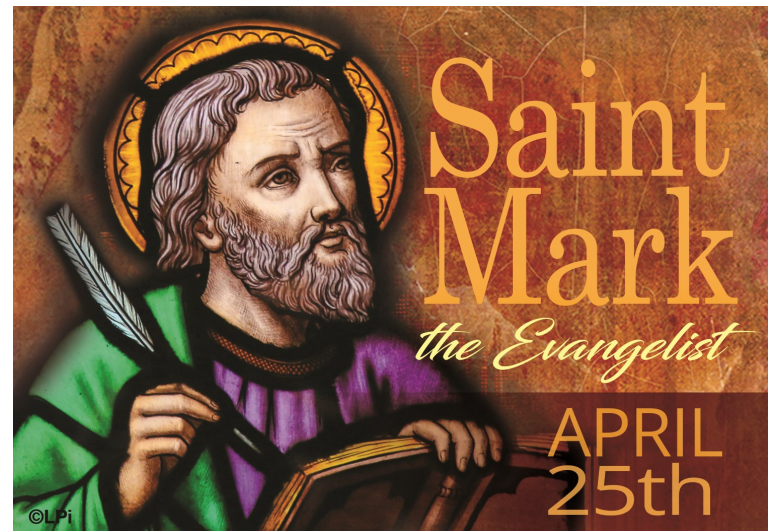


3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics

Divorced Catholics in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us at one of our Mornings of Mercy. These mornings are times of prayer, adoration and fellowship with divorced Catholics from around the Diocese on the following dates and locations:

- May 16 at Good Shepherd, Alexandria
- August 8 at St. Timothy, Chantilly
- November 14 at St. Veronica, Chantilly

For more information and to RSVP for these free events, visit arlingtondiocese.org/event/morningsofmercy.



**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

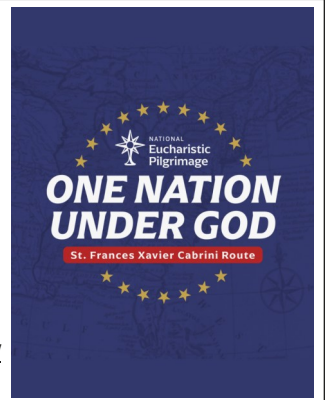
Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples’ Retreat

Retreat to the Arlington Diocese’s San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. A retreat for married couples to contemplate the gift of their Sacrament. We will pray individually and together, pondering the graces of Marriage and reflecting on God’s promises and Presence in the life of a family.
We’ll also consider how God elevates the capacity of spouses to love each other and their children, and how He makes the home of a family a privileged place of healing and sanctification. Join Fr. Daniel Hanley will lead this retreat for Married Couples. The retreat begins at 6 pm Friday July 17 and concludes Sunday July 19 at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit www.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.

**Bishop Burbidge invites you to join
the Assembly of Catholic Professionals (ACP)**

ACP is a new initiative created to bring opportunities for personal, spiritual, and professional growth to Catholic professionals in the Diocese of Arlington. With four luncheons each year, the ACP serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and the strengthening of professional networks. The goal is to bring together Catholic leaders across business, medicine, law, education, engineering, and the nonprofit sector for an opportunity to engage directly with Bishop Burbidge and one another. This year’s gatherings are organized around the theme “Abiding in Hope” and each speaker will address Hope in their respective fields. For more information, please visit <http://catholicarlington.org/acp>



Your Hosts

- April 26 | Workcamp
- May 3 | Women of St. Ambrose
- May 17 | Young Adults / Women’s Group & Young Professionals Holy Hour
- June 7 | TBA

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); 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



WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

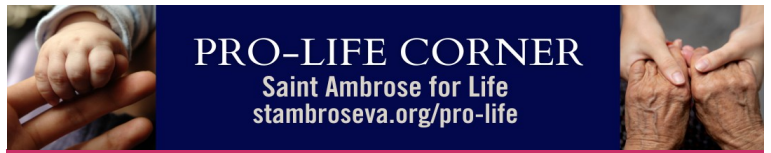
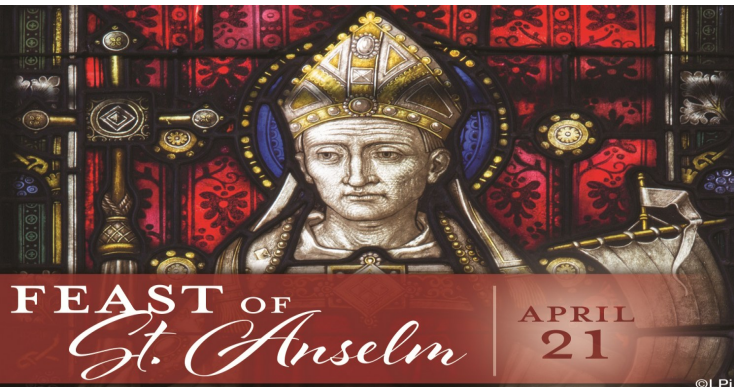
Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall
stambroseva.org/WSA
WSA@stambroseva.org



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. Sign up now bit.ly/KCWSAGameNight We hope to see you there!



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Diaper Drive Weekend: May 2 + 3

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/



Rosary Makers

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

Garden + Grounds Club

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

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DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

★ CELEBRATING FAITH + FREEDOM ★

SATURDAY
JUNE 13
3:45 - 9:30 PM

CLARKE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

BERRYVILLE, VA



FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY FOOD

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE ★ MUSIC ★ FOOD