

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 25, 2025 | Sixth 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

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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.

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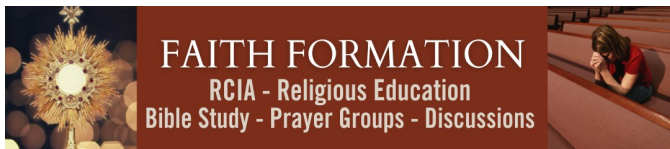
Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit bit.ly/StAmbroseFaithDirect or scan the QR code.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org for details and contacts

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| 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 |



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/stambrosesmensgroup

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!

Your gift to the Catholic Communications Campaign helps amplify the voice of the Church and bring the Gospel message to more people through powerful, modern means. This national campaign plays a vital role in supporting the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Communications, helping us engage our community through news, events, and digital outreach.



With the Diocese of Arlington retaining 50% of funds raised within the diocese, your donation directly funds local key initiatives including web-site enhancements, new studio equipment for audio and video recording, social media strategy and implementation, and improved coverage of diocesan news and events. These efforts allow us to better share stories of faith, hope, and service—reaching Catholics where they are, and inviting others into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important campaign. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, connected, and informed Catholic community. We invite you to contribute generously at your parish or donate online at bit.ly/CCC-CDA-2025.



Are you suffering after the loss of a child? Please join us for a Morning of Reflection for Parents and Grandparents who have lost children and grandchildren. The gathering will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church on Saturday May 31st beginning with 9:15 parish Mass. It will feature talks by Deacon Dave Maurer of St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax and Betsy Leon, national speaker and author. There will be time for sharing with others. Coffee and pastries will be provided. The event is free but to register and learn more visit: arlingtondiocese.org/parentsmass. For questions call the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at 703-841-2550

Stewardship Reflection

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest Memorial All Immigrants Josephine Bourgeois † |
| Tuesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | May 27: Easter Wkdy; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Mary Corro Michael Jaggard † |
| Wednesday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | May 28: Easter Weekday Terry Beranek † Margaret Dominguez † |
| Thursday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | May 29: Easter Wkdy; St. Paul VI, Pope Basil Michels † Thomas Harrelson † |
| Friday 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | May 30: Easter Weekday Joanne Campbell Cecile Winters † |
| Saturday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Margaret Dominguez † Francis Hughes † |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | June 1: The Ascension of the Lord Elizabeth Kilgallen † Christine Gallivan † People of the Parish Jeremiah Walker † |

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

For Our Diocesan Priests

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| May 26 | Rev. Joseph M. Rampino |
| May 27 | Rev. Robert C. Renner |
| May 28 | Rev. Daniel S. Reuwer |
| May 29 | Rev. Daniel A. Rice |
| May 30 | Rev. M. Paul Richardson (Ret.) |
| May 31 | Rev. Lino Rico Rostro |
| Jun 1 | Rev. John J. Riley |

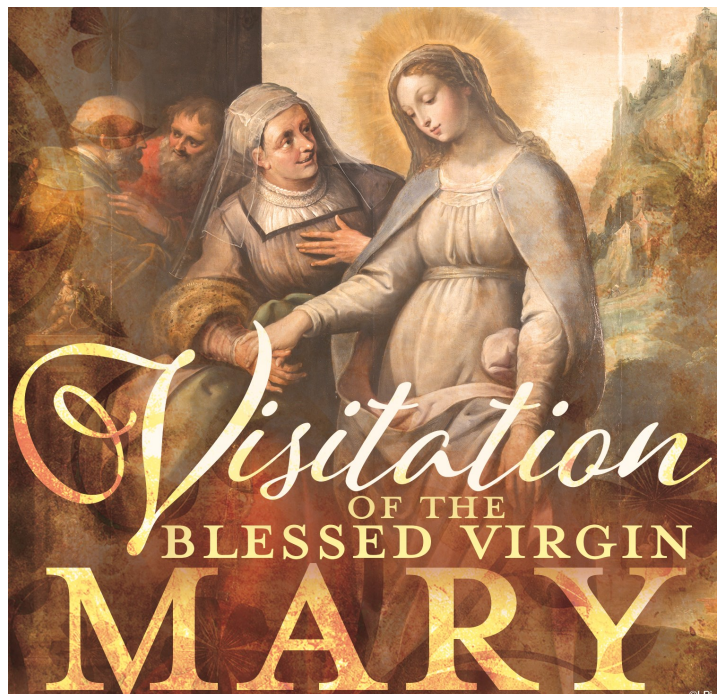
† For the Deceased of St. Ambrose †



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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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

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women

How do we make our "Fiat" like Mary's, not just a one-and-done proposition but a way of life? Join the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco to explore embracing God's plan with hope and joy at the annual diocesan discernment retreat for young women (ages 18-40). The retreat is June 20-22 at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center and will include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, opportunities for prayer and confession, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 and includes single room and bath and all meals (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-3829. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 9.

Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Retreat

St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" and Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. St. Therese's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be practically applied in our very occupied, day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with people who challenge us. Join Fr. John Riley at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA in silence and solitude to learn about this great Saint. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday, June 13 and concludes Sunday, June 15 at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org. For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Want to Learn More about the Annulment Process? Join us for a presentation at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Warrenton, VA on June 14th beginning with 9am parish Mass and ending with a rosary. Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Judicial Vicar, will be the keynote. The event is free but to register and learn more visit arlingtondiocese.org/annulmenthealing. For questions call the Diocese Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at 703-841-2550



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Collect from the Mass for the Pope

Oh God, who in Your providential design willed that Your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom You set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo XIV our Pope and grant that he, whom You have made Peter's successor, may be for Your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



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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

WSA

WOMEN OF ST. AMBROSE

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

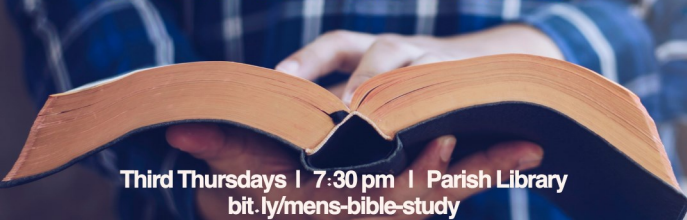


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email ushers@stambroseva.org

PRAY

TAKE TIME FOR GOD
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Sundays | 3 pm
Parish Library

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Third Thursdays | 7:30 pm | Parish Library
bit.ly/mens-bible-study

CHRIST HOUSE MONTHLY MEALS

BIT.LY/STAMBROSECHMM



Garden + Grounds Club

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC

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



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Saint Ambrose for Life
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 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

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.



Saint Ambrose Men's Group

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

