

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



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](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 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

#### CLERGY

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

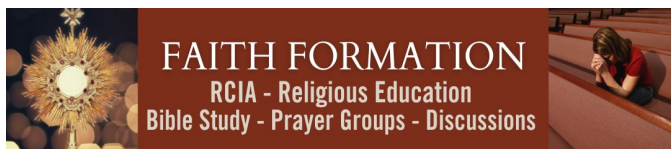
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect](http://bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect) or scan the QR code.



## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](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 - April Topic: Opposing Faith Alone  
Lee Cena, Facilitator

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

Wednesdays | 10 am - Noon | Parish Hall  
Ron & Mary DeSantis, Ann Rossi, Facilitators

### MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

[bit.ly/MensPMBibleStudy](http://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](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@stambroseschool.org](mailto: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](http://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  
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## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

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

September-May

Sundays | 6 - 8 pm

School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend - see you there!



## BECOME A KNIGHT



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



### Stewardship Reflection

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 19: Easter Weekday</b> Mr. Murrell Rex Wilson † Anita Bernadette David
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 20: Easter Wkdy; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</b> John Huang † Margaret Dominguez †
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 21: Easter Wkdy; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Josephine Wang Anonymous Donor
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 22: Easter Wkdy; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</b> Jemlyn Demegillo † Duong Georgescu †
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 23: Easter Weekday</b> Laetitia Nkurunziza Henry J. Rogers (L) & Henry F. Rogers (†)
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>May 24: Easter Weekday</b> Dr. Donald Knowlan † Joseph Bolognesi
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Joseph F. Ferreira Amando de la Cruz, Sr. † People of the Parish Roxanne Elizabeth Poirier †

### Eucharistic Adoration ~ Friday, June 6, 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

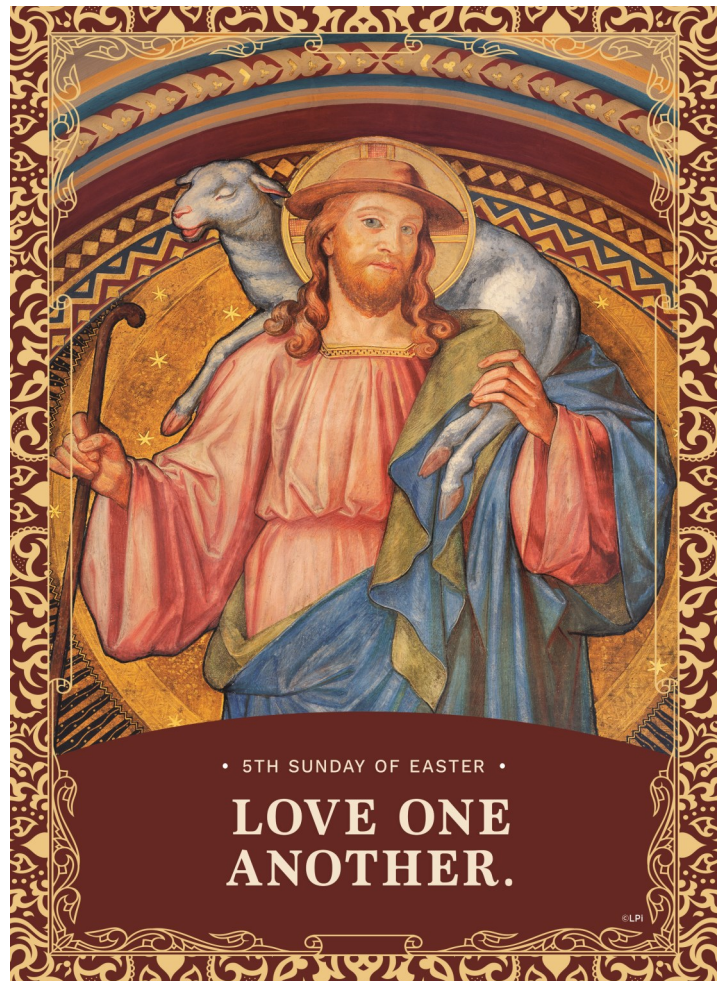
### For the Sick

Katie Bader, Kathy Burns, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Larry Holmes, 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

May 19	Rev. Jerry J. Pokorski
May 20	Rev. Christopher J. Pollard
May 21	Rev. Marcus A. Pollard
May 22	Rev. Carlos Mauricio Portillo
May 23	Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, VF
May 24	Rev. Juan A. Puigbo
May 25	Rev. Luis Quinones

† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †







# LET'S DO LUNCH!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

June 2 - August 1

Provide lunch for 35 camp staff

Up to  
\$150 reimbursement per lunch

For details + to sign up,  
visit [bit.ly/summercamplunch](http://bit.ly/summercamplunch)  
or scan the QR code

Questions?  
Please contact Shelley Locke,  
[slocke@stambroseva.org](mailto:slocke@stambroseva.org)

Saint  
**Ambrose**  
Summer Camp





**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](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)



## USHERS NEEDED

email [ushers@stambroseva.org](mailto:ushers@stambroseva.org)

### Friday Morning Bible Study

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



## apologetics 101 discussion group

third tuesdays | 7 pm | parish hall  
[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

## CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

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



## Garden + Grounds Club

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

2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH  
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

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

### Diaper Drive Weekend: June 7 & 8

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](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 (VCC) Action Alerts | [vacatholic.org](http://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. If you or someone you know is in need of post-abortion healing, reach out today. For more information, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/projectrachel](http://arlingtondiocese.org/projectrachel).



## Saint Ambrose Men's Group

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

