

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 26, 2026 | Fourth 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
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22003
703-280-4400 | stambroseva.org
email: dvasilakos@stambroseva.org

CLERGY

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703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

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 -- 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: wwwp@stambroseschool.org

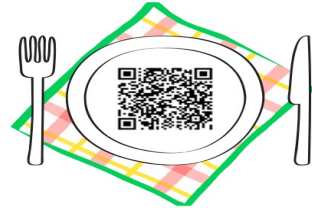
Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at stambroseva.org/WWP

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

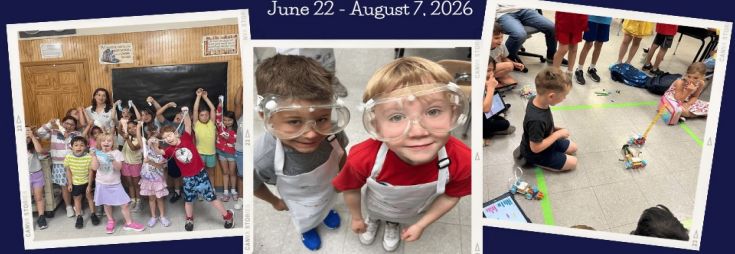
JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026

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

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

Saint Ambrose Summer Camp

Ages 4 - 13
June 22 - August 7, 2026



REGISTER NOW!

stambrosesummer.com/registration

FORMED

DISCOVER THE FAITH ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

bit.ly/formedfaith



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 27: Easter Weekday Vivienne Samperio † Sarah Vasilakos
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 28: Easter Weekday Fr. Fisher Josephine Bourgeois †
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church George Lewett † Margaret Dominguez †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	April 30: Easter Wkdy; St Pius V, Pope Harry Burke Josephine Bourgeois †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 1: Easter Wkdy; St. Joseph the Worker Marion Elder † For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Souls in Purgatory † Ann & Michael Gallagher †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter Mr. & Mrs. Kiet Tuan Tran People of the Parish Jose & Lorna Atienza Jack & Ashlee Ryan

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, 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 27	Rev. Jerome W. Fasano (Ret.)
Apr 28	Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Apr 29	Rev. Kevin J. Fimian
Apr 30	Rev. Jonathan R. Fioramonti
May 1	Rev. Andrew J. Fisher
May 2	Rev. Michael J. Folmar
May 3	Rev. Daniel N. Gee

† For the repose of the soul of †
Rogelio Sanes



World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026—also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do. If you feel a stirring in your heart about where God is calling you, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



**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
July 17 - 9 | San Damiano Retreat Center**

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 more information or to register, contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat



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

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



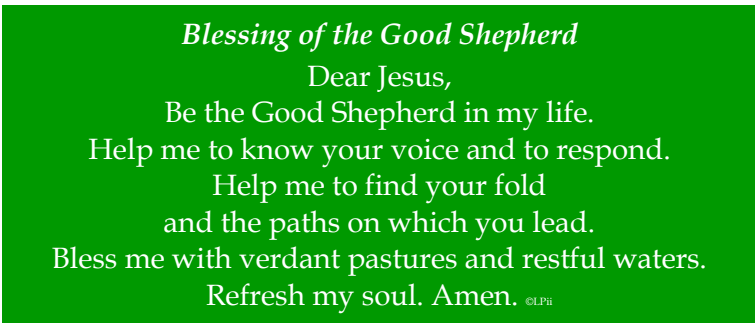
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, cordially invites you and your guests to attend the 32nd Annual Memorial Mass of the Archdiocese for the Military Services on Sunday, May 17 at 4:30 pm in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Together with the priests of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, please join in prayer as the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, are honored.

Schedule of Events

- Sacrament of Penance | 2:30- 3:30 pm
- Rosary at 3:00 pm | Crypt Church
- Solemn Vespers | 4:00pm
- Holy Mass | 4:30 pm
- Reception to follow the Mass in the dining area immediately below the main floor of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Dress: Civilian – Business Attire | Military Equivalent

For reserved seating at the Mass, please register by May 8 at <https://bit.ly/AMSMilitaryMass>. If you have intentions to be remembered at the altar, please submit them to www.milarch.org/intentions.



Pierogies & Pre-Need



You & a guest are invited to an exclusive presentation at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home
Enjoy dinner on us while learning the importance of:
✓Funeral & Cemetery Pre-Planning
✓Estate Planning

**Join our panel of experts on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026
5:00pm**

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home 9902 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032

This is an educational event, free of charge.
There are a limited amount of seats, so reserve yours today by emailing:

Events@Fairfaxmemorial.com

Deadline to RSVP is: Friday, May 1st



Cathy Younkina, Advanced Planning Director



Doug McCarthy, Estate Planning Attorney

Panel of Experts include:



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



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!



We Love Our Volunteers!

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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](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



Seminarian Education
ENDOWMENT FUND



catholicarlington.org/seminarian

Your gift to the Seminary Education Endowment is an investment in the future of the Church. Join us in forming the next generation of priests—holy men who will celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel, and lead with the heart of Christ.

What is the Seminary Education Endowment? The Seminary Education Endowment is an endowment established to ensure continual resources for the education and formation of seminarians to serve as future priests of the Diocese of Arlington. It can be compared to a college fund that parents might start to save for their children's college education, planning on the value compounding with interest over time.

Why should I give to the endowment? To ensure the diocese has the financial means to educate our future priests, thus securing that the faithful of the diocese will receive the sacraments for years to come.

What costs does the endowment cover? The Seminary Education Endowment helps cover the expenses of forming and educating a seminarian: tuition, room and board, fees, books, summer programs, travel expenses, and medical coverage. This adds up to roughly \$60,000 per year, multiplied by 6-8 years of formation, times 19 seminarians (2025-26).

Support the Seminary Education Endowment

- Online: bit.ly/CDASeminarianSupport
- Checks; Payable to Catholic Foundation of Arlington, 200 N. Glebe Road Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Please write in memo: Seminary Education Endowment



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