

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 6, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos. Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication.**

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 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.

FAITH DIRECT

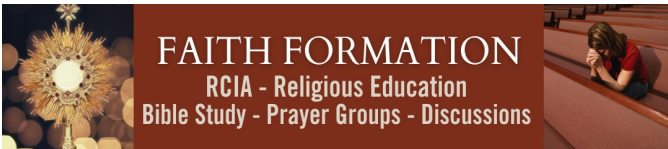
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



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
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

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 | frnugent@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!

REGISTER
NOW



Saint
Ambrose
Summer Camp

Ages 4 -13
June 16 - August 1, 2025

stambrosesummer.com

TRUST IN
THE MERCY
OF THE LORD

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 7: Lenten Wkdy; St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Jarmila Valtrova †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Tuesday	April 8: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ms. Hang Tran
9:00 a.m.	Donald Knowlan †
Wednesday	April 9: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Ms. Eva Sanchez
9:00 a.m.	Annie & John Harrison
Thursday	April 10: Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m.	Vanessa
9:00 a.m.	Maria Cunningham
Friday	April 11: Lenten Wkdy; St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Stephan Sindabiganze †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine Bourgeois †
Saturday	April 12: Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 p.m.	Cathy & Jeff
Sunday	April 13: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Thelma Chita Joseph
12:00 noon	Koldys Family †
5:00 p.m.	Mrs. Laurette Nassetta †

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

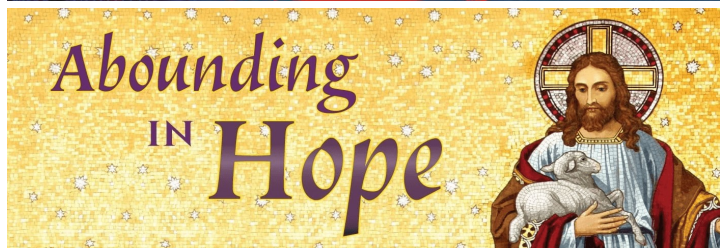
Apr 7	Rev. Richard J. Ley (Ret.)
Apr 8	Rev. Bjorn C. Lundberg
Apr 9	Rev. Geronimo A. (Jerome) Magat, SS
Apr 10	Rev. Elder MalDonado
Apr 11	Rev. David L. Martin (Ret.)
Apr 12	Rev. Franklyn M. McAfee (Ret.)
Apr 13	Rev. Brian B. McAllister

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:7



Thank you to those who pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a commitment. The BLA unites as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is essential. To make a gift, you may mail a pledge, go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA, or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



SCAN ME



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit 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!

LENT 2025

CONFESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 pm

Saturdays | 9:30 am, 3 - 4 pm

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Friday | April 11 | 6 - 7 pm | School Gym

Host: St. Ambrose Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION

Wednesday Evenings

April 9, 16 | 6:30 - 8 pm

- Reflection | 6:30 - 7 pm
One of the parish priests will share a reflection at the beginning of Adoration.
- Confession | 6:30 - 8 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday | April 11 | 2:15 pm & 7:30 pm

HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY | April 13

Holy Hour | 7 pm

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

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



Saint Ambrose Dual Language Preschool is holding an open house on Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Come see our new classrooms, and learn about our school day, curriculum and more. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the open house. We are currently accepting applications for our 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact Marybeth Cuccias, mcuccias@stambroseschool.org or call 703-698-7171. Please RSVP at stambroseschool.org.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, April 12 | 9:30-10:30 am



RSVP: STAMBROSESCHOOL.ORG



WE ARE HIRING!

as we continue to build our exceptional team, we're in search of:

- Dual Language Teachers
- Social Studies Teacher
- Instructional Assistant
- Extended Day Staff
- Substitute Teachers

Send your resume here :

principal@stambroseschool.org

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



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.cdda.net

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

Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) Action Alerts | 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.

WELCOME SUNDAY!

April 6
After 8 + 10 am Masses
Parish Hall
Hosted by WorkCamp

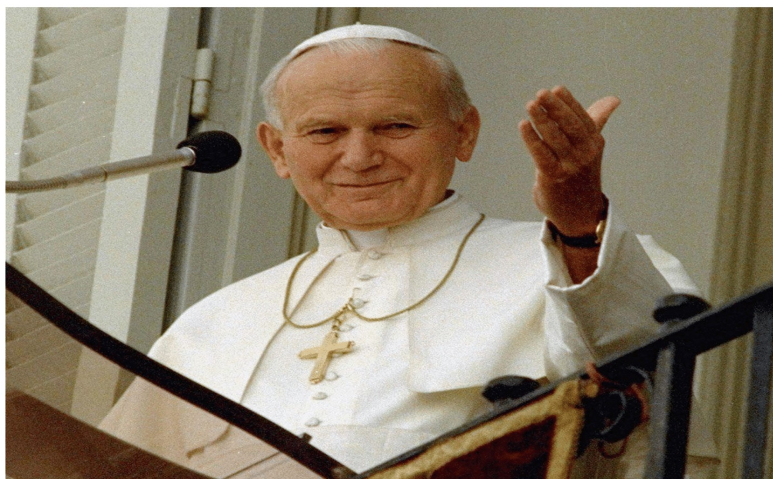


Catholic Charities | St. Lucy Project Spring Food Drive



Knights of Columbus

St. Ambrose Council Knights of Columbus sponsors the annual parish-wide spring food drive to support the St. Lucy Project, the Diocese's food assistance program. Filled bags are delivered to the St. Lucy Food Bank in Manassas which distributes the food directly to those in need. Please donate non-perishable food items - *no glass items, please.*
March 29 + 30: bag distribution at weekend Masses. April 5 & 6: bag collection.



Do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. Do not be afraid. Christ knows what is in the heart of man. He alone knows it.

Pope St. John Paul II, *Homily for the Inauguration of His Pontificate* (1978)

**St. Ambrose Men's Group
Q2 2025 Schedule**

- 12 April | Coffee, conversation and faith formation in the parish hall.
- 26 April | 7:00 - 8:30 AM, every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month
- 10 May |
- 24 May |
- 14 June | Featuring the Scott Hahn video series *The Bible and the Church Fathers*
- 28 June |



Join our group chat for details