

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 17, 2026 | The Ascension of the Lord



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](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://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

**Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, Pastor**  
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**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
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703-280-4400 | radinata@stambroseva.org

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571-640-9938 | DRE@stambroseva.org

**Lissie Torres, Youth Minister**  
703-280-4400 | YM@stambroseva.org

**Jon Laird, Obl.OSB, Director of Music**  
703-280-4400 | jlaird@stambroseva.org

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | facilities@stambroseva.org

#### 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](http://bit.ly/sacc25) or use the red QR code.** Your Faith Direct email and password remain the same for ParishSoft. Thank you for your generosity!



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Common Questions



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# FAITH FORMATION

OCIA | Religious Education | Youth Ministry | Bible Studies | Discussions

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

[stambroseva.org/OCIA](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall  
January - August 2026 | Defending Our Faith  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://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](http://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](http://bit.ly/stambrosemensgroup)

Second & Fourth Saturdays | 7 - 8:30 am | Parish Hall  
Father Nugent, Facilitator | [fnugent@stambroseva.org](mailto: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](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

Wednesdays | 7 pm | Parish Hall | Topic/Dates TBA  
Julia Waterman, Coordinator | email: [wwwp@stambroseschool.org](mailto:wwwp@stambroseschool.org)

Open to all women of the parish. Please RSVP/register/order the study materials at [stambroseva.org/WWP](http://stambroseva.org/WWP)

# Youth Group

Lissie Torres, Youth Minister  
703-280-4400 | [YM@sstambroseva.org](mailto:YM@sstambroseva.org)  
[stambroseva.org/YouthGroup](http://stambroseva.org/YouthGroup)

## SPRING 2026

### ST AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

4/19	6-8PM	Easter Celebration & Theology of the Body
4/26	3-4PM	Faith in Action - Sunrise 8 <sup>TH</sup> Graders Welcome
5/3	6-8PM	Theology of the Body Session 3
5/10	6-8PM	Theology of the Body Session 4
5/17	6-8PM	Theology of the Body Session 5
5/24	No meeting, Memorial Day Weekend	
5/31	3-4PM	Faith in Action - Sunrise 8 <sup>TH</sup> Graders Welcome
6/7	6-8PM	Theology of the Body Session 6
6/14	6-8PM	End of School Year Celebration!

## HOLY HOUR

### for YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

FRIDAY | MAY 22 | 7 - 8 PM

## ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD 2026

The ordination will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. The Mass will be live streamed since Cathedral seating is limited. Learn more about the men who will soon be priests for our diocese, the celebration of their First Mass, and what happens at an ordination:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/ordinations](http://arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/ordinations).

## PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS

"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them." (John 17:10)

Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or 703-841-2514.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 18: Easter Wkdy; St. John I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mindy Begley
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 19: Easter Weekday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Harry Burke †
9:00 a.m.	James Mercer †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 20: Easter Wkdy; St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest</b>
7:00 a.m.	Renaldo A. Ignacio †
9:00 a.m.	Dr. Antonio Recinto †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 21: Easter Wkdy; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
7:00 a.m.	Aniela Koldys
9:00 a.m.	Gertrude Kim Chi Duong †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 22: Easter Wkdy; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</b>
7:00 a.m.	Koldys Family †
9:00 a.m.	Duong Georgescu †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 23: Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 a.m.	Sameh Abouelein †
5:00 p.m.	Thomas Burke †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 24: Pentacost Sunday</b>
8:00 a.m.	Barbara & Arthur Nelson †
10:00 a.m.	St. Ambrose Choir
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Ana Maria Ludwig †

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

June 5 | 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, Vivian L. 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, Michelle Seoane, Fr. Spsychala, Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

May 18	Rev. John F. Heisler
May 19	Rev. John Paul Heisler
May 20	Rev. James C. Hinkle
May 21	Rev. Stephen Holmes
May 22	Rev. Patrick Holroyd (Ret.)
May 23	Rev. Edward R. Horkan
May 24	Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos (Ret.)

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



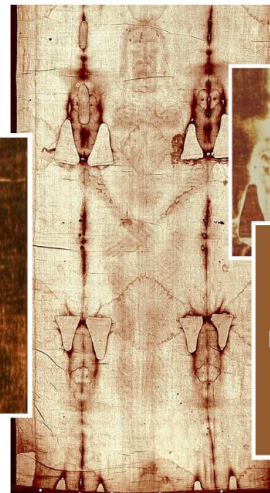
## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

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## SHROUD OF TURIN



Presentation  
Michael Tobin  
May 26 | 7 pm  
Parish Hall



Knights of  
Columbus

You are cordially invited to this presentation on the history and science of the Shroud of Turin, the centuries-old linen cloth believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus. The event is Tuesday, May 26, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall and is hosted by St. Ambrose Council, Knights of Columbus.



THINK OF WHAT IS **above**, NOT OF WHAT IS ON EARTH.

COLOSSIANS 3:2

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# RETREAT REST REDISCOVER

Following *St. Joseph to Jesus* | Men's Silent Retreat  
July 10 - 12 | San Damiano Retreat Center

He played an essential role in the greatest event in human history; husband to Mary, adopted Father of Jesus Christ, a quiet carpenter... and a righteous man. Aside from these things we don't know much about St. Joseph - but what we do know can help us to be better men... husbands... and fathers. Fr. John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor. Retreat cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Father John Riley at [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org)

Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples' Retreat  
July 17 - 19 | 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](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org) or visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat)

"Pray without ceasing."

*Thessalonians 5:17*



**INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER TREE**

[stambroseva.org/prayertree](http://stambroseva.org/prayertree)

Parishioners can email prayer requests to [stambroseprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stambroseprayer@gmail.com), where up to 50 parishioners will intercede on their behalf. Additionally, those interested in joining as a prayer warrior can sign up by emailing [stambroseprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stambroseprayer@gmail.com). Prayer petitions will be emailed to the prayer warriors for inclusion in their daily personal prayers.



**2MINUTES2VIRTUE PODCAST**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2M2V](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2M2V)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion on May 16. *God bless you!*

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**ST. AMBROSE  
MEN'S GROUP**

2nd & 4th Saturdays  
7 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/mensgroup](http://stambroseva.org/mensgroup)

**MONDAY | MAY 25**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
PARISH OFFICES  
CLOSED

**Memorial Day  
in the Park**  
**Monday, May 25**

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**Memorial Mass**  
**11:00am**

**Reception Afterwards**

Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery  
9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032

**Remember** ★ **Honor**



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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](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)



**WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE**

Second Fridays | 9:30 am | Parish Hall  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)  
[WSA@stambroseva.org](mailto:WSA@stambroseva.org)



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

**Your Hosts**

May 17 | Young Adults / Women's Group  
& Young Professionals Holy Hour  
June 7 | TBA

**THE ASCENSION OF THE Lord**



**Saint Ambrose**  
Summer Camp Staff



**APPLY NOW**

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2026  
counselors needed: rising college freshmen and older  
[stambrosesummer.com/employment](http://stambrosesummer.com/employment)

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Saint Ambrose for Life  
[stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

**Diaper Drive Weekend: June 6 + 7**

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](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](http://marih.org).

**Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm**

**Help + Hope + Healing**

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

**Gabriel Project**  
[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)  
703-841-3810  
[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

**Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities**  
703-841-3830  
[www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net)

**Project Rachel**  
[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)  
703-841-2504  
[Info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:Info@helpafterabortion.org)

Virginia Catholic Conference [vacatholic.org/](http://vacatholic.org/)

**USHERS NEEDED**  
email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.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



**2MINUTES2VIRTUE PODCAST**  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2M2V](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2M2V)

**Friday Morning Bible Study**  
9:30 am | Parish Library  
All are welcome!  
[bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy](http://bit.ly/FridayAMBibleStudy)



**Bereavement Group**

[BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG](http://BIT.LY/STAMBROSEBG)





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**From Wounds  
to Strength:  
Growing Toward  
Your Best Self**

Speaker  
**José Gbaba, Resident in Counseling**

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
Hammond Hall  
6222 Franconia Road  
Alexandria, VA, 22310



**Emotional  
Intelligence:  
Practical Skills for  
Self-Awareness  
and Relationships**

Speaker  
**Virginia Madden, LPC**

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
Parish Hall  
3901 Woodburn Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL [admin@aoclinic.org](mailto:admin@aoclinic.org).

[www.aoclinic.org](http://www.aoclinic.org)

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