

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 12, 2024 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | Ascension 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 | 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 22030
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CLERGY

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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

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.

Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which a person becomes 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 Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 703-280-1122.

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.

Parish Membership: 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. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org



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

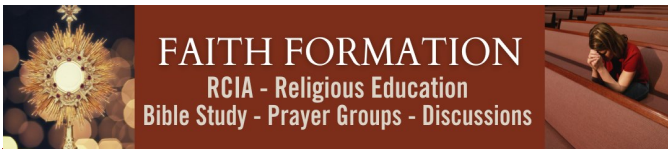
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab 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. Ambrose Samaritan Group	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at stambroseva.org

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

stambroseva.org/RCIA

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

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stambroseva.org/RE

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required 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 DISCUSSION GROUP

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30-9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith. Facilitator: Lee Cena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron & Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

.FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/friday-morning-bible-study

Fridays | 9:30 -11 am | Parish Library

Carol Russell, Coordinator. All are welcome to drop in and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Stay as long as you like - join us!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 1:15-3:15 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122



YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

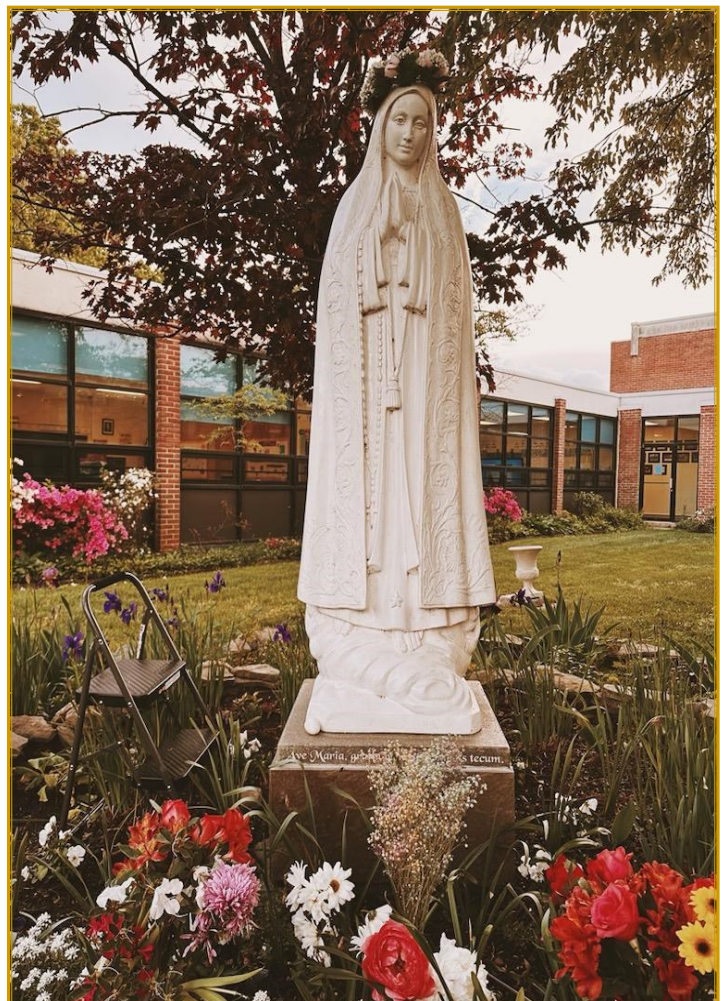
Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!

Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday,

June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following

Mass, enjoy live music by headliners Soul/Gospel Indie artist Jervis Campbell and the Celtic rock band, Scythian. This is a free event for all ages! Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal. For more details and to register, visit arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest/



*Hail! to thee, dear Mary, the guardian of our way;
To the fairest of Queens, be the fairest of seasons, sweet May.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 13: Easter Wkdy; Our Lady of Fatima Susan Donahue Perfecto "Pete" Custodio †
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle Fr. Fisher Cathy Younkin
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 15: Easter Wkdy; USA: St. Isidore Dante Berina † Gertrude Kim Chi Duong †
Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 16: Easter Weekday Alfredo Farias † Alan Richard Levesque †
Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	May 17: Easter Weekday Helmenegilde † William Galway †
Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	May 18: Easter Wkdy; St. John I, Pope & Martyr Jen Kreck Margaret Dominguez †
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 5:00 p.m.	May 19: Pentecost Sunday Leszck Paszek † Myrna Seangio & Mary Ellen McCaughey † People of the Parish Mimi Clark †

First Friday Adoration ~ June 7, 2024

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

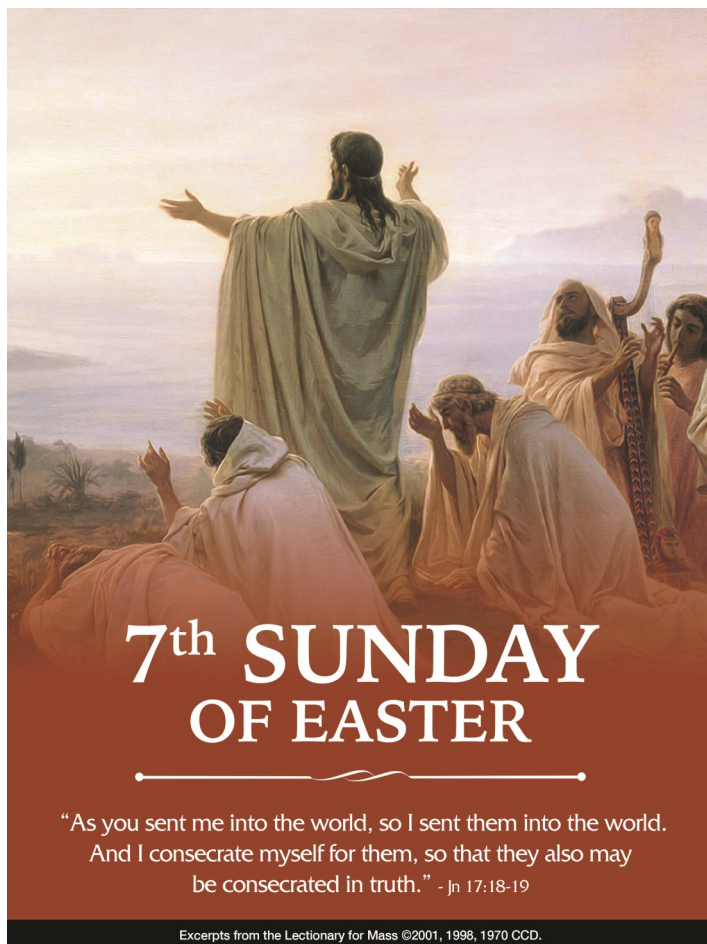
For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, George Hughes, Kathleen Johnson, Lauren Elizabeth Kasydar, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, 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

May 13	Rev. Peter J. St. George
May 14	Rev. Terrence R. Staples
May 15	Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski
May 16	Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF
May 17	Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien, SS
May 18	Rev. Gregory Thompson
May 19	Rev. Christopher F. Tipton

† Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sheila Bouchard and Carmen Gloria Laboy** †



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Please join *The Serra Club of Arlington* Holy Hour for Vocations

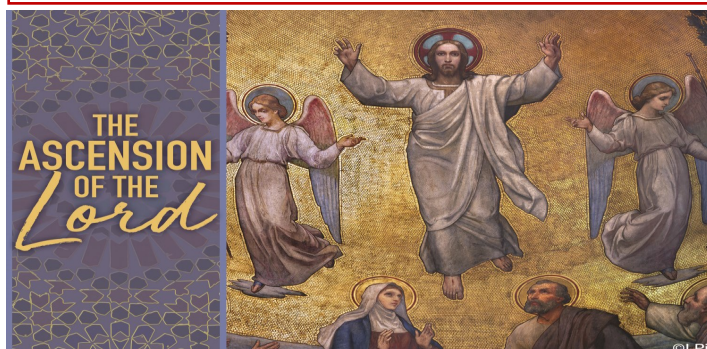
Friday, May 31, 2024 | 11 am
St Ambrose Catholic Church

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F.

Offered for the priesthood, consecrated life & the perseverance of all vocations. (Please don't park in front of the school.)



The Serra Club of Arlington was formed so parishioners across the Diocese of Arlington could encourage vocations throughout the Diocese and support the works of the Office of Vocations. The Serra Club continues to grow in membership and outreach across the Diocese to create the culture of vocations. For more information, please visit serraclubarlington.org.



ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose

NEWS & NOTES

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit stambroseschool.org or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

Congratulations to our students who received their First Holy Communion on May 11. May God bless you and your families as you grow in faith and holiness!

To prepare for our school renovations, the school library will be closed temporarily from May 20 through June 6. We need volunteers to help pack up the library during this timeframe. For details, visit bit.ly/librarypacking. If you can help with this project, please contact Mrs. Healy at mhealy@stambroseschool.org.



St. Ambrose School continues to accept applications for all grades. You're invited to call the school to schedule a private tour at your convenience. The Preschool is also accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. Information/application requirements are available at stambroseschool.org as well as the School Office and the Parish Office.

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

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Stewardship Reflection

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

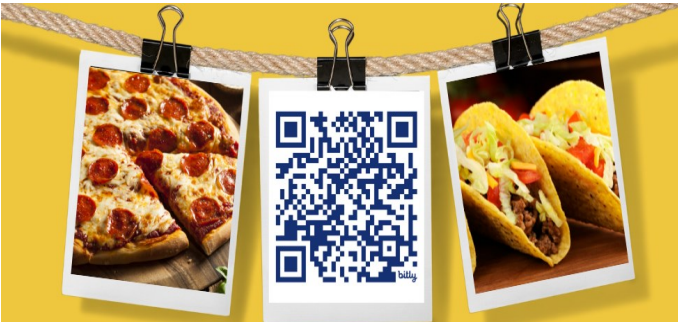
DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE PRAYER: RENEW

Heavenly Father, in your mercy you have called us out of darkness, into your own wonderful light. In the gift of the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of your Only-Begotten Son, and we remember in gratitude the good things you have done for us. As you invite us to rejoice, with Mary, in the work of the Lord, may you who "make all things new" now renew us in the Holy Spirit, and inspire us to share the Good News of the Gospel so that all may come to know the love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services 30th Annual Memorial Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Mass Time: 4:30 pm, honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. The principal celebrant and homilist is The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited, carpooling is advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform. Dress: civilian - business attire; military - service dress. To request seating or more information, please visit: www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/

"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them."

If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703- 841-2514.



Let's Do Lunch!

Support Saint Ambrose Summer Camp
June 3 - August 2

- Volunteers needed to provide lunch for 35 camp staff
- Up to \$125 reimbursement per lunch
- For details and to sign up, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/summercamlunch
- Questions? Please contact Claire Jackson, cjackson@stambroseva.org

SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER CAMP
June 17 - August 2

Attention High School Students
Volunteers Needed

Apply today!

stambrosesummer.com/volunteer

Praying Like the Ancient Fathers | Men's & Women's Retreat
Friday, June 21, 5pm - Sunday, June 23, 1pm
San Damiano Retreat Center | White Post, VA

Join Father Juan Puigbó, Pastor of St. Leo the Great Parish, for a unique men's and women's silent retreat. The first Christians' strong relationship with God made them giants of Christian spirituality--an excellent example for us in today's troubled world. \$285 per person. Contact Deacon Mark Maines, mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org, for more information.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON

EVENTS CALENDAR
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/ALL-EVENTS



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



young adults group

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



- New Parish Ministry Announcement -

SAINT PAULA SOCIETY

widow fellowship
MAY 16, 2024

7-9 PM @ Saint Ambrose Parish Hall

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

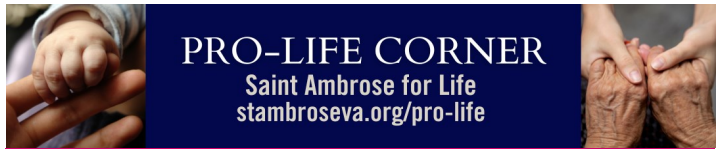
Join us on the third Thursday of each month for a journey of healing and empowerment as we draw inspiration from the resilient widows of the bible and the Seasons of Hope series. We aim to provide positive fellowship and encouragement, connecting women who share similar experiences and various stages of healing.

Contact Beth Shaw

757-639-4406/igobylizabeth@gmail.com to RSVP

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive Weekend: June 1 + 2

St. Ambrose Parish supports & provides The MaRiH Center with diapers, formula and wipes for moms & their babies. The items are collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month. Needed items are diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance), diaper rash ointment. To donate other things, please visit 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

May is the month of Mary, and she always points to Jesus and devotions that help us to know Him. You're invited to pick up a copy of *Peaceful Hearts, Zealous Hearts* (Sophia Press) by Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, a deacon of the Diocese and friend of the parish. This book helps you to know how to embrace the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy - to literally "take heart" and be made new. Copies will be available at The Paschal Lamb on May 22.

The Walk Humbly Podcast with Bishop Burbidge
arlingtondiocese.org/walkhumblypodcast/

KNITTING + CROCHET GROUP
FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 9 AM MASS | PARISH LIBRARY



Rosary Makers

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



garden + grounds club

2ND SATURDAYS | 9:45AM
SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

Join US!

Bereavement Group

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