

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 27, 2025 | Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday



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 | info@stambroseschool.org

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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 changes 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 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

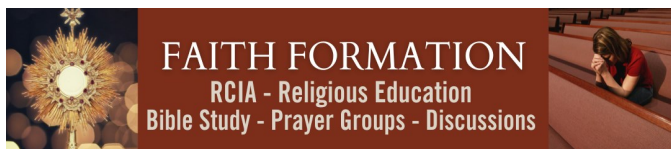
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit 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

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

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

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 - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone

Lee Cena, Facilitator

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall

Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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

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@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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

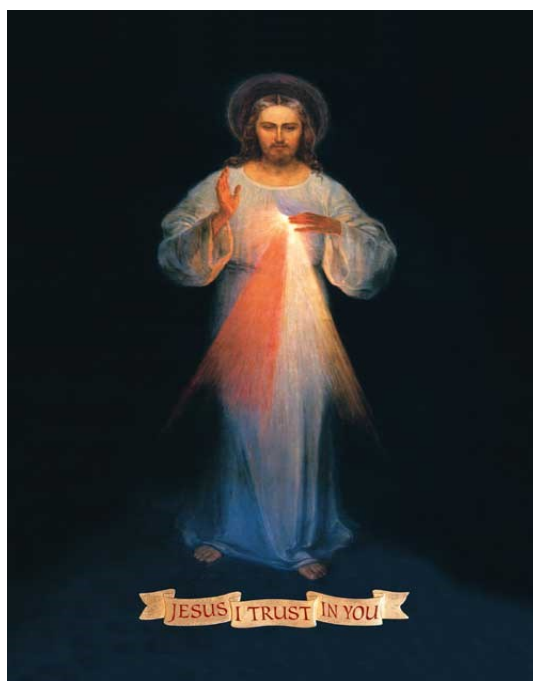
School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

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.

Divine Mercy Novena

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

Join for this beautiful devotion!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 28: Easter Wkdy; St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Elena Tabara O'Brien
9:00 a.m.	Anton van Saase ✝
Tuesday	April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Chuck Mussmeli
9:00 a.m.	Carl Templin ✝
Wednesday	April 30: Easter Wkdy; St. Pius V., Pope
7:00 a.m.	Kathleen Sheridan ✝
9:00 a.m.	Julio De Leon ✝
Thursday	May 1: Easter Wkdy; St. Joseph the Worker
7:00 a.m.	Daniel Cummins ✝
9:00 a.m.	Marion Elder ✝
Friday	May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.	Donald Mshar ✝
9:00 a.m.	For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy
Saturday	May 3: Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
9:00 a.m.	Jose & Lorna Atienza
5:00 p.m.	Simone ✝
Sunday	May 4: Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Elena Tabara O'Brien
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	James T. Connor ✝
5:00 p.m.	Joseph F. Ferreira

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

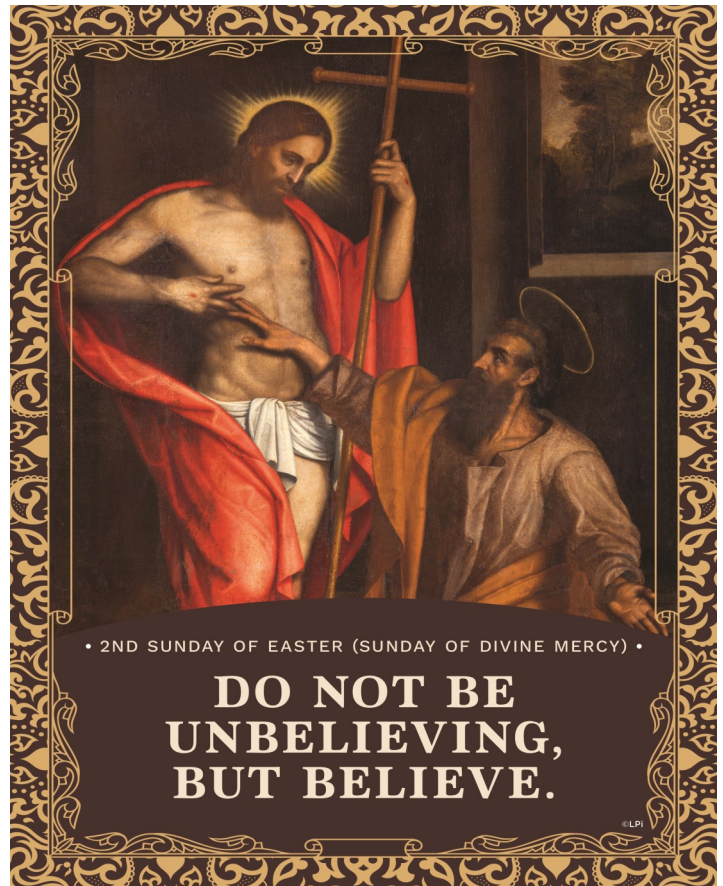
For the Sick

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 28	Rev. Mark Mullaney
Apr 29	Rev. Richard A. Mullins
Apr 30	Rev. Christopher D. Murphy
May 1	Rev. Peter W. Nassetta, YA
May 2	Rev. Michael T. Nugent
May 3	Rev. William Nyce
May 4	Rev. John M. O'Donohue

✝ For the Deceased of St. Ambrose ✝



Hallelujah! On May 4 at 3:30 pm, experience the transcendence of Handel's Messiah as the Saint Thomas More Cathedral Choir and a chamber orchestra perform the latter half of this Baroque masterpiece. Beginning with the majestic "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" (and including the Hallelujah chorus, of course!), this less frequently performed section of the oratorio will immerse you in sublime sounds celebrating Christ's triumph over death and heralding the Resurrection of the Dead. Following the concert, the audience is invited to continue the celebration at a sumptuous Easter reception in Burke Hall. Location: Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia.



Blessed Mother Prayer Garden

stambroseva.org/blessed-mother-prayer-garden



LET'S DO LUNCH!

Support Saint Ambrose Summer Camp
June 2 – August 1, 2025

- Volunteer to provide lunch for 35 camp staff
- Up to \$150 reimbursement per lunch
- Please visit bit.ly/summercamlunch or scan the QR code for details

Questions?
Please contact Shelley Locke, slocke@stambroseva.org



WELCOME SUNDAY!

May 4
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall
Hosted by Women of St. Ambrose




Holy Year 2025 Hope Hotline

703-778-9100



As we journey through this *Holy Year of Hope*, we invite you to be a beacon of light and encouragement. Call us on the Holy Year Hope Hotline **703-778-9100** and share your personal messages and stories of hope. Your words may be featured in the *Walk Humbly Podcasts* throughout the year—uplifting others in both joyful moments and challenging times. By sharing your story, you're offering a gift to the community—a reminder that no one is alone, and that hope lives in all of us. Let's inspire one another with hope.




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BECOME A KNIGHT



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



Join the Serra Club of Arlington for a Holy Hour offered for the priesthood, consecrated life, and the perseverance of all vocations. Saturday, May 17, 2025, starting at 9:45 am at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124. We invite you to come pray with us! The Serra Club of Arlington are lay Catholics of all ages and from all walks of life who promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, support priests in their sacred ministry, and assist fellow members to recognize and respond in their own lives, to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. For more information, please visit serraclubarlington.org.



ST. AMBROSE LIBRARY
BOOK FAIR
SUNDAY
MAY 4TH
8:30AM-1:30PM IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

Sponsored by The Pascal Lamb
All proceeds donated to St. Ambrose School Library Building Fund



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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. Ambrose Council is holding the annual Knights of Columbus KOVAR collection to help those with mental disabilities after all Masses on the weekend of May 3 & 4. Please be generous - thank you!



WSA
WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

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



Saint Ambrose Men's Group

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
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 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.ccda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
Info@helpafterabortion.org

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | vacatholic.org

Project Rachel is the Diocese's post-abortion healing ministry, offering compassionate support to anyone affected by abortion. Our mission is to reach all women wounded by abortion with a message of hope, healing, and forgiveness, inviting them back into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

We provide confidential care from trained staff, priests, and licensed mental health professionals who understand the deep sorrow, trauma, and grief that can follow abortion. You are not alone. Project Rachel offers a path to healing with sensitivity, compassion, and understanding. If you or someone you know is in need of post-abortion healing, reach out today. Confidential help is available. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/projectrachel.

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

**ALTAR
SOCIETY**

bit.ly/stambrosealtarsociety



Rosary Makers

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